

Welcome...

to the Newarke Houses Museum Memory Trail

The objects on this trail have been specially chosen to trigger memories for our older visitors.

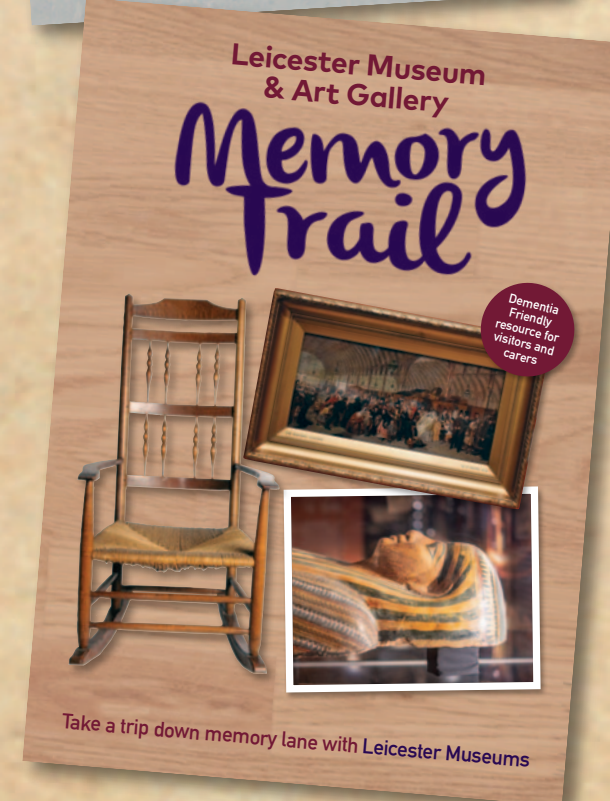
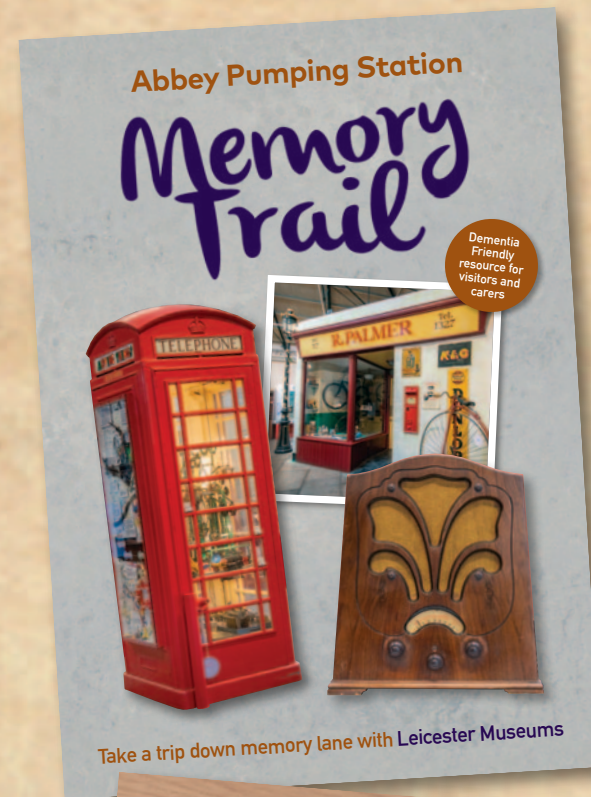
Explore the museum and discover how the objects can start conversations about how people lived and how things have changed over the years.

A resource created to stimulate the memories of the person you care for who's living with Dementia

Follow the trail and be amazed at how much conversation takes place as you share stories of past experiences.



We all like to take a trip down memory lane. Sharing stories and memories makes us happy, helps us understand each other which improves our health and wellbeing. Museums have many objects and exhibitions that help us remember past experiences and are welcoming places to enjoy sharing memories with others.



