

## Welcome to the Salisbury Museum

A visual story for anyone who likes to prepare for a visit to a new place.

This document is made with people on the autism spectrum in mind.



This visual story will tell you about

- how to get around the museum
- who you might meet
- what you can touch
- the sounds, lights and smells of the museum.

If you have further questions before a visit or would like to do a familiarisation visit in advance, please contact us on [museum@salisburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:museum@salisburymuseum.org.uk) or 01722 332 151

You can also come to our reception and gift shop at any time as part of your preparation.

## Arriving at the museum



I get into the museum by walking up the crunchy gravel driveway.

The entrance to the museum is in the left corner of the driveway, under an arch.

There might be scaffolding on the front of the building at the moment, but you can still come in.

There are building works at the museum at the moment so there may be more noise than usual inside and outside the building.

The door to the museum is heavy and made of dark wood.

In the summer the door is often open but if it's closed I will need to turn the handle.

If I need help with the door you can ring the door bell and someone will happily come to help





## Inside the museum

I will arrive into the reception and gift shop.



There will be a receptionist who will sell us our ticket and tell us about the museum galleries we can see.

The people who work in the museum are friendly and its ok to say hello, but I don't have to.

### Relaxed Opening Hours

We regularly programme Relaxed Opening Hours at The Salisbury Museum. Check the events section of our Website for information on dates and times and the ways we support visitors on the autism spectrum at those times.

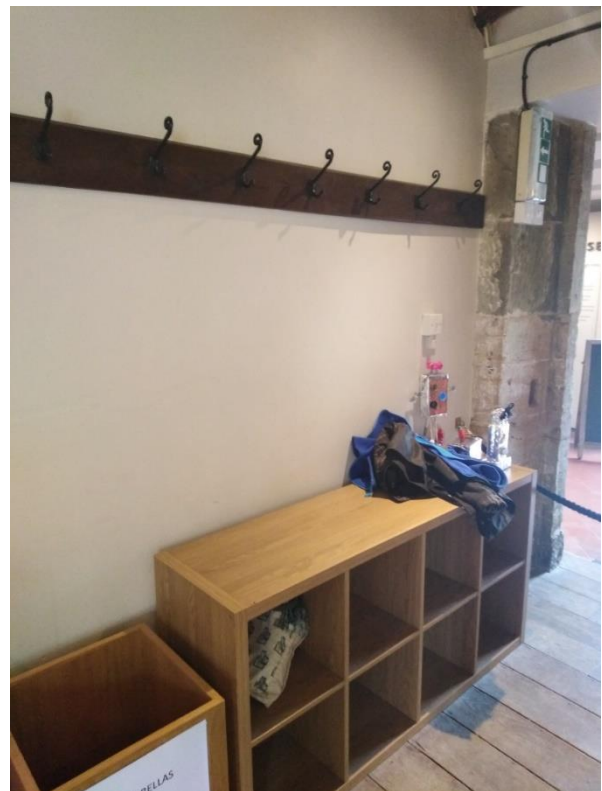


The gift shop is very colourful with lots of books, jewellery and postcards

It can be noisy if there are lots of people visiting the museum.

If I want to I can wait by this bench.

The bench is close to the reception desk but a little bit away from the lights and noise.

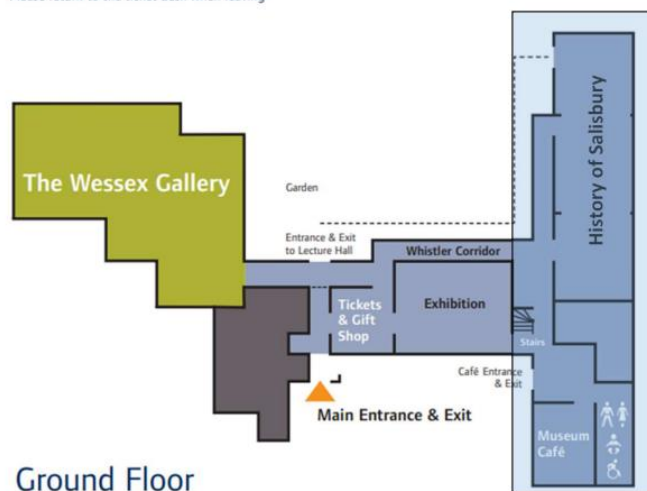


## Finding your way around the museum

I can visit the galleries at the Museum in any order I want, or just go to see the particular parts that that I lik

