

Market Hall Museum

Visual Story



Things to know before your visit:

- The museum is free to enter for all.
- Some events may have a charge or need to be booked in advance. You can check the website for details of each event.
- There is a café and disabled toilet on site.
- The nearest changing places toilet is in Shire Hall.
- There are two floors to the museum with lift access.
- Market Hall Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10am to 5pm

When you get to the Museum



The word MUSEUM is written across the front of the building.

There are signs outside the front door letting people know what they can come and do at the museum.

When you come through the front door it will open automatically as you get closer to it.

When you come in



The Bear



The Shop



The Café

When you come in the museum shop will be in front of you, the café is on the right and to the left is our large stuffed bear.

Our friendly staff and volunteers will be there to greet you. They will be wearing a name badge or a lanyard. You can ask them if you have any questions.

The Museum Café



This is our museum café. You can get a hot or cold drink here and something to eat. It can be noisy and busy here.

You don't have to walk through it to get into the museum.

The Shop



This is our museum shop.

If you have a question, you can find a member of staff here who can help you.

Going into the First Gallery



This screen changes pictures to advertise the different events and activities in the museum.

The First Gallery



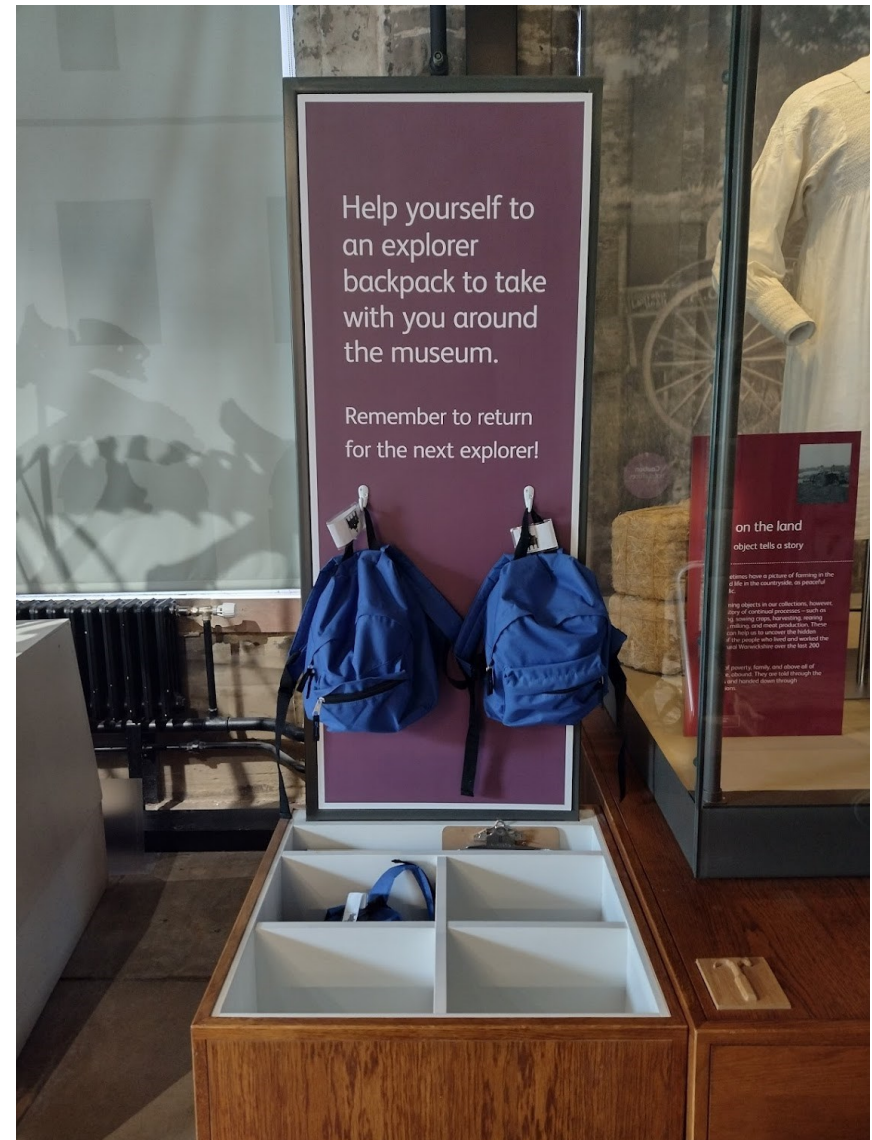
The first gallery is about Warwickshire from 1836 to the present day.

You can also see our giant deer skeleton. His name is Oisín (“O-Sheen”). He is very old and fragile so don’t touch him

Explorer Backpacks

Next to the Giant Deer, you can find our Explorer Backpacks. You can borrow one of these and a sketch book to take around the museum with you.

When you are leaving, put the things back into the backpack and return the backpack to the stand for the next person to use.



