

# Friends of the Museum

# How to find us

Run entirely by volunteers, the Museum relies on public help. By joining the Friends you will be showing your support, while providing an important contribution towards preserving the rich heritage of our town.



Admission to the Museum is free but donations are always welcome to assist with acquiring objects to enhance the collection, putting on exciting temporary exhibitions and events, upkeep and care of the existing collection and object storage.

Your donations help us to enhance the entire museum experience for our visitors.

Become a member of our Friends' group and you will receive a newsletter three times a year and have an exclusive invitation to a selection of special events including outings and talks.

The annual membership is £5 for a single membership or £8 per couple. Please fill in the membership form below or contact the Museum for more information.

Thank you for your support!

## Membership application

I wish to join the Friends of Museum and enclose my/our annual subscription of £5/£8.

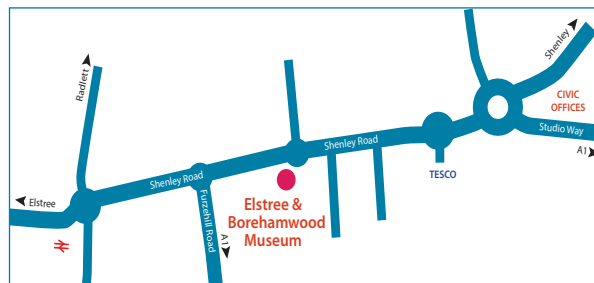
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## Opening Times

Monday - Closed

Tuesday 12pm - 6pm

Wednesday 12pm - 6pm

Thursday 12pm - 6pm

Friday - Closed

Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday - Closed

Registered charity no: 1157770



*"Small but amazing.  
I have nothing else  
to say."*

*Google reviewer*

Admission Free

# History

It may surprise you to learn that the origins of Elstree and Borehamwood can be traced as far back as 8,500 BC, thanks to a Mesolithic flint axe discovered in a garden tree stump. Elstree, situated on the Roman Watling Street, was a centre for pottery and tile manufacture in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD.



Before the arrival of the railway in 1868, Borehamwood was a rural hamlet surrounded by farmland. Theobald Street was the first development and became 'the village' locals refer to.

The film industry arrived in 1914 and by the late 1920s Borehamwood had become the largest centre of film production outside of Hollywood with at one time multiple studios engaged in film or television production. Today the Elstree Studios and the BBC's Elstree Centre are busy producing programmes such as EastEnders and Strictly and the film industry in Borehamwood is still highly regarded worldwide.

It was in the late 1940s and 50s that the London County Council built large estates for the London overspill and Borehamwood expanded again. Elstree Rural District Council built 1500 homes between 1945 and 1956.

Despite the proximity of London, Borehamwood has managed to retain some hidden surprises such as the buttercup meadows and woodland paths. This resistance to being swallowed up by the Metropolis has been achieved by an active local Green Belt Preservation Society and the failure to build the Northern Line extension from Edgware in the 1930s.



# Explore and Learn

We welcome schools and community groups to the Museum. Here is what we can offer you but do contact us if you would like something particularly tailored to your group.



Schools are able to book object handling sessions in the Museum or in school. There are also object resource boxes available for hire on a variety of subjects to enhance curriculum studies.

## Educational Resource Boxes

- The Home Front 1939-1945
- Change: Now and Then
- First World War
- A Century of Migration

The contents of the boxes vary, but all boxes will contain some of the following:

- Original or replica artefacts
- Posters
- Photographs
- Lesson notes and suggestions for use



## Talks and presentations

We can offer a range of talks and power-point presentations, including:

- The Growth of Borehamwood and Elstree
- Borehamwood Then and Now
- A Time Traveller's Guide to Borehamwood
- Armistice Day

These presentations can be tailored to suit your requirements.

## Costs:

Talks and presentations: £40.

Workshop sessions in the museum: £2 per child (minimum 15 children).

Outreach sessions: £30 morning or afternoon sessions, £50 whole day.

Resource Loan Box: £20 per week (maximum 2 weeks).

# Events and Activities

## Exhibitions:

The Museum hosts two temporary exhibitions a year on a variety of themes. There are plenty of hands on activities for kids too. Look at our website and blog for what's coming up.

## Going Down the Village

Why not join our monthly reminiscence meetings and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit and a natter about the 'good old days'. The group meets every first Thursday of the month in the small hall at 96 Shenley Road. Each month has a theme and the Museum volunteers share photos and images from the archive. You are invited to bring along your own photos as well as souvenirs or artefacts you would like to share with the group.



Most importantly, bring your memories! Free – all welcome.



## Annual History Walk

This usually takes place in July and is led by Museum Manager, David Armitage. Each walk is different and follows a route around the lesser-known areas of Elstree and Borehamwood. Accompanied by old photos and maps, the walk has plenty of surprises and quirky facts.

## Families Day

The Museum has a stall in Meadow Park for this annual summer event. Pop by and see us for a chat and find out what exciting events are coming up.

To keep up to date with all events and activities, visit our website: [www.elstree-museum.org.uk](http://www.elstree-museum.org.uk)