

ROYSTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

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A museum was first established in Royston in 1856, when it was housed in the Institute Building, but in 1901 a decision was taken to close it and the collection was unfortunately sent for auction and dispersed. Many of the finest items were bought by collectors, though some were later returned for the current collection through the generosity of individual purchasers. In 1965 the Royston and District Local History Society was formed with the main aim of providing a Museum for the town. Members collected and housed items of local historical interest throughout the area and in 1976 a small room at the back of the Town Hall opened as a museum, manned by volunteers from the History Society. In 1979 the Museum moved to a larger room at the Town Hall with a storeroom attached. In 1984, after discussions between the Town Council, the Local History Society, and the Trustees of the Royston and District Local History Society Trust, the Museum was opened in the present building - the old Congregational Church Schoolroom. At the time of the re-opening five trustees were nominated by the Local History Society to oversee the collection and they serve with elected Councillors on the Royston Town Council's Museum Sub-Committee.

The museum contains Fine Art, local archaeology, a magnificent loan collection of 19th and 20th century ceramics and glass from nineteenth century, the Royston Crow Printing press, and the Royston Tapestry Project. In addition to the permanent display there are also six temporary exhibitions each year.

Opening Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am - 4.45 pm, all year round. Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 2pm - 4.45 pm Easter to September only. Admission is free