Explorer Backpacks

Inside they have different things to help you explore the museum. There are suggestions of things you could do with the items or you can use them however you like.

Inside the bags you will find:

Binoculars

Lego

Magnifying Glass

Pencils or crayons

Bug-eye viewer

Can you find it? cards



The Cinema in the First Gallery

By pressing the button underneath the screen you can choose a film to watch.

To make the films start press the green button in the centre.

Some of the films have sound.

You have to watch the whole film you have chosen before you can start another one.



The Activity Space



When we have a family activity happening, they usually take place on the ground floor in front of our cinema. Staff will be here to help you. You can do as much or as little as you like. It can get busy and noisy here.

The Digital Screens

These screens are accessible labels.

You can change the background colour of the screen to make it easier to read them, make the words larger or smaller or listen to the words if you prefer.

To make them work you touch the screen.

They are in every gallery of the museum.



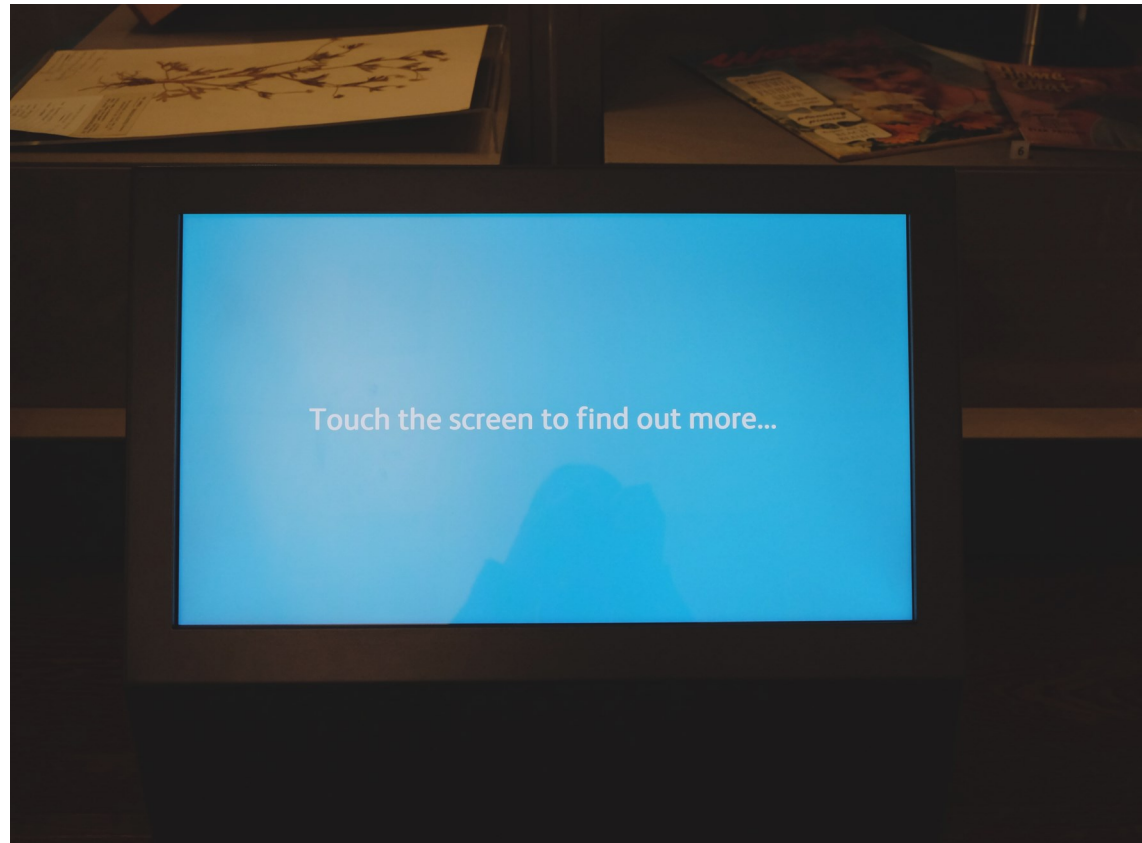
The Digital Screens

You can also use these screens to listen to some one reading the words on the screen.

To do this pick up the single headphone to the right of the screen and touch the audio button on the screen.



Large Screens to access the Our Warwickshire website



This screen takes you to our website called 'Our Warwickshire'. You can find lots of information about the history of Warwickshire here.

To make these screens work you have to touch the screen.

These tablets are in every gallery.

The Downstairs Gallery



As you walk past the cinema, there is a speaker that will play music.

There are bags with scent cubes in that you can smell if you want to.



Some of the display have draws. You can open them to see what is inside.

The Lift to the First Floor



This is the door to the lift.



It opens outwards automatically when you press the button. You might have to wait a while though. It is a very slow lift. If you pull on the handle it won't open.

The Lift to the First Floor



To go up to the First Floor, you need to press and hold the button with 1 on it. You need to hold your finger on the button until you arrive at the next floor or the lift will stop. If it stops, press and hold it again and the lift will start moving again.