### Museum Map

Please return to the ticket desk when leaving

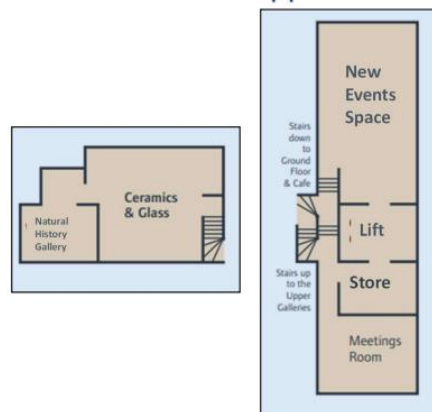


Ground Floor



Past Forward Project  
areas currently closed

### Upper Floors



The SALISBURY  
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[www.salisburymuseum.org.uk](http://www.salisburymuseum.org.uk)

There is a map at Reception to show me where I am and where I want to go next.

I can pick up a map at reception to carry with me.

Some parts of the museum are closed at the moment.

## My senses in the museum

### Noises

The museum is old and a little bit creaky. Sometimes the floors and stairs creak when you walk on them.

Generally the museum is quite a calm and quiet space. If I visit where there is a large group here it can get noisy. If I am at the Museum during Relaxed Opening hours there is a quiet space I can go to if there is too much noise.

There are lots of different galleries in the museum so if I don't like the noise it is possible to visit another gallery until the group moves on.



There are some digital screens in the Wessex Gallery. They do make some noise but the volume is very low.

During normal opening hours the Wessex Gallery has some quiet noises playing in the background

During Relaxed Opening hours these noises are switched off.



## Smell

Because the museum is old it can have a mild dusty smell.

## Touch

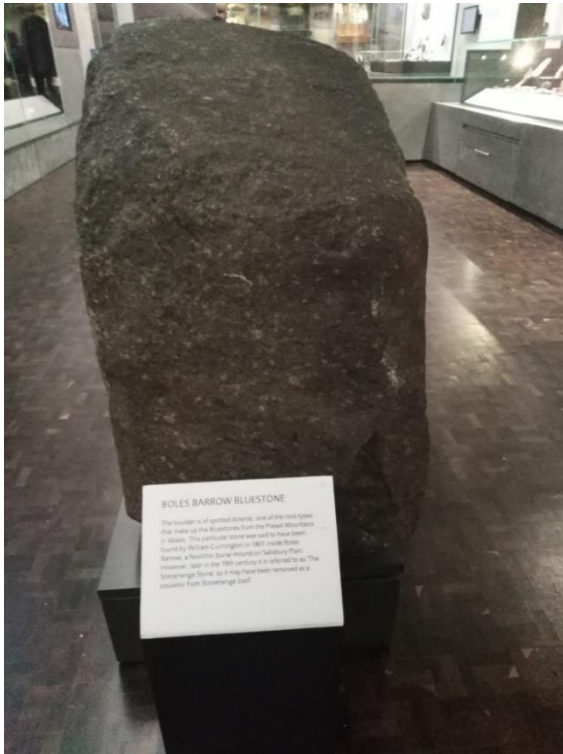
Lots of the displays are inside glass cases to protect them but there are some things I can touch.



In the Wessex Gallery there are drawers or cupboards with a hand print on to show me there are things inside I can touch.

I can open any drawer or cupboard in this gallery.





