



Visitor Guide

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 MUSEUM OF
CHELMSFORD

Welcome to the Museum of Chelmsford!

We're delighted to welcome you to our museum where you can find out the story of Chelmsford. We have thousands of artefacts dating back millions of years from original Chelmsford collectors, all the way to modern day where you might see something familiar to your own experience of living, working or enjoying our city.

Visiting as a family with children

There's loads to see and do whilst you're here with your family, whatever the age groups. Our Discover Studio on the ground floor is the ideal space to spread out, read a book, share a story around the fire, or just take a moment during your visit to relax or read more about what's on display in our museum. There are also Explorer Bags to pick up in our Explorer Zone, and amber interactives throughout our displays.

Accessibility

Our museum is ideal for those who need a more relaxed environment for SEN, or more room to explore if using mobility aids or a wheelchair.

Trails

Our front of house team can point you in the direction of the latest museum or park trail. We have a handful of fascinating objects out in the park as well as on display!



This guide will help you with your visit.
Why not explore our Top 10 objects on the next page to get you started!

First Floor



Ground Floor



Top 10

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The Great Baddow coin Hoard

Temporary Exhibition Gallery

The UK's largest hoard of gold Iron Age coins, found in Chelmsford.

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Saxon gold and garnet pendant

Saxons & Medieval

Found in West Hanningfield in 2006, this pendant is from the 7th Century decorated with beaded gold wires and a red garnet in the centre.

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Roman Hoodie

Romans

A model wearing a woollen hooded cloak known as the Birrus Britannicus. This was known to have been a popular export from Roman Britain.

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Gold Diadem

Prehistoric

Possibly the oldest piece of gold metalwork in Essex. It was imported from Spain around 2500BC.

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Bellarmine Jug

Tudors & Georgians

Used as 'witch bottles' in the 16th and 17th centuries to repel curses cast by witches.

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Suffragette Badge

Victorians

Enamel badge designed for the Women's Social and Political Union, which Essex suffragette, Grace Chappelow, joined.

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Suzi Quatro's Jumpsuit

20th Century

The American glam rock star, famous for her black leather jumpsuits, made Chelmsford her home in the 1980s.

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Boris the Bear

Victorian Hall

A Russian bear collected by Dr Salter. Along with the live beehive, Boris has been a star of the museum for generations.

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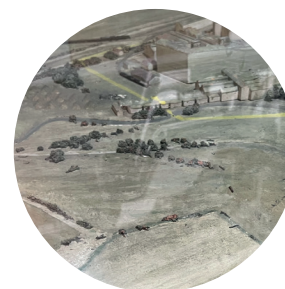


Alien Baby

Chelmsford Potters

Created by Sir Grayson Perry while filming his BAFTA-nominated Channel 4 series 'Rites of Passage' in 2018, which explored the traditional rituals of birth, death, marriage and coming of age.

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Luftwaffe model of the Hoffmann and Marconi factories

Bright Sparks

This model was recovered from a German airfield after World War II. The model was made to help German pilots target Chelmsford factories.

We're here to help

Our team are here to help you make the most of your visit. Ask us if you need any assistance.

Facilities



Toilets



Accessible toilets



Baby changing



Hearing loop
(Wells Suite only)



Free Wi-Fi

Eating and drinking

Our café, The Hive, is open from 8am Monday to Sunday. Oaklands Park is the perfect place for a picnic, but don't forget to bring a picnic blanket along as the tables are popular.



Events and activities

Although some of our galleries are permanent, we are always making updates here and there! Whether it's in the Costume Gallery, Community or Parish cabinets, or displaying a new acquisition – sometimes from Chelmsford's own Grayson Perry!

Our temporary exhibition gallery on the ground floor has two new exhibitions a year to enjoy. Our events calendar is also full of fun activities to enjoy throughout the year including the school holidays.

Visit our website, follow us on social media, and sign up for our newsletters to be the first to hear what we have coming up.



Donations

The Museum of Chelmsford is at the heart of the city and an essential part of Essex's rich history and culture. We're here to share these incredible stories with you and provide engaging, accessible, and inspiring experiences for all our visitors. Every contribution is truly appreciated and we're deeply thankful for your support.

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