



BEXHILL MUSEUM
School Visits
Information
for Teachers

www.bexhillmuseum.co.uk

Education at Bexhill Museum

Bexhill Museum is a wonderful place to bring your students on a visit. Our mission is to encourage discovery and this is amply fulfilled in our education programme. We offer a wide range of subjects ranging across the humanities, science, technology and art and we can run sessions for primary, secondary and higher education groups.

In 2009 the Museum re-opened after a major development project in which we gained two new galleries in addition to the impressive Edwardian Sargent Gallery – the Costume and Social History Gallery and the Motoring Heritage Gallery. We also have an Education Room which is fully equipped with a projector and audio visual equipment.

If you have an idea for a visit but don't see it listed please contact us as we might be able to help. We are always looking for ways of developing our education provision and can offer bespoke visits with advance booking. We offer a worthwhile experience to children of all abilities and the building is fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Further information, booking forms and a copy of our education visits risk assessment can be found on the Museum's website www.bexhillmuseum.co.uk or email a member of our team at education@bexhillmuseum.co.uk



Primary School Visits

At Bexhill Museum we offer a wide range of interactive, enjoyable **Enhanced Visits** for primary school students. Depending on your topic we can offer close contact /handling sessions in the Education Room, guided tours and workshops in the galleries. Your visit will be led by our experienced team of volunteers and our curator.

From the point of your first contact with us, we will work with you to ensure your visit goes to plan and is as enjoyable and stress free as possible for you and your students

We also ensure that time is available during the visit to allow students to have a general look round the museum and discover and engage with the other fascinating exhibits on display.

A **Standard Visit** is also available if you only want your group to visit the galleries and you lead the visit yourself without any extra support from us.

[Please look at the list of subjects we can offer listed within this pamphlet.](#)

PRICE LIST (Primary)

Standard Visit	£1.00 per student
Enhanced Visit	£2.00 per student

For booking forms for a standard or enhanced school visit please see the Education Page on the Museum's website www.bexhillmuseum.co.uk, or email education@bexhillmuseum.co.uk or ring 01424 787950



Humanities

Ancient Egyptians – Pharaohs, Mummies & Petrie

Learn how the Ancient Egyptians lived and died. Investigate the mummification process. You and your students can view the Museum's fantastic Egyptology exhibits, including the Flinders Petrie collection.

Romans & Celts

Using the Museum's collection you and your students will explore Celtic Europe and everyday artefacts from the Roman Empire including mosaics, hypocaust tiles and a pot found at an excavation of Pompeii!

Smugglers & The South Coast

Explore the chilling history of smuggling in Bexhill and along the South Coast. Discover the story of the gruesome Battle of Sidley Green and learn about the ways smugglers would signal to each other and hide their contraband.

The Victorians – How did they live

With the help of the Museum's social history collection and archives you and your students will look at how the Victorians lived, particularly in Bexhill and the local area. Topics covered include everyday life, childhood, school and costume.

Annie Brassey – Victorian Traveller

Explore the Victorian era through the eyes of Annie, Lady Brassey, celebrated local traveller and collector.

Second World War – On the Home Front.

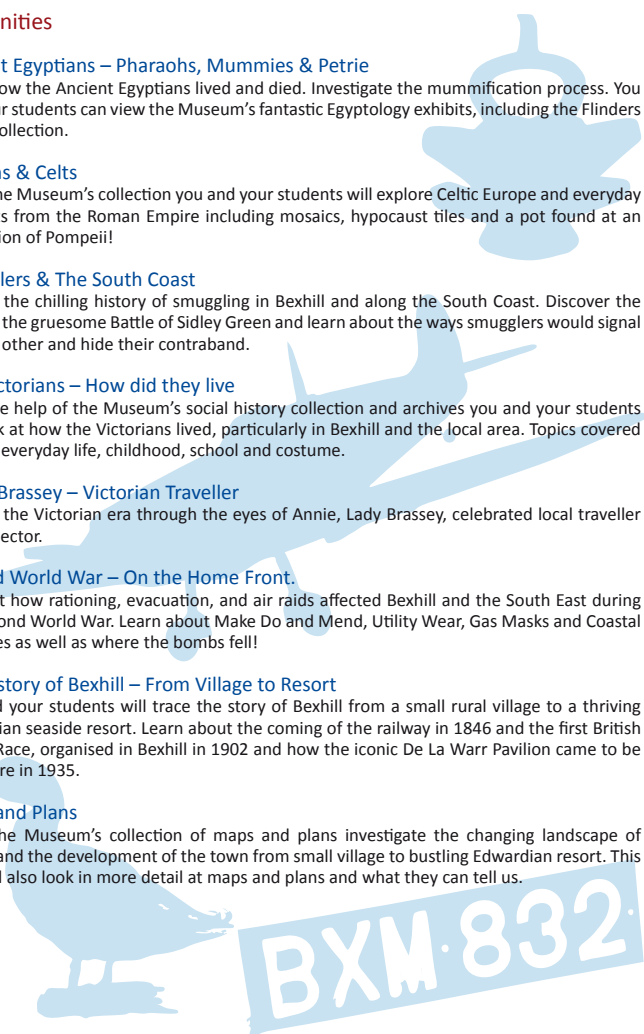
Find out how rationing, evacuation, and air raids affected Bexhill and the South East during the Second World War. Learn about Make Do and Mend, Utility Wear, Gas Masks and Coastal Defences as well as where the bombs fell!

