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Two weeks' left to experience the highly acclaimed *Kith & Kinship: Norman Cornish and L. S. Lowry* exhibition at The Bowes Museum.

There's just over two weeks' left for people to experience the highly acclaimed *Kith & Kinship: Norman Cornish and L. S. Lowry* exhibition at The Bowes Museum in County Durham.

Thousands of people have already flocked to Barnard Castle to visit this extraordinary exhibition, featuring more than 50 paintings, drawings and sketches, including 35 of which are rarely shown or never-before seen, by two of the greatest northern artists of the 20th century. A newly found Norman Cornish self-portrait on the back of a *Bar Scene*, discovered during preparation work for the show is rotated once a day at 2:30pm in the gallery, allowing visitors the chance to see both sides of the painting.

The exhibition has been accompanied by a sold-out events programme and visitors have been leaving moving sketches and memories on the community wall within the gallery.

Vicky Sturrs, the Museum's Director of Programmes and Collections, said:
"It's been wonderful to hear people's memories and recollections as they respond to the Cornish and Lowry works on show in the exhibition. It's a privilege for the Museum to be able to host a show which people have been able to relate to so closely."

The exhibition is open until Sunday, 19 January 2025.

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Download a selection of high-resolution images of visitors' sketches and memories on the [Kith & Kinship community wall](#).

About The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is a charity managing a Grade 1 listed accredited museum and Grade 2 listed parkland in Barnard Castle. Founded by Joséphine & John Bowes 150+ years ago, this purpose-built Museum brings together an extraordinary, Designated collection of European fine and decorative art as a cultural resource for the people of Northern England, where today we celebrate artists, designers and makers.

The Bowes Museum receives funding from Durham County Council and, as a National Portfolio Organisation, receives support from Arts Council England. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. www.artscouncil.org.uk

The Bowes Museum is a member of the Discover Durham partnership of attractions, whose commitment is to promote Durham as an exciting and vibrant group travel destination and to provide the travel trade with a professional and knowledgeable service. discoverdurham.co.uk

Admission to The Bowes Museum is £16.00 for local members (residents of County Durham and Darlington), £18.00 for members (residents elsewhere), £19.00 for a standard day ticket, £20.90 for a day ticket including gift aid. Under 18s, full time students and carers are free.

As a registered charity (number 1079639) The Bowes Museum needs to generate more than half of its income each year to care for the historic collection, buildings and parkland. Donations are vital to its work. Visit <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/support/> for more information.



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