



# MUSEUM @ GOSPORT DISCOVERY CENTRE

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## GOSPORT MUSEUM

**Gosport's town museum** was founded in 1974 to record and display the history of the area from early times.

It was housed in the original 'Free Library'  
Now the Local Studies Centre.

This museum closed in preparation for the development of  
**Gosport Discovery Centre.**

A new museum was created on the mezzanine floor of the Centre in 2005.

Using graphic panels and showcases of artefacts, from the local collections, the display is easy to access.

**The David Kemp Geology Gallery** remained in the Local Studies Centre.

Look out for occasional public openings of **Search-Hands-On-Centre.** and activities using the 19<sup>th</sup> and mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century room sets. Local schools and many others use  
**Search**  
in term-time.

Gosport museum stores are available by appointment for research. Requests and donations may be made at reception in  
**The Local Studies Centre.**

## GOSPORT PHOTO COLLECTION

There is an excellent archive of photos in the Museum-on-the-Mezzanine.

The photos are filed by subject.  
Copies can be obtained at Local Studies in the old school building.

Ask at reception, a small charge is made for copies.

If you are researching your own local history and family, this collection is sure to be of interest.

## ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Pencil and paper activities are provided in the Museum-on-the-Mezzanine

Look for the tray on a table, Ask if more paper is needed. Through using the displays children are encouraged to look, draw and write .

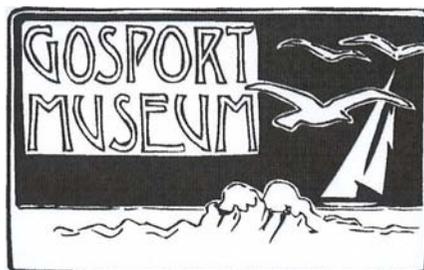
Everyone can join in and learn more about the past.



With the growing interest in researching local history, this museum is an excellent starting point to explore the heritage of both town and borough.

The **Friends** group was formed in 1991 to support our museum by providing volunteers to help the staff and to fund raise for projects. Today this help is more vital than ever.

The museum is now managed by a registered charity;  
**THE HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST**



## Membership of the Friends includes:-

- Meetings at the Discovery Centre in the area beyond the café second Thursday of the month 10.30 am – 11.30am.
- Newsletters sent out at regular intervals by email or post.
- Assisting in fundraising activities for the museum.

The Museum-on-the-Mezzanine is a self-guided display but **Friends** are most welcome to steward 'The Story of Gosport'.

**Friends** steward activities for  
The Trust at  
**SEARCH-HANDS-ON-CENTRE**  
and  
**GOSPORT GALLERY**

For more information find us at  
[www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk](http://www.friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk)

## Membership Application Form for The **FRIENDS** of GOSPORT MUSEUM

Please detach and complete this form  
send to:-

**The Membership Secretary**  
**Linda Hedley**  
7, Fairhome Close, Elson,  
Gosport  
PO12 4HZ

**Mr/Mrs/Ms**

**Forename** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are happy to receive Newsletters by  
e-Mail please include your address:**

**e-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we enclose a cheque made payable to  
'The Friends of Gosport Museum'**

**Single Membership £6**  
**Family Membership £9**

**Please delete as required.**  
**Yearly subscriptions are renewable in April.**