



PRESTON MANOR NEW SEASON

PRESTON MANOR & GARDENS
Admission payable, members free
Step into 1912 and experience life upstairs and downstairs as costumed staff bring the manor's stories to life.

For the 2026 season, explore the reopened top floor, revealing fresh secrets of the Stanford family and their servants, and don't miss our new *History of the Manor* exhibition. From the bustling kitchen below stairs to the elegant rooms above, every corner tells a story.

OPEN FROM
14 MARCH
2026

EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS



Brighton Photo: Christine Jones, 2002
Brighton & Hove Museums. Courtesy of the artist

PASSION, POWER AND PROTEST

Continuing CENTRAL GALLERY, BRIGHTON MUSEUM
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free
This exhibition is all about people. Who we love, what we fight for, how we try to change the world. Explore the themes, play and participate in the gallery activities, and tell us what you think.

GENDER STORIES

31 Jan to 12 Apr 2026
BRIGHTON MUSEUM
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free
An exhibition that sensitively begins to examine the fluid, multifaceted world of gender across cultures, eras, and personal experiences. This compelling display brings together diverse objects and artworks from Brighton & Hove Museums, Bristol Museums, and National Museums Liverpool. By combining community stories with insights from gender theory, *Gender Stories* highlights both the joys and struggles of gender identity. A MAGNET partnership exhibition, with Art Fund support and supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.



THE SUSSEX LANCERS: TAILOR-MADE LEATHER LOVERS

31 Jan to 12 Apr 2026
PRINTS & DRAWINGS GALLERY, BRIGHTON MUSEUM
Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free
Through fashion, fetish, and motorbikes, this display explores community, defiance, and the enduring legacy of the Sussex leather scene, with new photographs by Ant Edwards. Curated by Alf Le Flohic.

PLAY BACK FOWRWARD

Continues to 12 Apr 2026
HOVE MUSEUM
Free admission
Journey into a cinematic time machine and celebrate Brighton & Hove's early film pioneers. Inspired by the city's rich Film & Media collections, this interactive exhibition explores the past and future of film through hands-on displays, immersive experiences, and creative technology.



WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Continues to Spring 2026
HOVE MUSEUM
Free admission
Inspired by our partnership with Café Rust this display *Delicious* features food and drink related objects from our collections.

DRAGONS AT THE ROYAL PAVILION

28 Mar to 1 Nov 2026
ROYAL PAVILION
Free with Royal Pavilion admission, members free
Welcome to the Palace of Dragons and step into a world of flight, fantasy and magic. DRAGONS at the Royal Pavilion explores the power, beauty and mystery of the world's most iconic mythical creatures. Go on a dragon quest, find dragon eggs and help the baby dragons find their way home. Step into the dragon's mouth, search for dragons in the mirrors, listen to roaring dragons in the palace halls, relax with a story, and be a Royal Pavilion Dragon Detective. In the Prince Regent Gallery *Fire and Water: Dreaming of Dragons* takes you on a journey around the world, revealing how dragons have captured people's imagination in European and Asian cultures.

EVENTS



CURATOR AT WORK: SECRETS & STORIES FROM THE COLLECTIONS

CENTRAL GALLERY, BRIGHTON MUSEUM
See our Curators at work in the galleries and talk to them about their current projects in this series of informal drop-in sessions across our sites.
11am Free with Brighton Museum admission, members free
Tue 20 Jan
Tue 17 Feb
Tue 10 Mar
Tue 21 Apr
For more details of upcoming sessions visit our website.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Sat 24 Jan
ROYAL PAVILION GARDEN
11am-1pm Free, drop-in.
All ages
Support the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch by spending an hour in the Royal Pavilion Garden watching the birds. Collect binoculars, a bird identification and counting sheet, and record the birds you see.



