

PETERSFIELD MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY ANNOUNCES FREE ADMISSION FOR UNDER 18'S

Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery are delighted to announce an exciting new initiative inviting young museum-goers to explore the world of art and history with free general admission for all under 18s, starting **from December 16, 2023**. Under 18s Go Free has been made possible through the invaluable support of the Tansy Trust.



Two young museum-goers looking at the Transport display with Fashion and Textile Collection items in the Petersfield Gallery.

"Under 18s Go Free is a significant step in the right direction to open our galleries to all. We are very aware of the current financial challenges and are thrilled that Under 18s Go Free will make our galleries and exhibitions more accessible to families and young people, in time for the upcoming holiday break and then throughout our 25th Birthday year."

Dan McWilliam, Museum Director

The launch of Under 18s Go Free coincides with the upcoming school holidays, offering families a more affordable way to entertain their children over the seasonal break. The initiative reflects Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery's commitment to accessibility, fostering education, and inviting young museum-goers to their galleries.

"Under 18s Go Free is our commitment to welcoming young individuals to Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery, creating an environment where they can see themselves and their interests reflected in our spaces. By removing barriers, we hope to create a vibrant community, ensuring our stories resonate to inspire the next generation."

Ryan Watts, Head of Engagement

At the onset of this initiative, visitors can explore the newest exhibition, *Sarah Butterfield: Dusk and Dawn in The Solent*, Impressionist-landscapes capturing the 'fireworks of the sky' over the Hampshire coastline. Museum-goers can also expect to catch the final weeks of *Gyles Brandreth: Fun and Fabulous Jumpers* with festive knits of the Autumn/Winter collection as well as *The Edward Barnsley Workshop: A 100 Years of Craft* highlighting a selection of craftsman pieces made from the Workshop of one of the most important British furniture makers of the 20th Century.

"We're thrilled to offer free admission for under 18s at Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery, making our Exhibitions and Collections accessible to all. Striding toward inclusivity, we invite families and young individuals to explore our galleries, anticipating an exciting range of exhibitions in 2024."

Louise Weller, Head of Collections and Exhibitions

Free admission for under-18s will continue into the new year to celebrate 25 years of Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery. Discover what is in store for art exhibitions and events by visiting What's On: www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk/whats-on

Special Note: While this offer extends to general admission, please know it does not apply to the Festive Family Fun Day event on December 22, 2023.

Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery is immensely grateful for the ongoing support of the Tansy Trust, enabling us to make cultural enrichment accessible to young minds in our community.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Press images for all exhibitions and events are available from Molly Schmidt (Marketing and Communications Officer): communications@petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery

Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery is an accredited, independent museum and registered charity. Established in 1999, it has recently undergone a £4 million redevelopment, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. A rare example of a restored Victorian Justice Heritage site, its permanent collections include an Archaeology Collection and Social History Collection relating to Petersfield and the surrounding area, the Flora Twort Art Collection, a Photography Collection (including the Don Eades Photographic Archive) and a Fashion and Textiles Collection (including the Bedales Historic Dress Collection), as well as a Reference Archive. The Flora Twort Gallery is a dedicated art gallery with an ambitious fine art and contemporary craft exhibition programme and an inclusive public programme. It is also home to the Tim Wilton-Steer Collection of works by and about the poet Edward Thomas, housed in The Edward Thomas Study Centre.

Website: www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/petersfieldmuseum

Instagram: www.instagram.com/petersfieldmuseum

Twitter: www.twitter.com/PfieldMuseum

Visiting Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday – 10.00am to 5.00pm (Last entry at 4.00pm).

Admission Prices: _Adults - £8.00 | Young People (5-17) - Free from 16 December 2023 | Children Under 5: Free

Family, group and concession tickets are available – please visit: www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk for more details.

Tickets: To book admission and event tickets, please visit: www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Visiting the Shop

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday – 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Open to the public, no museum admission required.

Visiting the Coffee Shop

Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday – 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Open to the public, no museum admission required.

Located in the Petersfield Museum and Art Gallery's courtyard.