

## Dementia Friendly Tours

These tours are led by museum volunteers and our Community Curator, Sarah, all of whom are Dementia Friends.

Tours are designed to enable people in our community living with dementia to enjoy the museum with the confidence that their needs will be understood and supported. They are also an opportunity for groups, families and friends to share a social and learning experience together in a safe, calm and interesting environment.



### What does the tour include?

- An introduction from our Head Guide (seated)
- An opportunity for you to move around the Wessex & History of Salisbury Galleries (archaeology & local/social history) at your own pace
- Information about the galleries, and particular displays in each gallery, from a knowledgeable guide
- The chance to handle objects from the museum's collections (seated)

Museum staff/volunteers will be there throughout to point out and explain highlights from the displays. You are also welcome to remain at the museum after the tour finishes to take in the rest of the exhibitions, including the Ceramics and Costume Galleries upstairs and the temporary exhibition spaces on both floors.

### How does a Dementia Friendly Tour differ from other tours?

You will still have access to all the knowledge of our staff and volunteers but we work to ensure that we are led by the needs of those attending.

The tour will...

- Be relaxed, interactive, sensory and tactile
- Aim to encourage new learning and stimulate conversation
- Include more frequent opportunities to sit down if needed
- Be supported by at least 2 volunteers or staff to guide the group around the galleries
- Adapt the tour length, pace, the number of objects or topics we focus on, and how we move around the galleries to suit the group
- Remain on our ground floor (level access) as we do not have lift access to the first floor of the museum

**Access:** There are accessible toilets on the ground floor and the entrance to the museum has level access. Disabled parking at the front of the museum is available to reserve in advance from Reception. For further access information please visit our [accessibility page](#).

**Cost & Booking:** £6 per person (accompanying carer is free).

We offer these tours regularly throughout the year. See our [events page](#) for details of upcoming scheduled dates.

We are also able to book tours at specific times for larger groups. For more information and to book, please contact our Community Curator, Sarah: [sarahgregson@salisburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:sarahgregson@salisburymuseum.org.uk)

### **COVID-19**

We are not currently running Dementia Friendly Tours in light of social distancing guidance and shielding measures.

In the meantime, our [reminiscence videos](#) hosted on the museum YouTube channel and our [Pick & Mix online exhibition](#) may be of interest.