

AUTUMN

AT THE BOWES MUSEUM



THE BOWES
MUSEUM

CREATE SPACE

Daily, 10.00 – 5.00

Create your own artworks and treasures inspired by the Museum's collection using a variety of materials.

Suitable for all ages.

EXPLORER BAGS

Daily, 10.00 – 4.30

Pick up a guide and Explorer Bag from reception to identify wildlife in the parkland up close with magnifying glasses and binoculars.

Suitable for all ages.

ARTIST MAKERS:

CERAMICS FROM THE PAST

Saturday 26 October,
1.00 – 3.00

Join artist Charlie Brookes to explore the Museum's ceramic collection and experiment with different techniques and materials.

Recommended for ages 5+.

WE'RE GOING

ON A PLANT HUNT

Monday 28 October,
1.00 – 2.00

This Autumn we're hunting high and low to find plants, flowers and animals around the Museum. Listen to stories, sing songs and explore the galleries.

Recommended for under 5s.

HEDGEHOG HOUSES

Tuesday 29 October and
Thursday 31 October,
1.00 – 3.00

Help build habitats for hibernating hedgehogs in the parkland. On days when it's too rainy to be outside, we'll get arty and make in the Create Space.

Suitable for all ages.

ARTIST MAKERS:

AUTOMATA OF THE NATURAL WORLD

Wednesday 30 October,
1.00 – 3.00

Dive into the natural world with artist Betty Brown and learn how to make automata plants and animals inspired by amazing artwork around the Museum.

Recommended for ages 5+.

FAMILY STORY TOUR

Friday 1 November,
11.00 – 12.00 and 1.00 – 2.00

Come along for a journey through the galleries, as we explore the interesting stories and fascinating facts behind the art and objects of the Museum.

Suitable for families.

ARTIST MAKERS:

FIREWORK FIESTA

Saturday 2 November,
1.00 – 3.00

Spark your curiosity and light up the Museum with artist Zoe Allen as you transform 2D materials into 3D firework sculptures.

Recommended for ages 5+.

All activities are **FREE** to Members and included in normal admission charges.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.



SPECIAL EVENTS

WINTER MARKET

13 – 15 December, 10.00 – 4.00

Adults **£6.50** if tickets are purchased before 6 December, **£7.50** thereafter. Under 18s, Full-time Students and Carers Free.

Mark your calendar as the galleries and grounds of The Bowes Museum are once again set to come alive with the aromas, sights and sounds of the ever-popular annual festive market. There will be dozens of stalls selling gifts from artisan makers and small businesses based in the region.

Museum entry is included in admission.

EXHIBITIONS

KITH & KINSHIP: NORMAN CORNISH & L. S. LOWRY

20 July 2024 – 19 January 2025

Discover the everyday warmth, connection and community of the north, captured through the works of two extraordinary storytellers. Featuring over 50 paintings, drawings and sketches, including 35 rarely or previously unseen artworks.

FRAMING FASHION: ART AND INSPIRATION FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF VIVIENNE WESTWOOD

19 October 2024 –
2 March 2025

A new selection of ensembles from Peter Smithson's private collection, showcasing Vivienne Westwood's inspiration from art and historic fashion, displayed alongside items from the Museum's collection.

WORKSHOPS AND TALKS

KITH & KINSHIP: PAINTING AND POLLUTION

5 October, 2.30–3.30, booking essential.

Dr Vicki Pugh will explore how the changing industrial landscape in the 19th century was represented through painting and discuss how artists negotiated the aesthetic preferences of the time.

KITH & KINSHIP: ABOUT L. S. LOWRY

26 October, 2.30–3.30, booking essential.

Join Claire Stewart, Curator of The Lowry Collection at The Lowry in Salford as she provides an informative overview of his works.

KITH & KINSHIP: ADULT CHARCOAL WORKSHOP

30 October, 1.00–3.00, booking essential.

Explore mark-making in this practical workshop with artist Zoe Allen. Discuss the exhibition and consider the materials used by the artists as inspiration for your own piece of work. Suitable for ages 15+.

FROM MURDER TO MEDICINE AND MIDSUMMER MAYHEM

Thursday 31 October, 1.00–2.30, booking essential.

Delve into the world of poisonous plants, their historical uses and folklore with Heather Birkett, the Garden and Outdoor Manager at National Trust property, Acorn Back in Cumbria.

THE ART OF JOSÉPHINE BOWES

Friday 1 November, 1.00–2.30, booking essential.

Get insight into the inspiration the Museum's founder took from the natural world to inform her work in this first talk in an exclusive series on Joséphine Bowes' sketches and prints by Ph.D student Harriette Moore.

KITH & KINSHIP: THE FUTURE WE BUILD

16 November, 2.30–3.30, booking essential.

Join Ross Forbes, Programme Director at Redhills Durham, as he delves in to the history of mining and the mining community.

KITH & KINSHIP:

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF NORMAN CORNISH

30 November, 2.30–3.30, booking essential.

Join John Cornish as he shares intimate stories of his father's life and work including short film clips.

All activities, events and exhibitions are included in admission, unless otherwise specified.

For more information about future exhibitions and events including the Winter Market, visit thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on