

WISBECH & FENLAND MUSEUM

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Wisbech & Fenland Museum is one of the oldest museums in the United Kingdom. It is very unusual because it is not only a museum, but also home to two historic libraries and it also has a substantial archive of local government records, manorial records, maps, and photographs and is the Diocesan repository for 26 local parishes. The collections were initiated by the town's Literary and Museum Societies which were formed in 1781 and 1835 respectively. Since the Museum opened in 1847, the collections have continued to grow, but the essence of the Museum remains virtually unchanged. So come and discover a treasure house of rare and unusual artefacts, illuminating history, both local and worldwide, recent and ancient.

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The Friends of Wisbech & Fenland Museum support the Museum. In particular they aim to: improve the display of the exhibits, arrange special exhibitions, lectures, and concerts and to generally further the charitable purposes of the Museum and encourage the development of its facilities.

In recent years they have supported various acquisitions, for example a new computer for use by Friends and volunteers, text panels for an exhibition and a new display case for the manuscript of *Great Expectations*. In addition, they continue to research and produce a variety of Museum publications.

Join the Friends and you can enjoy: The winter lecture programme, Opportunities to volunteer at the Museum, Invitations to exhibition previews and special events and Social outings in the summer

Information about Membership and the Programme is available from the Museum.
