

What's on

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A Dogs Life

A love of dogs has been part of our national identity for centuries, an affection for our canine companions that show no sign of waning.

Estimates suggest that the UK's pet dog population is now around 15.5 million, with 41% of households owning at least one dog.

Image: © Mychael Barratt

This new touring exhibition from 20-21 Visual Arts Centre showcases the work of contemporary artists, designers and photographers who use dogs as both their subject matter and inspiration.

Venue: Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Date: 19 September – 15 November 2026
Social: #ADogsLife



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Windrush: The Legacy

Created by Opal 22 for Leicester Museums, the new permanent Windrush: The Legacy displays open this October half-term. These new displays celebrate the lives, achievements, and lasting contributions of Leicester's Windrush generation.

Through powerful portraits by Denise Lensi, personal video testimonies, and a recreated Windrush front room, explore the stories of those who journeyed from the Caribbean to Britain after answering the call to help rebuild the nation following the Second World War.

Venue: Newarke Houses Museum
Date: 17 & 21 October 2026
Social: #Windrush

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives: The Lives of British South Asians



Discover the many different journeys that brought people to Britain, including journeys through different countries and communities around the world. Explore these experiences through photographs, objects, film, oral histories and interactive displays.

The exhibition also introduces the UK South Asian Digital Archive and invites visitors to share their own stories and memories for future generations.

Venue: Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Date: 21 November - 21 February 2027
Social: @uksada_

Explore the stories and experiences of British South Asian communities in this new exhibition at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.



The Open: The People's Exhibition

Since 1989, The Open offers artists of all backgrounds and abilities the opportunity to submit their work for selection and display at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

The Open is your chance to be part of Leicester's biggest annual celebration of creativity, no matter your background or experience.

Find out more about taking part in The Open on our website: leicestermuseums.org/the-open

Venue: Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Date: 28 November - 29 January 2027
Social: #OpenExhibition



Popping to the Shops: Evington

The third exhibition in the Popping to the Shops series, this community co-curated exhibition explores the history, identity and everyday life of Evington through its local shops and businesses.

Venue: Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Date: On now until 4 October 2026
Social: #PoppingtotheShops



Leicester Windrush Memories

Dedicated to the Windrush Generation who responded to the invitation to come and re-build Britain after the Second World War. Presented by Kainé and the Better Together project.

Venue: Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Date: On now until 18 October 2026
Social: #Windrush



You Are Here

Co-produced with museum service volunteers, You Are Here is the story of the museum over the past 176 years.

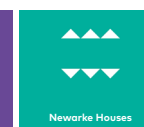
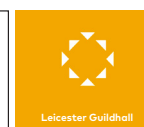
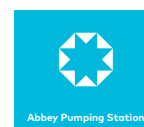
Venue: Leicester Museum & Art Gallery
Date: On now until 31 December 2027
Social: #LeicesterMuseum

Leicester Museums & Galleries: Events

Date	Event	Type	Venue
Sat 26 Sept 7.30pm	Outdoor Cinema: Mamma Mia	Film	
Sun 27 Sept 7.30pm	Cole Stacey	Performance	
Thurs 1 Oct 7.30pm – 9.30pm	The Call of Cthulhu, by H P Lovecraft	Performance	
Sat 3 Oct 11.30am – 4pm	October Railway Day with Models	Family Event	
Sun 4 Oct 2pm	Dr Malcolm Schofield, An Invitation to Understanding	Lecture	
Wed 7 Oct 1pm Wed 4 Nov 10.30am Wed 2 Dec 1pm	Leicester Museums Store Tours	Guided Tour	
Sun 11 Oct 2pm	Dr James Wright, The Buildings Archaeologist	Lecture	
Fri 16 Oct 7.30pm	Witches of Leicester	Performance	
Sat 17 Oct 2pm	Dr Susan Barton: Beach huts, eyesores and health hazards	Lecture	
Sun 18 Oct 11am – 3pm	Spooky Fused Glass Workshop	Family Workshop	
Sun 18 Oct 2.30pm	Don't Go into the Cellar: Dorian Gray	Performance	
Tues 20 Oct 11.30am – 4pm	Railway Day	Family Event	
Weds 21 Oct 2pm	Introduction to Victorian Spiritualism	Lecture	
Thurs 22 Oct 11am – 3pm	Monsters and Bats	Family Event	
Thurs 22 Oct 7pm	In Conversation: Mrs Morton's Portrait	Lecture	
Thurs 22 Oct 7.30pm – 10pm	Down in Laurel Canyon	Performance	
Sat 24 Oct & 28 Nov 11am, 11.30am, 12pm, 12.30pm & 2.30pm	Steam with the Team	Guided Tour	
Sun 25 Oct, 6 Dec & 13 Dec 2pm	Ghosts of the Old Town at Halloween	Guided Tour	
Tues 27 Oct 2pm	Mathew Morris, Outlaws in Medieval Leicestershire	Lecture	
Fri 30 Oct 6pm & 8.15pm	The Lost Boys, Halloween (1978)	Film Leicester	
Sat 31 Oct 10am – 5pm	Witch Festival	Festival	

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Sun 1 Nov 2pm	Andrea Zuvich: Barbara Villiers - Charles II's Most Infamous Mistress!	Lecture	
Fri 6 Nov 7.30pm	Govannen	Performance	
Tues 10 Nov 2pm	Mathew Morris: Leicester Castle	Lecture	
Tues 10 Nov 6.30pm	The Witches' Prize - A chilling tale from the Weeping Bank	Performance	
Sun 22 Nov 7pm	Peter Knight's Gigspanner Trio	Performance	
Thurs 26 Nov 7pm	Peter Chand: Dazzling Folktales From India	Performance	
Sat 28 & Sun 29 Nov 11am – 4.30pm	Guildhall Christmas Craft Fair	Craft Fair	
Sun 29 Nov 11am – 4.30pm	Christmas Steam Day	Family Event	



Events



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Marvel at the beam engines and festive family fun at Abbey Pumping Station's Christmas Steam Day. Get crafty in the festive Guildhall atmosphere at our Wreath Making and Festive Sea Glass workshops and buy unique gifts at our ever-popular Craft Fair weekend.

See a Christmas classic with Scrooge and The Muppet Christmas Carol screenings, join Kingfisher Chorale for a traditional concert and enjoy A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens. leicestermuseums.org/whats-on

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