



What's on Autumn 2025

Hold your event with us!

From celebrations and launches to board meetings and conferences, we have the perfect venue.

Abbey Pumping Station, Jewry Wall, King Richard III Visitor Centre, Leicester Guildhall, and Newarke Houses all offer unique and flexible spaces with our experienced team on hand to help support your event.

Plus, Leicester Museum & Art Gallery will have refurbished conference and meeting spaces from summer 2026.

To find out more and arrange a visit, contact our venue hire team: museumevents@leicester.gov.uk





Elmer and Friends: The Colourful World of David McKee

Step into the joyful, imaginative worlds of David McKee as Elmer and Friends arrives at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

Celebrating over 35 years of Elmer the patchwork elephant and his unforgettable friends, this free family-friendly exhibition brings to life McKee's iconic stories through immersive, multi-sensory displays and a range of events and activities.

Discover never-before-seen artwork, dress up in the Mr Benn costume shop, and capture the perfect photo with a giant Elmer jigsaw. From Not Now, Bernard to King Rollo, visitors of all ages can explore the colour, creativity, and gentle humour of McKee's world. An exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

Date On now until 9 November
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #Elmer



Mary Linwood: Art, Stitch and Life

Leicester's Mary Linwood was a celebrity artist in the early 1800s but has since been largely forgotten.

She created detailed embroidered versions of famous British paintings using a technique known as needle painting.

Linwood was a talented artist, innovator and entrepreneur. She ran a successful school for young ladies in Leicester, exhibited embroidered works in touring exhibitions and established the first gallery in London to be run by a woman.

The first retrospective of Mary Linwood's work since 1945, features 14 embroidered works from our collections. Alongside these historic pieces are new textile artworks by Ruth Singer, reflecting on Linwood's life and legacy.

Book for an exclusive gallery tour on 6 December with artist and exhibition curator Ruth Singer and get inspired by the exhibition in our monthly social stitch events.

Date On now until 22 February 2026
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Web #MaryLinwood



Leicester Stories Gallery: Dear Albert

A co-produced exhibition with Leicester's Dear Albert peer support group sharing personal stories of addiction, recovery, and hope through art, film, and storytelling.

Date On now until 1 February 2026
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #DearAlbert

Open: The People's Exhibition

This annual exhibition showcases artistic talent from across the East Midlands – open to anyone, from beginners to seasoned professionals. A variety of artworks, from paintings, to sculpture, textiles, and more celebrates the creativity of the region.

Featuring hundreds of artists and makers, with artworks for sale for aspiring collectors.

The Open accepts artwork from adults, children, and young people, making for a truly original and exciting show.

Date 26 November - 30 January 2026
Venue Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Social #Openexhibition



A New Chapter in Leicester's Roman Story

Step inside and explore a transformed Jewry Wall Museum that brings Leicester's Roman past to life.

Begin your visit with an immersive film that transports you through the bustling streets of Roman Leicester before stepping into galleries filled with Roman artefacts uncovered beneath the city.

Displays include mosaics, painted wall plaster, pottery, jewellery, and everyday objects once held by Roman hands. Remarkable finds include a bronze key handle showing a Barbarian wrestling a lion, a roof tile stamped with child and dog footprints nearly 2,000 years ago,

and a curse tablet appealing to the god Maglus for justice against a cloak thief.

The awe-inspiring Jewry Wall, one of the tallest surviving Roman structures in Britain, remains the centrepiece, standing beside the Roman bathhouse which is brought vividly back to life with augmented reality.

