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The Scott Polar Research Institute was founded in 1920, in Cambridge, as a memorial to Captain Robert Falcon Scott, RN, and his four companions, who died returning from the South Pole in 1912. When Scott's last words, "*For God's sake look after our people*" were made known to the British nation, the response was tremendous. Scott himself had emphasised the importance of science, and from this plea the Institute was born.

The Institute's Museum displays a unique collection of artefacts, journals, paintings, photographs, clothing equipment, maps, and other materials illustrating polar exploration and polar science. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Polar Museum at SPRI has recently completed a £1.75 million redevelopment. The galleries were reopened on 8 June 2010 by TRH The Earl and Countess of Wessex. Our new design increases the existing gallery space by 20% and has opened up the original Lensfield Road entrance. Many more of the Museum's objects are now on view with new and exciting interpretation.

The Friends of SPRI organise a range of lectures, covering a broad range of topics, all with a Polar theme. Historical, ethnographic, and scientific subjects are covered, and members of the public are invited to join. Lectures are held in the Institute's own lecture theatre. By joining the Friends you will help us to continue the valuable work of the Scott Polar Research Institute. There are various membership options available, starting from £20 a year.

Museum opening times: Sundays and Mondays: Closed Tuesday-Saturday: 10am-4pm, Saturdays: except Bank Holiday weekends. Admission to the museum is free.