The History of Bexhill – From Village to Resort

You and your students will trace the story of Bexhill from a small rural village to a thriving Edwardian seaside resort. Learn about the coming of the railway in 1846 and the first British Motor Race, organised in Bexhill in 1902 and how the iconic De La Warr Pavilion came to be built here in 1935.

Maps and Plans

Using the Museum's collection of maps and plans investigate the changing landscape of Bexhill and the development of the town from small village to bustling Edwardian resort. This visit will also look in more detail at maps and plans and what they can tell us.



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Science & Technology

Dinosaurs & Geology

Using the Museum's geological and paleontological collections, discover the history of the dinosaurs who walked around Bexhill millions of years ago. Find out about the Iguanodon, the Baryonyx, and the Polacanthus, as well as the smallest dinosaur discovered in Britain!

Forces & Motion

Learn about forces and motion in the wheels workshop with our inspiring collection of vehicles from Bexhill's Motoring Heritage. Discover different forms of energy with our exciting interactive hands-on exhibits.

Natural History – The Seashore and Under the Sea

Using the Museum's superb collection you and your students will learn about life under the sea and discover some of the amazing creatures that live there. Don't miss the Giant Crab of Japan, which has fascinated countless schoolchildren over the years.

Natural History – Bugs, Butterflies and Minibeasts

Learn about the various bugs and minibeasts in the Museum's diverse and wide-ranging collection. Discover the bird-eating spiders that used to live in the Museum as well as the delicate butterfly and beetle collections.

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Museum in a Box & Guided Walks

The Museum offers excellent interactive outreach facilities with subject-led guided walks and the Museum in a Box service.

Bexhill Dinosaurs & Geology

This box includes an introduction to the Iguanodon, Baryonyx and Polacanthus and the local geology of Bexhill, using a selection of carefully chosen artefacts from the Museum collection. Compare the size, build and diet of our local dinosaurs and walk in their footsteps. This box can also be used to introduce maths in a more exciting way.

The Ancient Egyptians & Mummification

This box explores the daily lives of the Ancient Egyptians using samples from our Egyptology collection and reproductions. Then learn about mummification and the Egyptian beliefs about death and the afterlife.

Second World War Home Front

This box provides an introduction to life on the Home Front during the Second World War. Students will learn about rationing, Grow Your Own, Make Do and Mend and evacuation. They will also have a chance to look at gas masks and learn about what it was like to be in an air raid.

Toys & Childhood

Discover the history behind some of our best loved toys. The Museum has toys dating from 2,000 B.C. to the present day including teddy bears, dolls, construction sets, board games and outdoor games. The box also provides an overview of what past childhoods would have been like.

The Victorians

This box looks at Victorian costume and artefacts to help children understand Victorian life.

Walks:

Bexhill Dinosaurs

Local History Walks

Bexhill & the Second World War

Please note the Guided Walks may be cancelled at short notice due to weather conditions.

PRICE LIST

Museum in a Box Service	£35.00 per session (hour) and 50p per mile for travel
Guided Walks	£35.00 per session

Higher Education and Secondary School Visits

100 Objects Project

Following the successful pilot of this project with Bexhill High School in 2012 we are now offering this to all local secondary schools. Over three sessions your students will work with museum volunteers and the Curator to learn about the collection before identifying one item to research in detail. The student will then be able to produce a presentation about that item. All students will look at issues of interpretation, research, handling, writing for diverse audiences and label writing.

History of Bexhill

Choose from a range of subject areas including how Bexhill changed from a village to a resort and the King's German Legion. Build up your knowledge using the Museum's extensive archives and collections.

Bexhill & The First World War

Find out how the First World War and the ensuing Armistice affected Bexhill. Learn more about our war memorial and explore some of the individual stories of the Bexhillians who went to war. This can either be offered as a multi-visit project or as a condensed single session.

Tourism – What is a Museum?

Find out what a Museum is and the workings of Bexhill Museum. We can make this visit fit your group's needs so please let us know what you hope to gain from this visit when you book.

Subject Based Visits

Choose from the various subjects the Museum offers for Humanities and Science and we will make sure areas covered are suitable for your year group and subject focus. If you had a subject in mind but it's not listed please still contact us and ask. We may be able to help!

Costume Handling Workshop

Using the Museum's Costume Collection, this intensive workshop offers a close contact and guided hands on session looking at various aspects of the Costume Collection, which dates from the late 18th Century onwards. The garments you and your students will be shown will depend on your chosen subject area and any conservation restrictions of the individual items. Detailed booking is essential.

PRICE LIST

For enquiries about the prices for secondary school visits please contact Bexhill Museum on education@bexhillmuseum.co.uk or ring 01424 787950



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Parking: There is street parking available outside the Museum and in the surrounding roads. If you are coming by coach we can arrange a drop off point outside the Museum. Coach parking is available by the Polegrove.

Facilities on site: Public toilets are available on the lower floor. There is a small cafe seating area serviced by two vending machines located on the lower floor which overlooks the park. This area is used by all our visitors. We also have a shop which sells a range of souvenirs books and pocket money toys.

Disabled Access: The Museum is fully accessible for wheelchair users. The Museum has two floors accessible by lift or stairs. There is a disabled toilet on the lower floor. The Museum also has a hearing loop.