



Newsletter

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The hoard is coming home to Herefordshire!

You did it. We did it. We've done it!

We're so pleased to say that we've met our fundraising target and the hoard will find a permanent home in Herefordshire.

Our major funders have been very supportive and with your enthusiasm and support at our events where many of you have seen these fabulous and important objects and replicas we are now able to Bring the Hoard Home.

Huge thanks to all who have donated sums, large or small, to make the treasure ours.

Keep in touch with progress as plans are developed for its new home in the redeveloped Museum and Art gallery.

Thanks to all for your support in whatever way you showed it.

Although donations for the acquisition are now closed, if you are keen to help us with work on conservation, research and display materials, we can

accept cheques payable to HMSSG who partnered with the Museum Service for the acquisition campaign. Please send cheques to HMSSG addressed to MRLC, 58 Friar Street, Hereford HR4 0AS or make electronic transfers to HMSSG sort code 309089, account number 32122868.

Keep up to date with the Hoard on www.herefordshirehoard.org.



HMSSG shortlisted for BAFM Impact award

HMSSG are delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for an 'impact award' by the British Association of Friends of Museums. Our application outlined our successful partnership with Herefordshire Council to 'Bring the hoard home'. As a registered charity we were able to apply for grants not available to Herefordshire Council, claim GIFTAID on donations and demonstrate community support for the campaign.

Shortlisted groups will receive a certificate acknowledging their work and will also be featured in the Journal, promoting their groups and inspiring other Friends around the UK.

Support groups of 'Friends' play a vital role across the heritage sector. The BAFM support local groups, keep them informed about items of benefit, and provide a network to help share problems and solutions. They produce a number of resources promoting good practice across the sector and run events and an annual conference.

Redevelopment of Hereford Museum and Art Gallery

Herefordshire Council have started a process of informing and engaging with the public on plans for the redevelopment of the library and the museum and art gallery. Presentation boards providing details of the proposals have been on display at several venues. They are currently in the windows of the Broad Street building.

A video summarising each of the schemes has also been produced. If you want to find out more about either of these projects, request a link to the videos or register your interest to be kept up to date with progress then please email the project team on the addresses below.

newmuseum@herefordshire.gov.uk

newlibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Among the spaces to be substantially remodelled are the entrance hall. This will provide a welcoming café and shop leading into the staircase foyer, reception area and ground floor galleries.

The roof will provide an open area which can be used for functions or exhibitions and provide an opportunity for views across the city and countryside. There will also be flexible events space which can be arranged to suit a variety of activities and functions.



Artist's impression of the proposed roof terrace



Indicative design for the entrance area with café



An example of the rich ornamental detail on the façade

The museum team are busy working on developing ideas for layout of the galleries and exhibition areas. A number of events have been held consulting with members of the public and community groups.

New definition of a 'museum'

The International Council of Museums (Icom) has adopted a new definition of a museum to emphasise their role in promoting inclusivity, community participation and sustainability.

The new definition is

'A museum is a not-for-profit, permanent institution in the service of society that researches, collects, conserves, interprets and exhibits tangible and intangible heritage. Open to the public, accessible and inclusive, museums foster diversity and sustainability. They operate and communicate ethically, professionally and with the participation of communities, offering varied experiences for education, enjoyment, reflection and knowledge sharing.'

Hereford Museum Gallery, Broad Street

The Museum will remain open until 17th December. Don't miss your chance to spend time in this well-loved permanent exhibition prior to the planned refurbishment.

Open Tuesday- Friday 10-4pm
Saturday 10-12.30

The museum will be closed on Saturday 21 September.

Black and White House Museum, High Town

Mondays, from 4 July to 4 September, 10am - 4pm

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12 noon - 3pm

Bank holidays 10am - 4pm

Free entry on heritage open day Sunday 11 September.

Look out for details of 'Spooky Trails and Treats' in October half term week.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY

FREE

Sunday 11th September
10.00am - 4.00pm
Free entry



Join us at the Black
& White House
Museum

Telling Tales & Spinning Yarns

Hear about the importance of wool processing & spinning for textile production in Herefordshire through the ages. Watch spinning demonstrations & have a go at drop spinning.

Listen to stories of Roundheads, Cavaliers & Hereford under Siege during the Civil War, in the company of Royalist Colonel, Sir Barnabus Scudamore.

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Dates for your diary September-November 2022

‘The Bacton Altar Cloth’ with Ruth Richardson

Monday 5 September 2pm. HARC, Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas



Long admired as an altar cloth in St Faith's Church, Bacton, this embroidered textile is now considered to be the sole surviving dress of Queen Elizabeth I.

Join local expert Ruth Richardson as she explores the local connections of this marvellous artefact.

‘A Parcel of Time’ with Ian Lewis

Monday 12 September 2pm. HARC, Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas

Join HMSSG Committee Member and filmmaker Ian Lewis for this presentation of his portrait of Hope Mansell filmed between 2017- 2020.

The Herefordshire Hoard with Tim Hoverd

If you want to know more about the Herefordshire hoard and its rediscovery then don't miss this opportunity to find out more.

Thursday 15th September 2022, 7.30-9pm, Kindle Centre.

This talk is run by Hereford Civic Society but all are welcome to attend.

‘The Almley Quaker Meeting House’ with Kit Byatt.

Monday 10 October 2pm, HARC, Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas

The speaker will explore aspects of the history of the Society of Friends in Almeley over 350 years.

‘A Treasury of Local Glass’ with Robert Walker

Monday 7 November 2pm, HARC, Fir Tree Lane, Rotherwas

Find out more about the glorious tradition of medieval and early modern stained glass in the county and diocese of Hereford.

Book for events at HARC on 01432 260750

HMSSG AGM 2pm, Tuesday 13 September at Museum Resource & Learning Centre, Friars Street, HR4 0AS

Please join us at 2pm on Tuesday 13 September to celebrate our contribution to the successes of the museum team this year. The future is bright for Herefordshire Museum service and HMSSG can be proud of the support we have given the dedicated and professional team.

The focus of HMSSG's work will be changing as the service moves into a period of transition and exciting development. We look forward to hearing your ideas and aspirations for the future.

AGM papers will be circulated to members on 30 August and posted on the website.

Membership

Please consider joining HMSSG. Membership is £10 individual and £15 joint. See our website, pick up a membership leaflet at one of the museum venues or email membership@herefordmuseumsupport.org.uk.

Help to run HMSSG

HMSSG needs more people to help with administration, website, publicity, events and social media. We can use your skills! Most tasks can be done from home at a time to suit you. See

herefordshiremuseumsupport.org.uk

Thank you from the HMSSG team

