

Visiting The Holburne Museum



Spring 2026

Getting to the museum by car

We have a very small pay & display car park for Museum visitors.

There are a few disabled parking spaces for Blue Badge holders. Blue Badge holders can park for free but make sure your Blue Badge is clearly displayed.

Otherwise, there is a charge. The car park is regularly checked by traffic wardens.

Up to 2 hours: £3.50

2 to 3 hours: £5

3 to 4 hours: £7

4 to 6 hours: £8.50

6 to 8 hours: £10.50



Car park entrance

The car park machine accepts coins. You can also pay for your parking using the Mipermit app. There are QR codes displayed in the car park which you can scan to access the app.

Charges apply from 8am to 6pm daily.

Our gates are locked at 6pm.

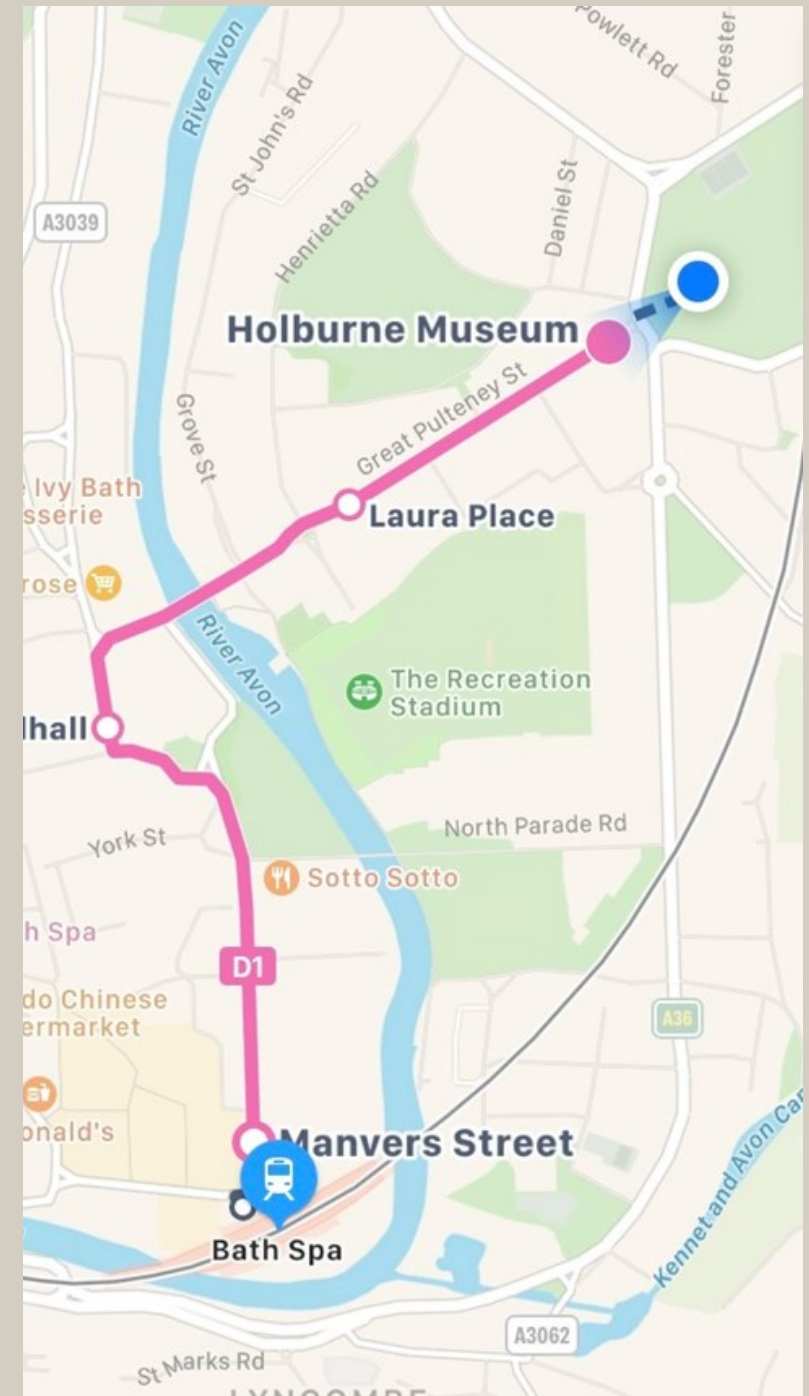
Getting to the museum by bus from the train station

The D1 starts from the Bus Station (next to Bath Spa train station). It can also be boarded opposite the Guildhall on the High Street. Get off at the Holburne Museum stop on Great Pulteney Street and cross the road to the Museum which is ahead of you.