The Dig Touch Screen Game and Electronic Microscope



These interactives are located next to each other, on the ground floor, just to the left of the door to the upstairs galleries.

The Dig is a touch screen game where you use your fingers to choose tools to excavate layers of the past to find an object. It has sound effects throughout the game.

The electronic microscope lets you look up close at grains and sand. You can push the buttons to zoom in and out and focus the microscope. The screen shows you what you are looking at. You can't look down the microscope as there is a camera for the screen there instead.

The Door to the Stairs and Public Toilet



This the door to the stairs.



The door opens outwards when you press the button with the symbol for a wheelchair on it.

The Toilet



The toilet is located under the stairs.

The lights of the toilet come on automatically when you walk into the toilet. They are motion sensor lights and will stay on while you are in the toilet.



The hand dryer is to the right hand side of the door as you go in, opposite the sink and hand towels. It is noisy.



To the right of the toilet door as you go in there is a blue alarm box that people in the museum can talk to you through if you have pulled the red emergency cord or pressed the red button for help.

The Stairs



The stairs take you up to the upstairs galleries.

Origins to Romans Gallery



This is an automatic door.

It will open away from you when you walk up to it.

Origins to Romans Gallery



This gallery tells you about Warwickshire from the prehistoric era to the Roman era.

The floor in this gallery is uneven as it's hundreds of years old.

It is quite bright in this room.

The Bees

These are real bees making honey.

They can get to the outside through the tube that goes out of the window.

They can't get to you in the museum though.



Duplo Dinosaurs



Feel free to build and play with the Duplo.

They can clatter noisily when dropped on the floor.

Anglo Saxons to 1836 Gallery



This is an automatic door.

It will open away from you when you walk up to it.

Anglo Saxons to 1836 Gallery



This gallery tells you about Warwickshire from the Anglo-Saxon era to 1836.

It is quite dark. Next to the tapestry there is an automatic light that goes on and off when someone walks near it.

Dressing-Up Clothes

These are for adults and children to try on. There's a mirror to see what you look like in the costume.

The dressing-up clothes are big enough to go on over your clothes.



Fabrics they are made from include:

- Silk effect fabric
- Silk embroidery
- Brocade fabrics with relief patterns you can feel with your fingers
- Cotton and polycotton
- Wool
- Velvet
- Upholstery fabrics with relief patterns you can feel with your fingers

The Music Box

Turn the wheel on the left of the box to make the bells play a tune.

You can change the tune by moving the levers on the box.

It is a very noisy music box.



Toy and Book Corner

On the carpet in the corner of the Anglo Saxon—1836 Gallery there are boxes with toys, puzzles and books in.

You can play with the toys and read the books.



The First Museum



This is a small room off the Anglo Saxons - 1836 gallery with lots of interesting things to see.

The First Museum

There is a recreation of Reverend Brodie's Study. You can sit at the desk, open the draws and look at the things on the desk. You can try on the coat and hat that are on the coat stand.

There are some background noises playing quietly.

If you need a break, you can come in here and close the door.



Leaving the Museum

When you are ready to go, head back down the stairs or down in the lift and leave through the same door you came in by.

Thank you for visiting and we hope to see you again soon!



If we all need to leave the building quickly

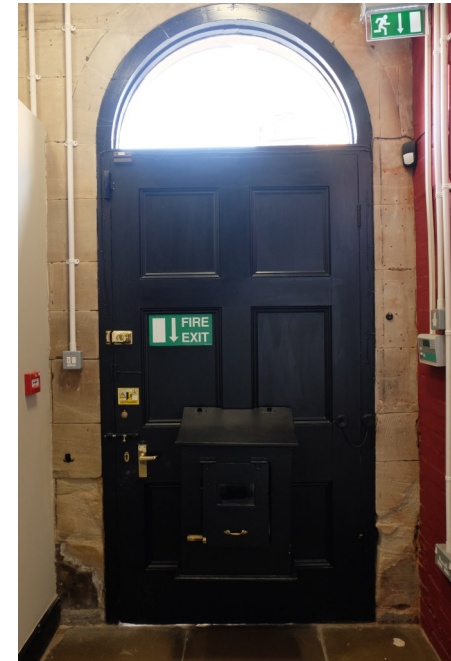
An alarm bell will ring and a member of staff will come to make sure you are leaving the building.

Walk calmly and quickly.

Leave the museum by the door you came in or out of our back door. It will be bolted from the inside, just unbolt the door and go outside. This will cause another loud alarm to go off so we know someone has opened the door.

Do not use the lift.

If you can't get down the stairs press the refuge alarm button, on the upstairs landing, for assistance. It's on a green panel.



Back door



Thank you for visiting us, come again soon!

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If you had a good time at the museum you can tell us by writing or drawing something or telling a member of staff.

If you have any specific questions about this guide or visiting the museum please call us on 01926 412069 for help.