

Guildford Borough Council Heritage Service listings: February to May 2025

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Venue details, including opening times, are noted at the bottom of the listing.

Please note: all information is correct at the time of publication.

Date/s (during open times unless otherwise stated)	Location	Details (activities are free unless otherwise stated, donations are always welcome)	Activity type
Open year round	Museum	Alongside a programme of changing exhibitions, explore our permanent displays including archaeology, trade and industry, toys, and needlework. The museum is also home to a changing display from Surrey Infantry Collection. Family activities include the Scullery play space and themed trails.	Various
Open year round	Guildford House	Guildford House provides the backdrop for a variety of art related exhibitions taking place throughout the year. The space is also home to a craft shop and the Tourist Information Centre.	Various
Ongoing	Museum	<p>Wheels of Time Join Roamin' Rex as he travels through time (and around Surrey)! Collect a badge from each participating museum, including ours. For more details, visit www.surrey.wheelsoftime.uk.</p>	Family fun activity
Until Saturday 15 March 2025	Museum	<p>Guildford's Quilt: Your Stories Stitched into History A display of embroidered panels made by local people illustrating the thoughts, feelings and acts of kindness that helped them through the COVID-19 pandemic. Assembled by Stitch Together, the hangings now provide a moving record of an unprecedented, shared experience.</p> <p>Nature, Stitched with Style by Stitch Together In this display, we invite you to celebrate the skill of embroiderers, and to share their joy in the natural world which inspires their work. Flowers, foliage, fungi, and fruit are skilfully re-created with needle and thread. Embroidered mice clamber amongst juicy brambles and sleep wrapped in oak leaves. Snippets from poetry and literature caption meticulous stitched drawings of plants, reminding us of their powers to heal and soothe.</p>	Exhibition
Until Saturday 1 March 2025	Guildford House	<p>Guildford House Open Exhibition Our exhibition of the shortlisted entrants to the Guildford House Open Competition, in partnership with Parker Harris. This promises to be an eclectic mix of stunning contemporary artworks and a visual feast for any art lover.</p>	Exhibition

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Until Saturday 22 February 2025	Museum	<p>A Glimpse Over the Garden Wall – Opening the Door to Munstead Wood</p> <p>This exhibition will give a brief insight into the significance of Munstead Wood in Godalming, the Arts and Crafts home of garden designer Gertrude Jekyll. Learn how the property was saved by the National Trust in 2023 and how they are now exploring the best way to provide this unique property with a sustainable future.</p>	Exhibition
Thursday 6 February 10.30am until 12pm	Guildhall	<p>Coffee Time Talk: Gertrude Jekyll and Munstead Wood: the home of the ‘artist-gardener’</p> <p>National Trust Curator Dr Caroline Ikin will explore Jekyll’s contribution to art, craft and gardening through the home she created at Munstead Wood. Dr Ikin will share research undertaken as the house and garden are restored and Jekyll’s legacy reappraised.</p> <p>Pre-book your place by emailing heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk or calling 01483 444751.</p>	Talk: booking required
Wednesday 12 February 10.30am until 11.15am	Guildford Library*	<p>Mousey, Mousey Craft and Storytime</p> <p>Listen to a nest of mice stories and make your own cute mouse to take home.</p> <p>First come, first served, suitable for ages 2+.</p> <p>Free, donations welcome.</p>	Family fun
Thursday 20 February 12pm until 2pm	Museum	<p>Flower Friendship Cards</p> <p>Craft a card made from colourful fabric and paper inspired by the textile picture ‘Medicinal Plants I and II Heal and Recover’ on display in our exhibition Nature, Stitched with Style.</p> <p>Drop-in session, suitable for ages 5+.</p>	Family fun
Friday 21 February 10.30am until 11.15am	Museum	<p>Mousey, Mousey Craft and Storytime</p> <p>Fun stories and a craft activity inspired by the cute mice on display in the textile picture ‘Mice in the North Wood’ by Kay Dennis, in our exhibition Nature, Stitched with Style.</p> <p>First come, first served, suitable for ages 2+.</p>	Family fun
Thursday 6 March 10.30am until 12pm	Guildhall	<p>Coffee Time Talk: Sixty Years On</p> <p>The 1960s were a decade of change in Britain and Guildford, and our Royal Grammar School epitomised the battle between old and new. This true, and often amusing, story is told by ex-pupil Keith Browning, an eyewitness to the turmoil.</p> <p>Pre-book your place by emailing heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk or calling 01483 444751.</p>	Talk: booking required

