

SAXMUNDHAM MUSEUM

Open 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Monday to Saturday

including Bank Holidays (except Good Friday)

April to September

FREE ADMISSION

Limited Disabled Access

49 High Street
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www.saxmundhammuseum.org.uk



Saxmundham Museum

Saxmundham Museum is an independent local museum staffed entirely by volunteers.

It was founded in 2007 by members of the Saxmundham and District Local History Society, a group dedicated to understanding and preserving intelligence about the region's past.

The building which houses the Museum today has had a long and varied history. It was a bakehouse from the late 19th century until the mid 20th century and part of the original oven wall tiling can be seen in the cinema room.

All the Museum's artifacts have been kindly donated by people from around the area.

Saxmundham

Saxmundham is an historic market town on the main route between London and Yarmouth.

Until the coming of the railway in 1859 it was an important stop on the turkpike, with several coaching inns. Nowadays, the railway station is used daily by commuters from a wide area.

The town, which is now bypassed by the A12, still holds a market on Wednesdays, continuing the custom granted in a royal charter by Henry III in 1272. In addition there many local shops and businesses, sports and leisure facilities.

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*Enjoy a walk through the history
of a Suffolk market town*

At first glance Saxmundham Museum looks tiny. But once you're inside, you'll see why Saxmundham was once one of the most important towns in East Suffolk.

Victorian station booking office

First, you'll be transported back to the late 1940s and a complete station booking office, with staff, ladies room, etc. Take a peep through the booking office window to see the staff hard at work.

Documents, information and artifacts

The Green Room is packed with local history and fascinating artifacts, including photographs of the Anglo Saxon relics found recently by archaeologists at the Church Hill site. We also have a replica of the head of Claudius (the original cast being found in Rendham). We have a touch-screen display showing many historic photographs of both the town and surrounding villages.

Cinema

Next, you'll find yourself in our cinema. Settle down in our cuddle seats under the watchful eye of the usherette and pass an hour watching bygone days

Replica shop fronts line the courtyard

On to the courtyard with replica shops from Saxmundham, and also the cell where the Beadle and the prisoner talk over his crime!

Exhibition Room

The exhibition room is themed, with displays reflecting events of local and national interest.



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To become a Friend, please complete and return the form below, with your cheque for the appropriate amount. Don't worry, we won't share your details with anyone else.

Or join our group of volunteers. If you have time or skills, we'd love to hear from you.

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