About
Elmbridge Museum

Elmbridge Museum is committed to placing its services closer to the heart of the community with temporary displays in public places and a thriving education and learning programme. As an outreach museum we offer a series of family fun events themed around local history and we provide 24 hour access to the Museum’s collections on our website.

We aim to produce a positive impact in our local community, and are working on creative ways to share the collections across the Borough.

We are based at the Civic Centre in Esher from where we provide our outreach services. We also have a space featuring our local heritage at the Civic Centre.

We preserve and document over 40,000 artefacts and archives on behalf of the Borough.

We offer a temporary exhibition programme at key public locations across the Borough.

The Learning and Outreach programme for schools and community groups has been revitalised and expanded.

Our popular Family Fun craft activities and events will continue throughout 2019.
Elmbridge Museum has a collection of over 40,000 objects illustrating life in the Borough from the Stone Age to the 21st Century. There are objects, photographs and documents relating to the themes of archaeology, costume, domestic, education, geology, natural history, personal, local history, social history, trades, war and services.

Many of the objects are available to view by searching the catalogue on the Museum’s Collections web page. The web page is continually being updated with further images and text to enable quick and easy access to the collections. There are also suggested topics, often relating to an exhibition, or other highlights of the collections for browsing on the web.

We provide access to the collection through our online catalogue and online exhibitions.

Our local studies room is now open by appointment only.

Opening times:
Tuesdays 2pm – 5pm and Wednesdays 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm.

A team of volunteers are able to assist with answering local history enquiries and to give researchers access to the reference and Museum collections. Please call to book your time slot.
Opportunities for Families

Our Family Programme is changing for 2019.

We are still busy finalising the plans for our new offer, but we know that our interactive workshops will give children the chance to explore our museum collection and discover more about local and national history.

Workshops will run in April, June and December. Children will attend independently of adults and places will need to be booked in advance.

For up-to-date information about these exciting new events please check the families page on our website (elmbridgemuseum.org.uk/learning/families/).

If you would like the programme to be emailed to you once it is finalised please email your contact details to ebcmuseum@elmbridge.gov.uk.
Elmbridge Museum offers an exciting range of learning services, from discovery boxes for loan to curriculum-linked outreach sessions. The Museum’s handling collection brings the history of Elmbridge to life to inspire schools to learn, create and engage with their local heritage.

**Discovery Boxes**

Our discovery boxes are a fantastic resource to enhance learning in the classroom. They include real and replica objects and teachers’ notes which support the new curriculum with local history content. Using object based learning in the classroom is a unique way to bring history to life and provide your class with hands-on experience.

**Outreach sessions**

A member of the Learning team can visit your school to deliver a curriculum-supported session. Participants are given the opportunity to explore and investigate life in the past using the museum’s collection. The mixture of object handling, role play and crafts offers an immersive and memorable learning experience.

**Membership**

Our school membership scheme is designed to support schools in the delivery of the new curriculum. Schools that subscribe to this great value scheme will have access to the museum’s selection of interactive workshops and discovery boxes on a variety of topics.
What’s on
Temporary Exhibitions

Digging the Dirt: Relics from the Past  Civic Centre, Esher KT10 9SD, January-May 2019
Examine the stunning selection of artefacts from ancient Elmbridge and learn about the societies who created, owned and used them.

The Wrens of Oxshott  Brooklands College, Weybridge, KT13 8TT, January-August 2019
Experience the work of Denise and Rosemary Wren who were potters from Oxshott.

The Devil’s in the Detail  Cobham Library, KT11 2AE, February - August 2019
Find out how size influences the design of objects from everyday life (including textiles, costume, jewellery and ceramics).

The Gills of Apps Court  Civic Centre, Esher, KT10 9SD, January-April 2019
Find out about the Gill family who lived at Apps Court, Walton-on-Thames, during Victorian Times.

Women of WW1  Cobham Library, September 2018 – February 2019
Learn how women played an influential role in the first world war by working in factories and on the land.

Changing Domestic  Walton Library, KT12 1GH, October 2018 – March 2019
Discover how we came to cook in today’s kitchens.

An Advertising Evolution  Thames Ditton Library, KT7 0BS November 2018 – May 2019
See how food packaging, advertising and branding evolved in the twentieth century.

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What’s on Online Exhibitions

A selection of our online exhibitions

**Oatlands Palace** was a great royal residence built for King Henry VIII in 1537. The site has had a fascinating history and is today a popular hotel in Weybridge.

**Everyday Heroines**
This online exhibition brings together the stories of 8 female figures from a cross section of society, from the regal to the modest, who have had a diverse, long-lasting, and impactful influence on Elmbridge and the world.

**Coming soon: People of Elmbridge**
This online exhibition charts the human story of the individuals who once inhabited our area and shines a light on their biggest achievements, darkest moments and most intriguing tales.

**The Wrens of Oxshott**
Throughout the twentieth century, one local family tirelessly invested their time making pottery. Mother and daughter potters Denise and Rosemary Wren are compared through their use of tools and mark making in this online exhibition.

**Roman Cobham**
In 1942, the remains of a Roman bath house were discovered at Chatley Farm, on the outskirts of Cobham. This online exhibition focuses on Roman life in Britain, using key objects in the Museum collection to show how those that used the bath house would have lived.

More exhibitions can be found online at elmbridgemuseum.org.uk
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