

10 things to see



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Harborough Museum

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1 Special Exhibitions:

See our changing programme of exhibitions featuring Leicestershire Museums Collections, loaned exhibitions and community displays.

2 The Story Place:

Step into the children's library for books, events and museum displays. Come along to Wriggly Readers every Thursday at 10.30am (free) here, and ask at the Help Desks about our monthly Museum Minis sessions.



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Please help us protect museum and library collections by not eating or drinking.

3 Vamping Horn:

A 17th century, 1.5m long horn from Braybrooke church which was used to 'vamp up' the choir, probably amplifying a tune.

4 ICT Suite and Family History:

Access the internet for free as a library member in our ICT Suite, including subscriptions to online Family History resources such as Ancestry, Find My Past and the British Newspaper Archive.

5 Swithland Slate Sundial, 1834:

From the observatory of Rev Dr Pearson in South Kilworth, who was a keen astronomer and co-founder of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1821. The Latin inscription reads "I run without feet, I speak without a tongue."

6 The Hallaton Helmet:

A magnificent and unique 1st century AD Roman cavalry helmet, found at the Hallaton shrine site alongside 5000 coins and other fantastic and internationally-important treasures.

7 The Harborough Toys:

Dating from the mid 17th century, a unique hoard of more than 200 wood and bone toys was found behind a bricked-up stairwell in St. Dionysius Church in the centre of Market Harborough. Perhaps these toys were confiscated from children during a service?

8 Hawaiian Print Swimsuit, 1950s:

R&WH Symington and Co Ltd built The Symington Building as a corset factory in 1889 and by the 1930s, they began making swimsuits under the 'Peter Pan' brand name, targeting holiday makers.

9 Cursed Shoes of Papillon Hall:

These elegant shoes are rumoured to have belonged to the Spanish mistress of David Papillon (1691-1762), owner of Papillon Hall. Read about the curse connected to these shoes as you explore.

10 Lubenham Stable Door:

This stable door belonged to Cherry Angell, who lived and trained horses in Lubenham. He was involved in setting up the National Hunt Steeplechase, which was first held in Lubenham in 1860 and his horse 'Bridegroom' took first place.