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Latest News of the Museum

Boosting Income Through Gift Aid

Here at the museum we need all the pennies we can get and there is no better way to do this than get the visitors to sign up to gift aid as often as possible, whether this is in their entrance fee or with a donation. Over the past period, we have placed a renewed focus on encouraging visitors to opt into Gift Aid, recognising its importance as a key income stream for the museum.

Gift Aid allows us to increase the value of eligible donations and ticket purchases by 25% at no additional cost to visitors. This makes it one of the most effective ways to maximise revenue from existing footfall. (25p to every £1 Gift Aided).

One such way in which we were able to get some extra was when

a past Volunteer sadly passed away but in her memory her family donated a large sum of money to us and very kindly Gift Aided it too. This meant the kind donation was substantially increased. We have used the money towards payment for the newly reframing of the famous old Exmouth to Budleigh Salterton railway viaduct blue print plans which will have a small plaque in Sara's memory on it.

Pam Langford the museum Gift Aid Officer has worked hard over the winter submitting all the gift aid forms over the past few months and a healthy return was paid into the museum bank account this pass week.

So do remember Gift Aid means more money in our pockets

Diary Dates APRIL 2026

Saturday 4TH & Monday 6th April 2026 Easter Bunny Hunt at the Museum

sponsored by Tesco Community, Bunny Hunt and Chocolate bunnies for the children taking part

Thursday 16TH April 2026 Museum Coffee Morning

10.15 - 12.15 at the Axis Centre, Markets Street, (behind the cinema)

Thursday 30th April 2026 Museum Quiz night

7.15 for 7.45 start, at the Wings Bar Imperial Road, Exmouth



What is going on behind the scenes ,

The museum is housed in the former council stables dating back to the late 1800s, and as such, it is not an inherently energy-efficient building. However, the current management committee is making every effort to address these challenges.

During the winter closure, we invited an independent Energy Performance Advisor to assess the building and identify areas for improvement. This proved to be a valuable exercise, clearly highlighting where energy efficiency can be enhanced.

Each year, we apply for grants from a variety of sources, and this report has helped us prioritise the most important areas for investment and change.

One area we have already improved is the lighting has already been upgraded to LED lighting throughout.

The new front door has now been fitted, and everyone agrees that it is in keeping with the period of the building. Work is also underway on a new fire door for the Hayloft Gallery, being carried out by the local builder who installed the front door.

The committee also has further plans for improvements, which will be undertaken as funds become available.

Easter at the Museum starts the events for the coming season

Once again over the **Easter the Easter bunnies** will be hiding in and around the galleries of the museum. children that visit the museum over the Saturday and Easter Monday bank Holiday can see if they can find them and the lucky children that do win a Chocolate bunny to take away with them, courtesy of Tesco, who proudly sponsor the museum with many events over the season.

Following on from Easter the museum will be attending many of the usual outside events going on in and around the town, Events like **Armed Forces Day, Classic Car Shows, Exmouth Festival,**

and Transplant and Organ Donor Awareness.

At these events you can find us under our big Blue Gazebo with some event related artefacts, historical information and our popular Treasure Hunt game and Find the Key game.

Along with these events throughout the year we will have our monthly **Quiz nights** at the Wings Bar Imperial Road. and we have plans for another **Town Treasure Hunt** in an evening during the summer TBA.



New Years Honours list

At Exmouth Museum, each year we proudly honour the businesses and individuals who have supported us over the past 12 months. Their generosity helps us preserve and share our local history with the community and future generations.

This list of supporters can be seen displayed in the Museum for all to view.

We are now looking ahead to 2026.

If you would like to support the Museum and see your name included on next year's list of supporters, we would love to hear from you. Whether through a one-off donation or by becoming a regular sponsor, your contribution makes a real difference.

Please get in touch at: exmouthmuseum@gmail.com

Together, we can continue to celebrate and protect Exmouth's rich heritage.