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Saturday 29 March to November	Museum	<p>Playtime! It's Playtime! at Guildford Museum! Enjoy our fun learning exhibition for all the family.</p> <p>Explore our display of vintage toys and games from our museum collection and try out Playtime! for yourself and get hands-on with a selection of toys and games available during your visit.</p>	Exhibition
Saturday 5 to Saturday 19 April	Museum	<p>Eggciting Easter Trail Join this fun free trail around the museum looking for Easter themed clues. Drop-in, suitable for ages 4+.</p>	Family fun
Thursday 10 April 10.30am until 12pm	Guildhall	<p>Coffee Time Talk: Exploring My Local Railways To mark 200 years of the modern railway, local historian Alan Norris will be tracing the development of railways in west Surrey where there is a multiplicity of lines. The talk will include objects from the early railways which can still be seen in situ. Pre-book your place by emailing heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk or calling 01483 444751.</p>	Talk: booking required
Friday 11 April 10.30am until 11.15am	Museum	<p>Playtime Fun! Teddy's Day Out Craft and Storytime Listen to teddy bear stories and make a mask to wear, inspired by the old teddy bear on display in our Playtime! exhibition. All teddy bears welcome! First come, first served, suitable for ages 2+.</p>	Family fun
Friday 11 April 2pm until 3pm	Museum	<p>Playtime Fun! Toytime! Join our team as we explore the toys in our Playtime! exhibition. There will be lots of old-fashioned toys to play with including spinning tops and a huge doll's house. Drop-in, suitable for ages 3+.</p>	Family fun
Wednesday 16 April 10.30am until 11.30am	Museum	<p>Playtime! Relaxed Opening Enjoy our Museum outside of normal opening hours. You'll have a chance to see our Playtime! exhibition, play with some old-fashioned toys and make a flextriangle, a colourful paper toy. Pre-booking required.</p> <p>Suitable for families with children who have an autism spectrum condition or any other sensory needs, aged 5 to 12.</p> <p>To book or for more information please email heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk or phone 01483 444751</p>	Relaxed session – booking required

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Wednesday 16 April 12.30pm until 2.30pm	Museum	Playtime Fun! Fascinating Flexangles! Join the Flexangle fun, making these colourful paper toys inspired by our Playtime! exhibition. Drop-in, suitable for ages 5+.	Family fun
Wednesday 23 April 10.30am until 11.15am	Guildford Library*	Teddy's Day Out Craft and Storytime Enjoy stories about teddy bears and make a bear mask to wear. Remember to bring your teddy bear along for this special session. First come, first served, suitable for ages 2+.	Family fun
Thursday 1 May 10.30am until 12pm	Guildhall	Coffee Time Talk: William Harvey, Ladies Wear Specialist Nick Bale, Chairman of the Friends of Guildford Museum, will talk about William Harvey a key public figure locally in the first half of the 20th century. He founded Harvey's of Guildford department store and was an active mayor of Guildford leaving an enduring legacy in the form of Guildford Lido. Pre-book your place by emailing heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk or calling 01483 444751.	Talk: booking required
Wednesday 28 May 12.30pm until 2.30pm	Museum	Playtime Fun! Moving Pictures Before films and video games, there were optical toys. Make your own moving image thaumatrope, like the one in our Playtime! exhibition, and play with a zoetrope, another old optical toy. Drop-in, suitable for ages 5+.	Family fun
Thursday 5 June 10.30am until 12pm	Guildhall	Coffee Time Talk: The Red Rover Stagecoach In the heyday of horse-drawn coaches in the 1800s, the Red Rover Stagecoach travelled daily from London to Southampton, changing horses at a network of coaching inns. When residents in Normandy told John Squier they remembered seeing the coach in the 1950s, he had to find out more. Pre-book your place by emailing heritageservices@guildford.gov.uk or calling 01483 444751.	Talk: booking required

*Guildford Library, 77 North Street, Guildford, GU1 4AL

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Quarry Street
Guildford
GU1 3SX

Guildford House
155 High Street
Guildford
GU1 3AJ

Guildford Castle
Castle Street
Guildford
GU1 3UW

The Guildhall
131 High Street
Guildford
GU1 3AA

Open Wed – Sat 12noon until 4.30pm
(last entry 4pm)
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Borough Council](#)

Open Tue – Sat 10am to 4.30pm (last
entry to exhibitions 4pm)
[About Guildford House - Guildford
Borough Council](#)

Open seasonally Wed – Sat 12noon
until 4.30pm (last entry 4pm) between
30 March and 2 November 2024
Admission charges apply
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Borough Council](#)

Open seasonally every Tue 10am until
2pm between 7 May and 27 August
2024
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