Two further memory trails are available to enjoy at Abbey Pumping Station and Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

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Memory Trail

Dementia-friendly resource for visitors and carers



Take a trip down memory lane with Leicester Museums

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Imperial Typewriter Model 55

Imperial typewriters were made in Leicester and sold in many countries. The company also gave many local people their first job.

- Did you or anyone you know work at Imperial Typewriters?
- Do you remember the Imperial Typewriters strike in 1974?
- What other local factories do you remember?
- Sometimes you could smell the factories from a distance, especially biscuit factories – do you remember any of these?

Teddy Bear

Teddy bears have been a much-loved toy for over a hundred years. This one dates from the 1950s.

- Did you have a favourite childhood teddy bear or toy?
- Old teddies had glass eyes and moving arms and a growl. What was your teddy like?
- Did you have any toys from children's TV – Sooty and Sweep? Andy Pandy? Noddy?
- Do you remember Listen with Mother that was on the radio every afternoon?

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Knitted Tank Tops

J. Pick & Sons 1930s

If you are 'over a certain age' you or a relative will probably have worn an item of knitwear made in Leicester by J. Pick & Sons. You could buy knitwear throughout the UK with the brand name Pick.

- Did you have knitwear made by local companies such as Picks or Corahs who produced for Marks and Spencer?
- Did you work in the Leicester hosiery or boot and shoe industries? What do you remember about factory work?
- How were clothes different in the past?

Cinema

A regular trip to the local cinema was a vital part of people's social life before television. Leicester had 24 different cinemas in 1947.

- Did you go regularly go to the cinema with friends and family?
- Do you remember the interval and queuing for ice cream?

Cobbled Street Scene with Public House and Grocer's Shop

A 1940s high street would be a lively place with its cosy pub and local shops. It was said you could buy "everything from a pin to an elephant" in the various shops.

- Do you remember when supermarkets arrived in late 1960s? Did you prefer them to local independent shops where you used to buy everything?
- Do you remember the fish shops and butchers with sawdust on the floor?
- Do you remember the local corner off-licence which sold sherry from the barrel and stout in bottles?
- What kind of sweets did you like to spend your pocket money on? Bullseyes? Fruit Salad? Do you remember Kali in a paper cone?

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Platform Shoes

These two-tone platform shoes were the height of fashion in the 1970s. Leicester was a major centre for footwear manufacturing.

- Did you or someone you know own a pair of platform shoes or boots?
- Could you walk in them and do you remember any platform shoe disasters?
- What about stilettos – did you have these and get the heel stuck?
- Did you have a favourite pair of shoes or boots, maybe 'going out' or 'Sunday best' shoes?

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Draper's Shop

The overhead cash railway was a feature of many small department stores.

- Do you remember Leicester's big department stores in the past – Lewis's and Rackhams for example?
- Did you come into town to look at the children's animated Christmas displays in Lewis's window every year?
- Did your Mum make clothes for you? Did she cut down her old coats, or buy new material from the drapers?

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World War Two Soldier's Uniform

A former soldier remembered. 'They came in two sizes: too big and too small'.

- Did you or any of your family fight in wars? Did they speak of the pain and suffering, or of the comradeship and closeness of the men?
- Do you remember watching parades with soldiers all smart in their uniforms?
- Do you remember pictures of family members in uniform displayed in people's homes?

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Tiffin Tin

Hot lunch could be cooked at home and taken to work in this kind of tin.

- Did you take a warm meal to work in a tiffin tin? What was your favourite thing to eat?
- Did you eat at the works canteen?
- Did you prepare food to put into a tiffin tin for someone in your family?
- Did you take a packed lunch to work or school or did you come home for dinner?

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Gas Mask

Life on the Home Front was very different during World War Two. Every adult and child were issued with a gas mask and rationing was in place until 1954.

- Did your parents or grandparents tell any stories about carrying around gas masks or going into an air raid shelter?
- Do you remember rationing and long queues outside shops? Which foods did your family miss most?
- Do you or your family have any things kept from war time? Letters? Medals? Uniforms?