To return, find the bus stop on Great Pulteney Street opposite where you got off earlier. This bus does not go to the Guildhall on its way back to the Bus Station so get off on North Parade or go all the way to the Bus Station.



Use this QR code to open google maps in your phone to get direction to the Holburne Museum



Getting to the museum on foot

We are a ten-minute walk from the centre of town along Great Pulteney Street, one of the most beautiful Georgian streets in the country. We are a 15-minute stroll from Bath Spa train station, through the historical city of Bath and down Great Pulteney Street towards Sydney Gardens.

Getting to the museum by bike

We have bike racks available in our grounds. The cycle route along the canal is a wonderful way to reach us.

Getting to the museum by taxi

There is a taxi rank outside the train station - just ask them to take you to the Holburne Museum.

The number for Bath's local taxi company is:

Abby V Cars – 01225 444444

If you are a wheelchair user and require a taxi, Just4wheels have taxis available with a rear loading vehicle ramp. We would suggest booking this in advance.

01225 462693

07818417142

Just4wheelsbath@gmail.com

There are also other local taxi services that have accessible taxis. Please see the link below:

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/taxis-disabled-access/>

Inside the Museum

When you arrive, you will enter through these doors.

They should be open. If it is a cold day they may be closed but will open automatically for you when you approach.



Information Desk

When you enter, the information desk is in front of you to the right. You may have to queue. We will do our best to see you as soon as possible.

Once you reach the front of the queue, please wait to be called forward to the information desk.

If you pre-booked your tickets, now is a great time to get them ready for us to check.

Once you are called forwards, we can check or sell you tickets.

If you have a carer/companion accompanying you today, they get a free ticket.

We have a hearing loop at the information desk so please switch your hearing aid to T.

We will ask you if this is your first visit or if you are at the museum for a specific exhibition. This will determine where we suggest you begin your visit.

Toilets are available for your use at any time during your visit. Please see pages 24-25 for more information.

We also have lockers for your use. Please see page 23 for more information.



Information Desk

Part of the information desk is dropped for wheelchair users.

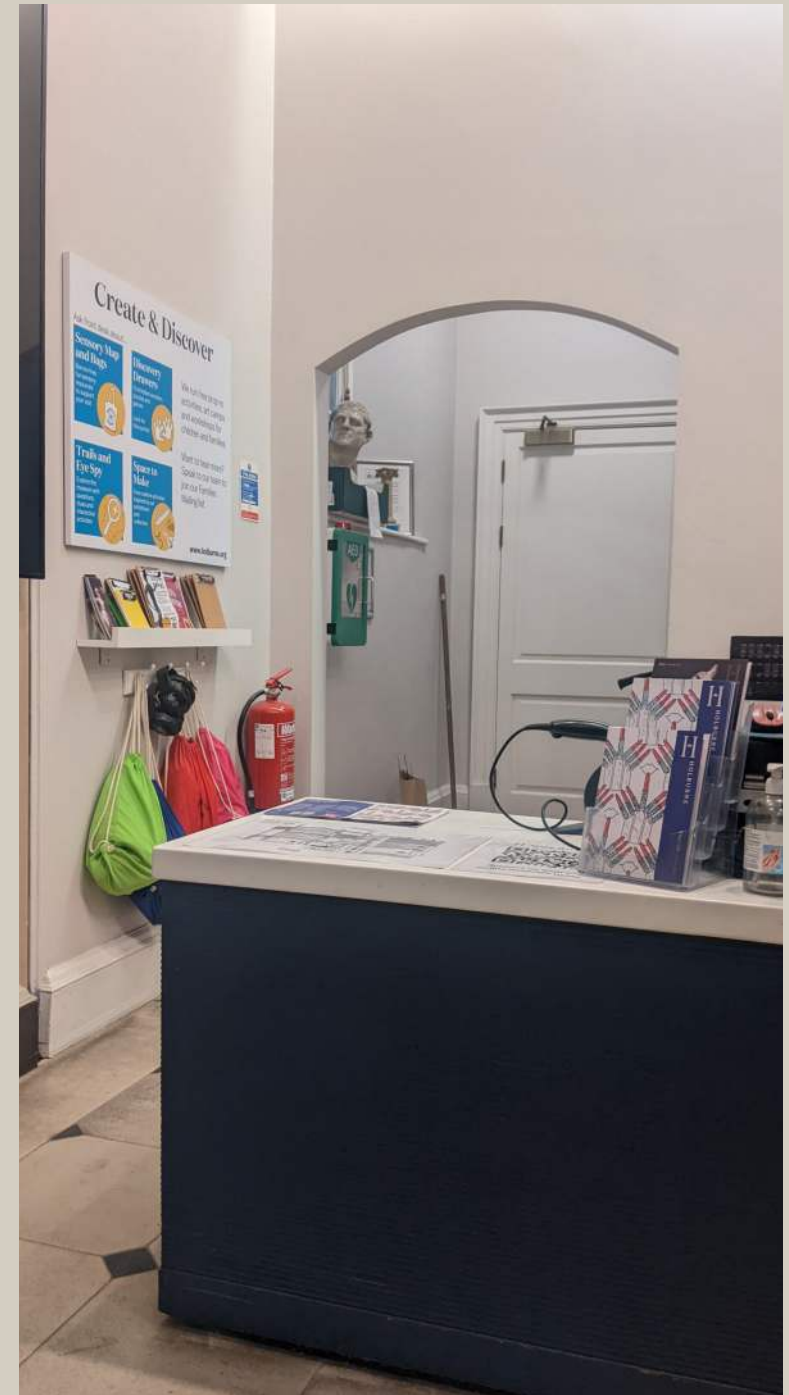
We do have a wheelchair for visitors use. We would suggest calling ahead to ensure it is available.