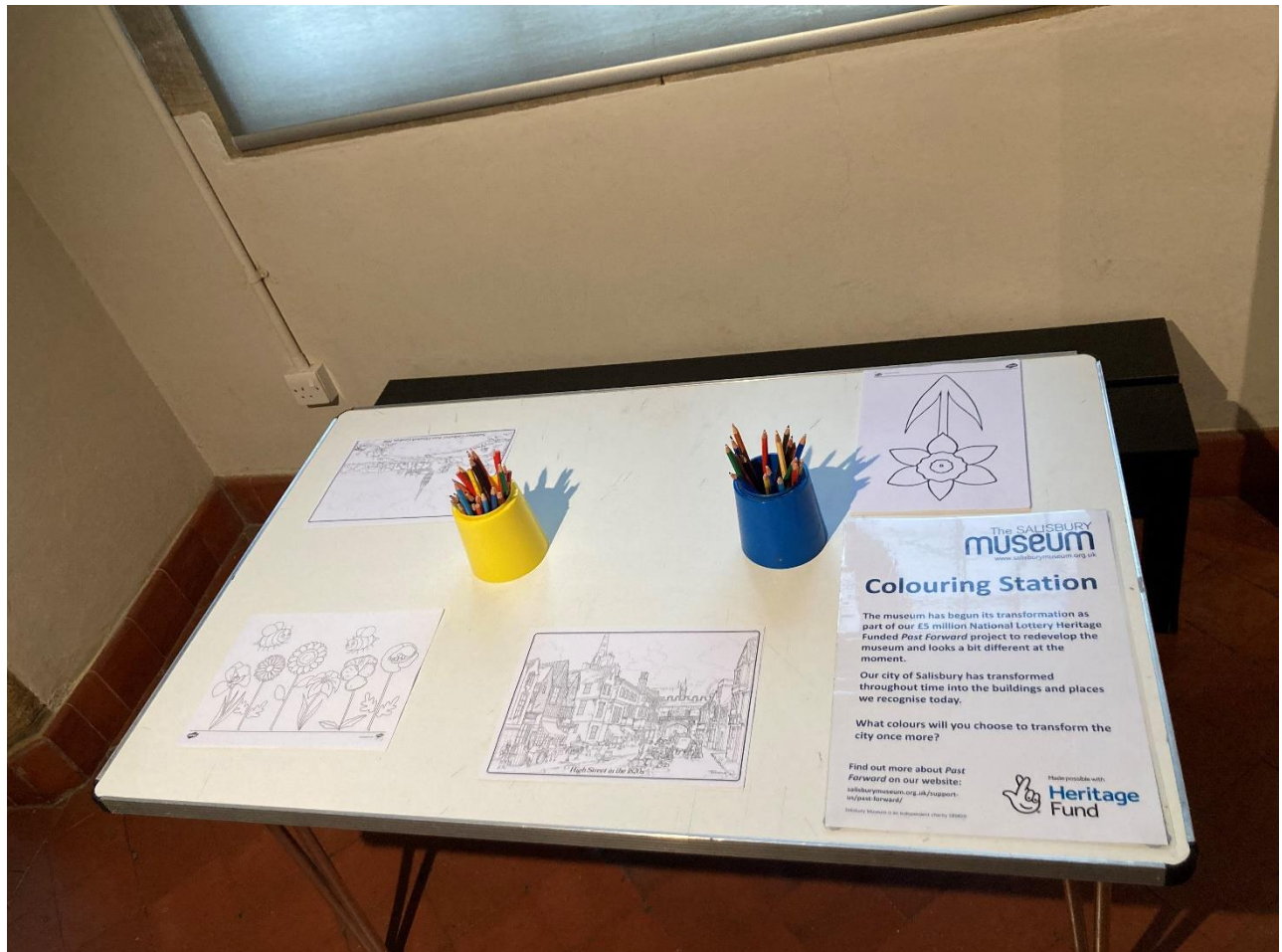
There are also some objects around the galleries, like this Bluestone, that I can touch.



I can touch things that aren't in cases but I can't climb or sit on them..... even if they are a floor like the mosaic.



In some places there are  
colouring activities that I can  
do.



## Places you can't go in the museum



There are some areas of the museum that are only for people who work here.

There are signs to tell me that I can't go into these areas



Sometimes there is a rope across the entrance to show that I cannot go through a door or up some stairs

## The Wessex Gallery



In the Wessex Gallery I can find out about the history from pre-history to the time of the Saxons.