WOMEN OF THE ROYAL PAVILION ESTATE - WALK AND TALK

Sat 7 Feb
ROYAL PAVILION GARDEN
12-1pm Free, booking not required. Ages 14+
A relaxed walk and talk around the Royal Pavilion Garden with Louise Peskett, author of *The Fearless and the Fabulous: A Journey through Brighton & Hove's Women's History*. Meet outside Brighton Museum.

GHOSTLY GATHERINGS AT PRESTON MANOR

Fri 13 & 20 Feb
PRESTON MANOR
8-11pm £35, members discount 15% (includes tour, wine and nibbles)
A ghostly evening exploring what is purported to be one of the most haunted houses in Britain. Gather for drinks and nibbles before hearing an introduction to the house and the resident spirits, followed by a tour of the Manor to explore the areas where ghostly activity has been recorded throughout the centuries.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: THE FEARLESS AND FABULOUS WOMEN OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE

Fri 6 Mar
THE OLD COURTROOM
6-7pm £12, members discount 15%
Celebrate International Women's Day 2026 with author Louise Peskett for an inspiring journey through Brighton & Hove's remarkable women, drawing from her book *The Fearless and the Fabulous: A Journey Through Brighton and Hove's Women's History*. Includes a Q&A.



TOURS



GUIDED TOURS

With several different tours across our sites, there's a treat in store for everyone! For the full list of all our tours visit brightonmuseums.org.uk/guided-tours/

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ROYAL PAVILION

Every Sat
ROYAL PAVILION
2pm £25 (includes a day pass to the Royal Pavilion), members and annual pass holders £10
Explore the Chinese-inspired pleasure palace of the extravagant King George IV.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TOUR - GROUND FLOOR

Wed 14 Jan & 11 Mar
ROYAL PAVILION
5-6pm £20, members discount 15%
Explore and discover servants' corridors, mysterious hidden staircases, kitchens, cupboards, the King's Band-Room and other secret spaces.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TOUR - UPPER CHAMBERS

Wed 11 Feb & 15 Apr
ROYAL PAVILION
5-6pm £20, members discount 15%
Behind the scenes of the first floor in the Royal Pavilion, including secret stairs that lead straight to George's bedside and other hidden rooms and spaces normally closed to the public.

BASEMENT & TUNNEL TOURS

Tue 13 & 27 Jan, 10 & 24 Feb, 10 & 24 Mar, 7 & 21 Apr & every Sat
ROYAL PAVILION
Tuesday 10.30-1130am, Saturday 12-1pm £30, members and annual pass holders £15 (includes entry to the Royal Pavilion at end of tour)
An unpolished, behind-the-scenes glimpse of areas of the building not normally open to the public. Discover more about life below stairs for Royal Pavilion servants, ending in the tunnel which led to George IV's royal stables.

WORKSHOPS



INSPIRING WOMEN OF BRIGHTON & HOVE: WRITING WORKSHOP WITH FORTHWRITE

Sat 7 Feb
BRIGHTON MUSEUM
10am-12.30pm Free but book in advance at www.forthwrite.uk. Ages 18+
A creative writing workshop in collaboration with Forthwrite. Discover inspiring stories of remarkable women from Brighton & Hove's history. Includes a talk and walk of the Royal Pavilion Garden with author Louise Peskett.

WHERE ARE ALL THE LESBIANS? RESEARCHING THE MUSEUMS' COLLECTION FOR REPRESENTATION

Sun 22 Feb
BRIGHTON MUSEUM
10.30am-12.30pm Free but please sign up in advance (maximum 20 spaces)
An introductory workshop inviting local cis, trans and non-binary lesbian women to explore how lesbian lives are represented in Brighton & Hove Museums' collections. Led by Lisa Hinkins, Collaborative PhD Researcher with Brighton & Hove Museums, email Lisa for information and sign up: l.hinkins2@uni.brighton.ac.uk

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE



VICTORIAN COOKERY CLUB FOR ADULTS

Sun 12 Apr
PRESTON MANOR
2-4pm £20, members discount 15%. Ages 18+
Learn the secrets of a Victorian Kitchen. What did the Victorians like to eat? The session starts with a tour of our beautiful Victorian Dining Room and Kitchen, followed by a hands-on cookery workshop creating genuine Victorian recipes. We welcome people with Alzheimer's.