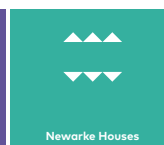
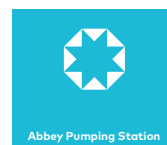
Choose the Roman Explorer Pass, for unlimited visits for a year at £12.50 for adults, £6.25 for children aged 5–15, and £32 for a family.

jewrywall.com

At a Glance

Date	Event	Type	Venue
Mon 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec & 12 Jan 3pm – 4.30pm	Social Stitch Gathering	Adult Workshop	
Wed 15 Oct 10.30am Wed 26 Nov 1pm Tues 16 Dec 10.30am	Leicester Museums Store Tours	Guided Tour	
Tues 21 Oct 11am – 4pm	Half Term Railway Day	Family Event	
Wed 22 – Sun 26 & Tues 28 – Fri 31 10am – 3.30pm	Medieval Swordmaster	Family Event	
Thurs 23 Oct 11am – 3pm	Make a Scrapbook	Family Event	
Thurs 23 Oct 11am – 3pm	Wands and Broomsticks	Family Event	
Fri 24 Oct 3.30pm – 5pm	Halloween Family Silent Disco	Family Event	
Sat 25 Oct & 29 Nov 11am – 3pm	Steam with the Team	Guided Tour	
Sat 25 Oct 1pm – 4pm	Textile Amulets with Ruth Singer	Adult Workshop	
Sat 25 Oct 5pm	Gerald Dickens Performs: The Signalman, Sikes & Nancy and Captain Murderer	Performance	
Sun 26 Oct 11am – 3pm	Heritage Sundays: The Magazine, Leicester Castle & St Mary de Castro Church	Guided Tours	
Sun 26 Oct 2.30pm	The Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde	Performance	
Thurs 30 Oct 6.45pm	The Lost Boys	Film	
Thurs 30 Oct 8.45pm	The Exorcist (1973)	Film	
Sat 1 Nov 7pm – 9pm	Robert Lloyd Parry: Bram Stoker's 'Gibbet Hill' and W W Jacob's 'The Monkey's Paw'	Performance	
Sun 2 Nov 1pm – 3pm	Christmas Slow Stitch	Adult Workshop	
Sun 2 Nov 4.30pm – 6pm	Nosferatu (Plus Live Score)	Film	
Tues 4 Nov 2pm	Knights Hospitaller by Mathew Morris	Guided Tour	
Fri 7 Nov 7.30pm	Govannen	Performance	

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Sat 8 Nov 10am	German Expressionism: Out of Hours Tour	Guided Tour	
Sat 8 Nov 12.30pm	Richard Pulsford: Conflict of Interest	Comedy	
Sat 8 Nov 2pm	Sketchbook Workshop with Mandeep Dhadialla	Adult Workshop	
Sat 8 Nov 3.30pm	Richard Pulsford: Yorkshire Dad, Immigrant Mum	Comedy	
Mon 10 Nov 10am	Tactile Textile Tour	Guided Tour	
Sat 22 & Sun 23 Nov 11am – 3pm	Stitch Weekend	Talk & Workshop	
Sat 29 Nov & Sun 30 Dec 11am – 4.30pm	Christmas Craft Fair	Craft Fair	
Sun 30 Nov 11.30am – 4pm	Christmas Steam Day	Family Event	
Tues 2 Dec 7.30pm	Nunkie Theatre Presents: Ghost Stories	Performance	
Fri 5 Dec 6pm	Tell-Tale Theatre: Krampus	Performance	
Fri 5 & 12, Sat 20 Dec 8pm	Tell Tale Presents: Chilling Tales for Christmas	Performance	
Sat 6 Dec 10am	Mary Linwood: Meet the Artist & Curator Ruth Singer	Guided Tour	
Sat 6 Dec 11am & 2pm Sun 7 Dec 11am	Christmas Wreath Making	Adult Workshop	
Fri 12 Dec 11am & 12pm	Tell Tale Theatre: North Pole Tales	Family Event	
Fri 12, Sat 13, Sat 20 & Sun 21 (Various times)	Santa's Magical History Tour	Family Event	
Sun 14 Dec 12.30pm	The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)	Film	
Sun 14 Dec 5.30pm	It's a Wonderful Life (1946)	Film	



Charges apply for some events and pre-booking may be recommended, visit our website for full event details.