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Here, you will be given your ticket and a map. You may be able to pick up a free family trail if that offer is available.

We also have Sensory Bags available. Sensory Bags offer a range of fun, interactive sensory resources and toys designed to support and enhance your visit to the museum. The bags have been designed to support visitors with additional sensory needs but anyone can book out and use a Sensory Bag to accompany their time in the museum.

They require a £10 deposit which will be refunded to you when you have returned the sensory bag at the end of your visit. They can be pre-booked online.



Beginning your visit

You will either use the stairs or the lift to gain access to the museum.

Stairs

The stairs will also take you to every level of the museum.

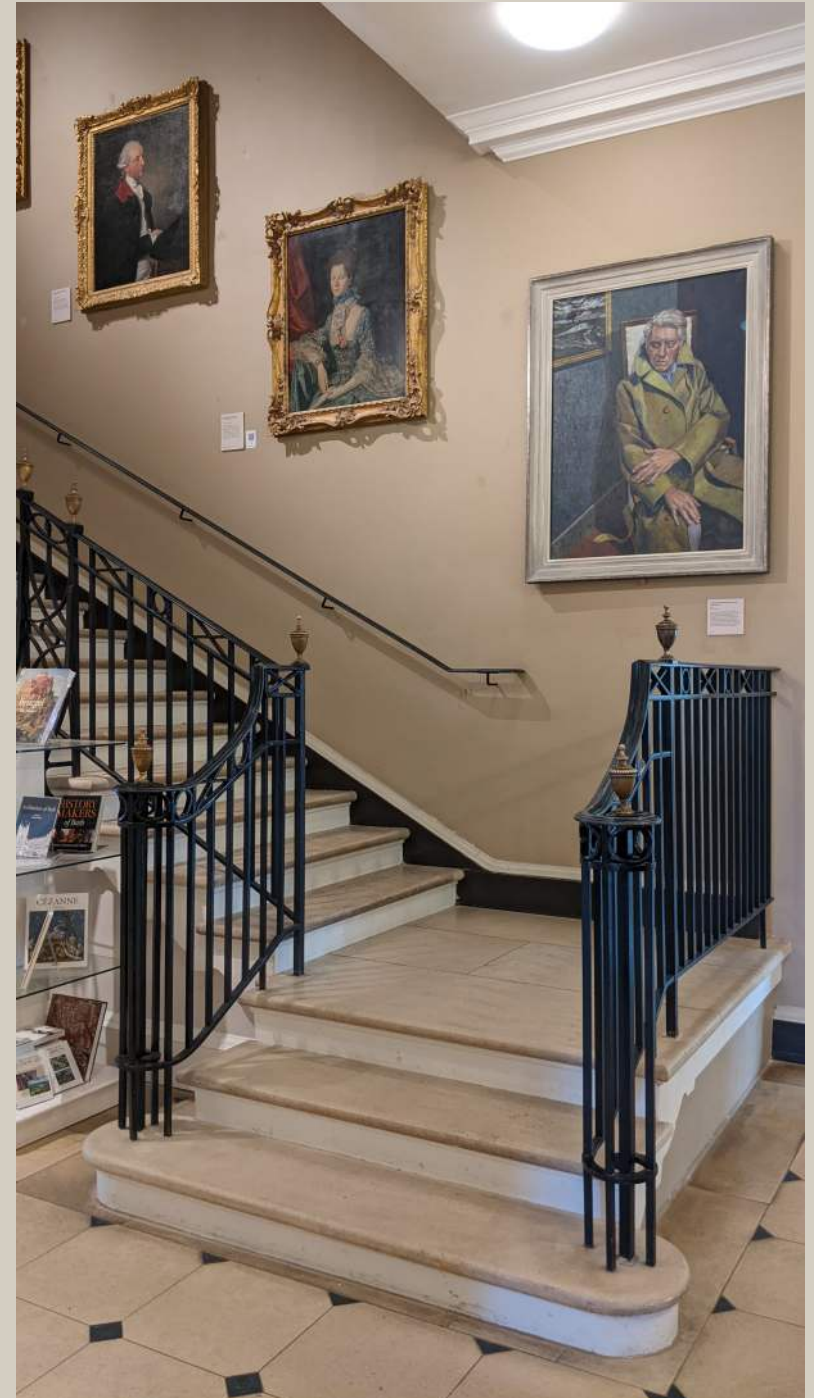
The number of steps between floors are as follows:

