

## **Discover Bucks Museum Collections Access**

At Discover Bucks Museum, we are committed to making our diverse collections accessible to the public, researchers and groups. Our collections team offers a variety of engagement opportunities, whether you're looking to explore specific exhibitions, conduct personal research, or participate in a guided tour.

### **Talks**

#### **1. Discover Bucks Museum: Talk, tea/coffee and entrance to the museum**

Introduction talks to the museum, from one of our keepers, this could include an insight into one of our current exhibitions, a particular gallery at the museum, or an overview of the museum's history. Complemented by tea and coffee.

- **Location:** Discover Bucks Museum Church Street, Aylesbury
- **Accessibility:** Discover Bucks Museum is fully accessible to visitors
- **Option 1:** 15-30 min introduction - 15 minute in-gallery introduction to a particular exhibition or gallery with an additional time for answering questions as the group peruses the displays. **(Max 8 people) Cost:** option 1- £50
- **Option 2:** full 45 mins with PowerPoint followed by self-lead entrance and view of the museum and galleries. **(Max 40 people) Cost:** Option 2 - £15 per person (min. booking of 15 people)

Currently on offer –

- Any of the subjects in point 2. Keeper led talks. (see below)
- A history of the museum site and of what to look out for in the museum.
- Embroiderers' Guild Gallery 'Sew Dainty' – Until Dec 2026.
- Discover Bucks Gallery – covering either Archaeology or Natural History.
- Cross-subject specialist accessible 'touch tours' – designed to meet the needs of a range of access groups, including visually impaired visitors.



## 2. Online or external Keeper-led Talks

We offer talks by our knowledgeable Keepers online or externally, on various topics related to the collections.

- **Cost:** £85 per hour
- **Additional Mileage Charges if located:** Outside 20-mile radius from Church Street, Aylesbury.
- **Online or externally:** additional mileage charges

### Currently on offer –

#### Archaeology

- *The Lenborough Hoard – 1016 and the Forgotten Conquest of England*
- *The Mysteries of Yewden Roman Villa*
- *How to Read a Roman Coin*
- *Recent Treasure Finds from Bucks*

#### Geology and Natural History

- *The famous Aylesbury duck and the not so famous Aylesbury prune*
- *The ups and downs of the Ice Age – Buckinghamshire and beyond*
- *Exploring Discover Bucks Museum's wildlife collections*
- *Exploring Discover Bucks Museum's geology collections*

#### Social History

- *Exploring Discover Bucks Museum's Social History collection*
- *Straw Plaiting in Buckinghamshire*
- *Weird – Strange and creepy objects from the collection*
- *A history of the museum site and of what to look out for in the museum*

## Tours

### 3. Group Tours of the Museum Resource Centre, which is our off-site storage facility (mixed subject covering Archaeology, Social History and Natural sciences collections with 3 keepers)

Book a group tour at Halton, offering in-depth insights into the collections, split into smaller groups. Our tours at Halton range from a deep dive into specific collections to more general overviews, with dedicated sessions and rotating groups for a hands-on experience.

- **Cost 2-hour tours:** £20 per person maximum number of people 12 (Min. charge £100)
- **Cost 1-hour tours:** £10 per person maximum number of people 12 (Min. charge £50)
- **Location:** Museum Resource Centre, Rowborough Road, Halton
- **Duration:** 2 hours or 1 hour (Guided Tour with Rotating Groups)
- **Accessibility:** Our off-site store at Halton is partially accessible to visitors. Please advise us of any specific requirements.

4. **Group visits of our off-site store (subject specific with 1 keeper covering either Archaeology, Natural History or social history)**

For a shorter and more specific focus, explore a subject-specific collection with a tailored 1-hour tour.

- **Cost:** £10 per person maximum number of people 12 (Min. charge £50)
- **Duration:** up to 1 hour only
- **Location:** Museum Resource Centre, Rowborough Road, Halton
- **Accessibility:** Our off-site store at Halton is partially accessible to visitors. Please advise us of any specific requirements.



## **Research**

5. **Researcher Access to Collections**

Gain access to unique collections and archives at Halton for personal research. Whether you're a personal researcher, academic, or part of a larger group, we offer access to unique collections at Halton, including one-on-one research assistance and photography permits. For academic researchers, access is free with an official letter of introduction.

- **Collections Enquiry completed by museum staff (up to 1 hour):** Free
- **Collections Research (over 1 hour):** £10 per half hour
- **Photography Permit:** £5 per session (Non-Flash Photography)
- **Location:** Museum Resource Centre, Rowborough Road, Halton
- **Accessibility:** Our off-site store at Halton is partially accessible to visitors. Please advise us of any specific requirements.



## **Booking**

Booking: For more information or to discuss specific requirements, all bookings for talks and tours can be made by contacting Jo Mealor. [JMealor@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:JMealor@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

## **Educational and Learning Opportunities**

For tailored educational experiences, please refer to our Education Manager and the education programme. The Education Manager can assist with group bookings, school visits, and curriculum-based learning opportunities, which are separate from the collections team's offerings. Contact the Education Manager: For more information on our education programme and learning opportunities, please reach out to Rebecca Woodford. [RWoodford@discoverbucksmuseum.org](mailto:RWoodford@discoverbucksmuseum.org)

## **Terms and Conditions**

- **Terms & Conditions:** Please note that bookings are subject to availability, and we require a minimum of 48 hours' notice for cancellations. For group bookings, a minimum number of participants is required.

## **Testimonials or Visitor Feedback**

‘Enthralled by the expertise of Brett Thorn, I intend to regale my colleagues at my next cheese and wine on the treasures brought out of storage for this talk. What a fabulous afternoon. Thank you DB’ – Alison

