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# Saxmundham Museum



Saxmundham Museum is an independent local museum staffed entirely by volunteers. Entrance is free but please leave a donation if you enjoy your visit.

The building which houses the Museum was originally part of a bakery and some

of the original oven wall tiling can be seen in the cinema room, but it has also been used as both a clothing and antiques shop.

# Saxmundham

The historic market town of Saxmundham sits in the heart of rural East Suffolk. It's thought that Saxon 'invaders' sailed up the river from the sea and settled in the fertile valley they discovered.



The town provided horses for the mail and stage coaches

until the railway came in 1859. A market is held on Wednesdays, continuing the custom granted by royal charter from Henry III in 1272. In addition there are many local shops and businesses, sports and leisure facilities, including caravanning and camping.



Saxmundham has changed much over the years. The livestock market which closed in 1987 had very much been a central feature of life in our rural area.

Who remembers the Saw Mill, lost shops and pubs, or the WWII bombs that dropped onto Market Place and elsewhere, but thankfully didn't explode?

Disappearing too, is the local dialect and words and phrases such as "on the huh", meaning not quite straight. Our Oral History programme enables us to capture voices and memories. We have a presentation of photographs, videos and oral history recordings available in our Reference Room.

#### Open

10.00 am to 1.00 pm, April to September Monday to Saturday including Bank Holidays (except Good Friday)

#### **FREE ADMISSION**

## **Public Transport**

Regular trains from Ipswich and Lowestoft. Bus routes through Saxmundham include No. 62, 63, 64, 65, 521 and 800.

#### Car

We're on the northern end of the High Street, near to the railway bridge. There is a public car park, behind Market Place, which includes toilet facilities.

# **Accessiblity**

Due to the constraints of our building and the outside space our accessibility is limited. Please see our guidance here: www.saxmundhammuseum.org.uk/find-us.php





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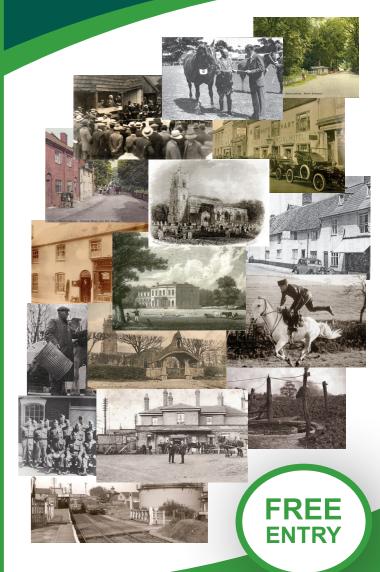
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# SAXMUNDHAM MUSEUM



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The Museum's frontage can only hint at the wonderful content beyond. Once inside, you'll see why Saxmundham was once one of the most important rural towns in East Suffolk.

# **Victorian station booking office** and shop

First, you'll be transported back to the late 1940s with a complete station booking office, staff and a fully working model railway, based on Saxmundham in the 1950s.





Here you will also find our shop area where you can buy a memento of your visit.

#### Cinema

The Museum's cinema is a homage to the 'Playhouse' which stood in Church Street but closed in 1962.

The first feature film shown was 'Melody in Spring' starring Lanny Ross and Ann Sothern.

There is usually a DVD playing and you are welcome to sit back and watch.



## **Documents, information and** artifacts

The Green Room is packed with local history and fascinating artifacts.

Various display boards reveal history such as the lost local pubs and our very own sports car manufacturer.

We also have a memorial board to world famous stamp artist Jenny Toombs and a fascinating Children's Corner to entertain our younger visitors.







"Saxmundham Museum ... a hidden gem"

# Please support Saxmundham Museum

Become a Friend of Saxmundham Museum and as well as knowing you are helping to keep our wonderful museum running, you'll be invited to our social events held throughout the year.

Volunteering If you have time or skills, please drop in and have a word with the steward on duty, or visit: www.saxmundhammuseum.org.uk/help

# **Replica shop fronts line the** courtyard

Go window-shopping in Saxmundham's High Street of old ... the printers, the ladies' dress shop, the saddler, furniture maker, the gents' tailor

... and see the cell, the door is original, where the Beadle and his prisoner talk about his crime! Have a look in H.B. Crisp's shop and see if you can work out what the 'drawing competition' is all about!



#### **Reference Room**

Centerpiece of the reference room is our digital presentation of historic local photographs, videos and oral history recordings.

Also located here are many books and information resources including lists of historic shop occupancy.

We have a radio playing the Saxmundham edition of Wilfred Pickles' 'Have a Go' programme from 1957. One of the guiz guestions he asked was "What do we often return but never borrow?"





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