

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

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Exhibitions at West Berkshire Museum for Spring 2018

Special exhibition: Hoards – bringing together, for the first time, over eleven hoards from all over West Berkshire. This is a chance to see the buried treasure from prehistory to the medieval period. Explore the history of each hoard, find out how and where they were found, and consider why they were hidden and never retrieved. **Opens 24th January 2018.**

Special exhibition: Crime and Punishment – The sleepy district of West Berkshire hasn't always been so quiet, in fact it has an interesting record of historic crime. This exhibition looks at the nature of crime and the types of punishments that were dealt between 1500 and 1914. **Runs until 15th April 2018.**

Lives and Landscapes – our permanent exhibition tells the story of West Berkshire, from the rocks under our feet to the stories of the people who have lived here. Our early unnamed ancestors, well known characters like Jack of Newbury and our most recent families, together they have created the towns and villages, roads and canals, fields and farms, industries, pastimes and organisations that we know today. It also looks at local events such as the Newbury coat, A34 bypass protest & Civil War battles. **Open.**
It is free to do a self-led visit of the exhibitions and free activity trails can be provided too.

Right: November's Takeover Day 2017.

<https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/takeoverday/>

Museum Takeover Day 2017

Takeover Day is a national initiative that occurs annually in November. This year on Friday 17th November, 19 Year 4s from Aldermaston School came to the museum for the day to takeover! They were given a guided tour of the permanent exhibition in the morning and then it was up to them to design their own museum tour to present in the afternoon. They did a wonderful job! Would your school be interested in being involved in 2018's Takeover Day – if so, please contact Clare to register interest.

KS2 resource pack: hoards

This resource pack is available to buy for £15 and would be a good accompaniment to a visit to the **Hoards** exhibition. It looks at the Curridge Hoard of Roman Coins and contains worksheets, activities and 6 replica coins. For more information or to purchase a pack, please contact Clare.

Learning & Participation brochure

Look out for the Learning and Participation brochure, which will be sent out to school offices in both hardcopy and electronic versions (with this newsletter).



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Please also contact Clare to request a hardcopy or electronic copy of the WBM Learning & Participation brochure, or with any other Learning and Participation-related questions or enquiries.



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