

The Archaeology Room

The ancient peoples of the Bridgwater area lived near rivers and on the nearby hills. Objects from the Stone Age and the Iron Age have been found at several sites. A very strong Roman influence was felt later on, with ports at Combwich and Crandon Bridge. Come along and view these fascinating finds.

On permanent display we have the 10,400 year-old Greylake Skulls.

In 2011 radiocarbon dating showed that both skulls were from people who died around 8,400 BC in the Mesolithic period. This is 5,600 years older than Stonehenge.



The Brick and Tile Industry

The Museum's collection of brick and tile making artefacts may be seen at the Somerset Brick and Tile Museum, East Quay, Bridgwater. Open Tuesday and Thursday, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Tel: 01278 426088 (Tues & Thurs) or 01823 347451 (Mon - Fri)



Learning

We offer opportunities to schools to have a themed learning experience. For details please email: learning@bridgwatermuseum.org.uk

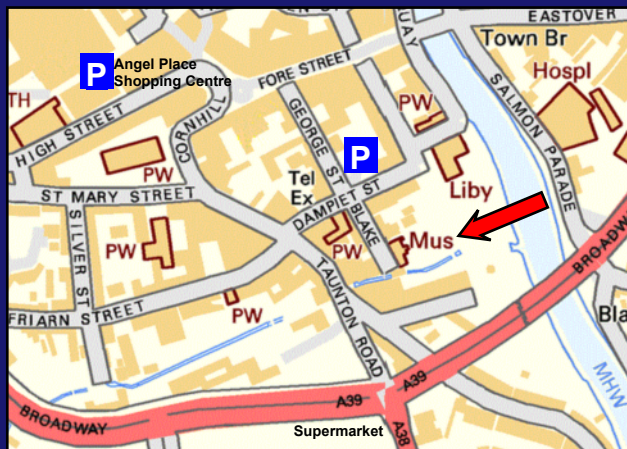
The Friends of Blake Museum.

You can help support the future of the museum by joining the Friends or by making a donation.

Visit: www.blakemuseumfriends.org.uk



Where are we?



Bridgwater Museum

Discover Bridgwater's Heritage

From Stone Age to Modern Age

There's something for everyone

Since 1926



Blake Museum

5 Blake Street, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 3NB

Tel: 01278 456127

Nearest bus stop: High Street or Bus and Coach Station.

Railway Station: St John Street.

Nearest car park: Dampiet Street (short stay)

You will be entering a Grade 2* listed building and as such, wheelchairs are restricted to the ground floor. The upper floor has changes of level and some floors are uneven. Every assistance will be given to make your visit an enjoyable one.

We reserve the right to close the museum or any part thereof without prior notice.

Group and Party Visits

For group and party visits with a guided tour, please contact the museum for details.

Website: www.bridgwatermuseum.org.uk

Email: blake@bridgwatermuseum.org.uk

FREE ENTRY

Donations most welcome

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 p.m.

Last admittance at 3.00 p.m.

From 18th April - 3rd November 2017



Bridgwater Town Council



Blake Museum is a 16th century house located in the heart of Bridgwater, a historic market town and port, first mentioned as Brugie in the Domesday Book of 1086. The Museum was first opened to the public in 1926 and it is said that Robert Blake, the town's most famous citizen, was born in the house in 1598.

As well as being the local museum for archaeology and history of Bridgwater, we also cover the villages in the area extending from south of Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge in the north, to Thurloxton in the south, and Ashcott in the east to beyond Nether Stowey in the west.



The Blake Room

The son of a prosperous Bridgwater merchant, Robert Blake became Member of Parliament for the town in 1640. Joining the Parliamentary party against King Charles I during the Civil War, he became Cromwell's General-at-Sea. Follow this fascinating story of the founder of the modern navy.

The Exhibition Room

The Exhibition Room is used for temporary exhibitions. For more details please contact the museum or see our website.

The Library

On the first floor. This has a collection of local books, as well as reference notes about the villages of the neighbourhood and other topics. The photographic collection is housed here. The Library may be used by appointment only.



The Bridgwater Room

Geology and remains of the medieval Friary and the Hospital of St John feature here. The medieval wooden chest where the Borough documents were once stored is kept here along with the bells from the Old Town Gaol.

Castle & other Hospital of St John remains can be found in the lower garden.

Why not bring your own food and enjoy a picnic in the garden.



The lower garden area



Hot drinks and ice creams are available on request in the Victorian Kitchen



The Bygones Room

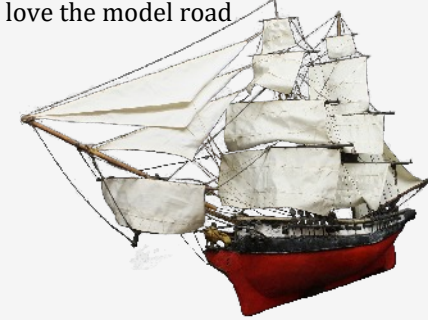
The Bygones Room contains a mixture of artefacts from days gone by. There is a large display of Bridgwater's industrial past along with some other unusual exhibits.



From the Battle of Sedgemoor Diorama

The Transport Room

Bridgwater was once the premier port for Somerset and has a rich maritime heritage. Kids and adults will love the model road transport vehicles.



John Chubb 1746-1818



The Gallery

The Gallery now features an exhibition about John Chubb, artist and merchant. Here you will find copies of John's paintings which are available for you to browse.

See the Alfred Jewel (replica) on display in the Battle Room



The Battle Room

Bridgwater's involvement in conflict from the time of Alfred the Great, the English Civil War, the Battle of Sedgemoor and the two World Wars. Kids (and adults) are able to handle a replica musket of the type used at the Battle of Sedgemoor.