Don't forget! You can open the drawers and cupboards in this gallery if you want to.





In the Wessex Gallery there is a colour code for periods of time on the walls



The long stripe of colour will tell me when the things on display lived or were made

## Temporary Exhibitions

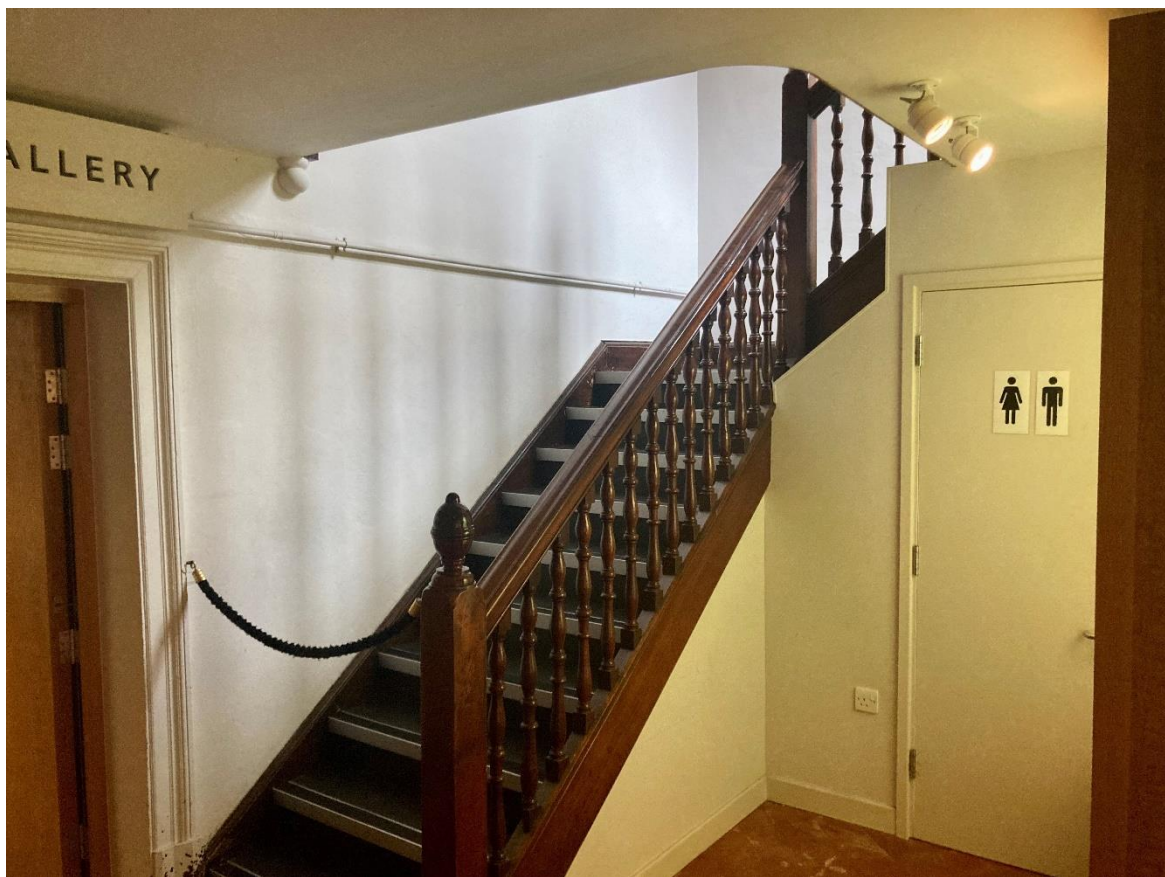
There is a temporary exhibition gallery at the museum that has exhibitions in that are only at the museum for a short time. It is downstairs between the gift shop and the Whistler Corridor.

I know that the things in these rooms change every few months. I can check on the Salisbury Museum website before I arrive or ask at the reception desk.

Exhibitions can be Art or Objects.

## Toilets

There is a toilet next to the stairs by the Wessex Gallery entrance. The toilet is through the white door.



## Food and Drink

There is not currently a café or place to buy food or drink at the museum because there are building works taking place.