STORYTELLING AT HOVE MUSEUM

Mon 16 Feb, 30 Mar & 6 Apr
HOVE MUSEUM
10.30-11am & 1-1.30pm Ages 4 and under, 11.30am-12pm & 1.30-2pm Ages 5+ Free (children must be accompanied by an adult)
Drop-in and hear some fun stories at the museum.



ART CLUB AT BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Wed 18 Feb, 1 & 8 Apr
BRIGHTON MUSEUM
10-11.30am & 2-3.30pm £7 each plus entry to Brighton Museum, or three advance tickets for £15, members discount 15%. Ages 5-13 (children must be accompanied by an adult)
Take inspiration from the museum collection in our art & craft workshops.



ART CLUB AT HOVE MUSEUM

Thu 19 Feb, 2 & 9 Apr
HOVE MUSEUM
10-11.30am & 2-3.30pm £7 each or three advance tickets for £15, members discount 15%. Ages 5-13 (children must be accompanied by an adult)
Take inspiration from the museum collection in our art & craft workshops.

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10.30-11am & 1-1.30pm Ages 4 and under, 11.30am-12pm & 1.30-2pm Ages 5+ Free with Brighton Museum admission (children must be accompanied by an adult)
Fun stories around the fire in the Archaeology Gallery.



EASTER TRAIL AT PRESTON MANOR

Fri 3, Sat 4, Sun 5, Thu 9, Fri 10, Sat 11 & Sun 12 April
PRESTON MANOR
During opening hours, drop in. £2 a trail plus Preston Manor admission
Pick up our Easter trail over the holidays. Can you find all the golden eggs? Win a prize if you can.
Please note this is a self-led activity.

PLAYDAYS AT EASTER

Sun 5 & Mon 6 Apr
HOVE MUSEUM GARDEN
10am-4pm Free, drop-in. All ages
Enjoy some outdoor fun and games this Easter with our library of outdoor games to choose from.
Please note: this activity is weather dependent and self-led.



VICTORIAN COOKERY CLUB

Wed 8 Apr
PRESTON MANOR
10am-12pm £20 each or £30 for two siblings, members discount 15%. Ages 8-12 (children must be accompanied by an adult)
Learn the secrets of a Victorian Kitchen at Easter. What did the Victorians like to eat? The session starts with a tour of our beautiful Victorian Dining Room and Kitchen, followed by a hands-on cookery workshop creating genuine Victorian recipes.

Become a member today

As a charity, Brighton & Hove Museums relies on the generosity of people like you. As a member you will be supporting local arts and culture at the same time benefiting from:

- Unlimited visits to our sites and exhibitions throughout the year
- Up to four children (18 and under) go free
- A free welcome tour of the Royal Pavilion
- Members' discounts for events, talks and activities
- Special discounts in our shops and cafes
- Regular updates directly to your inbox

Visit brightonmuseums.org.uk/membership for more information.

VENUES

Brighton Museum & Art Gallery
Royal Pavilion Garden, Brighton BN1 1FN

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Preston Manor & Gardens
Preston Drive, Brighton BN1 6SD

Hove Museum of Creativity
19 New Church Road, Hove BN3 4AB

The Old Courtroom
118 Church Street, side entrance
Brighton BN1 1UD (open for events only)

HOW TO BOOK

Book tickets online at brightonmuseums.org.uk or contact the Bookings Team on 03000 290902 or info@rpmt.org.uk

ACCESS

If you have any access requirements please contact the Bookings Team who will be able to advise you on 03000 290902 or info@rpmt.org.uk



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What's On

Jan - Apr 2026



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