From the ground floor to 1st floor - 24

From the first floor the mezzanine - 16

From the 1st floor to 2nd floor - 28

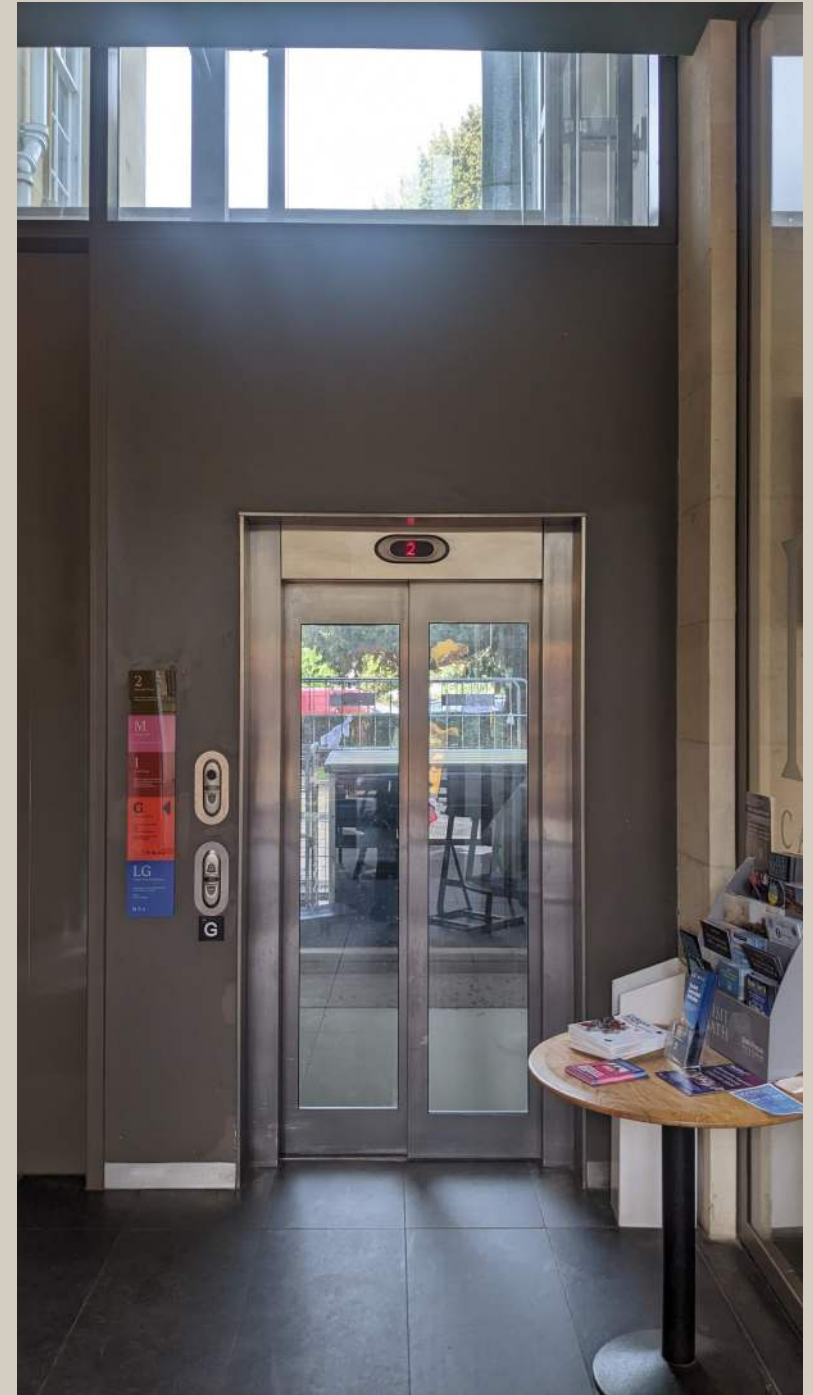
From the lower ground floor to the ground floor -18



Lift

The lift will take you to every floor of the museum.

The lift has two glass sides. The buttons are located on the left hand side when you enter.



2nd floor Roper Gallery

On the 2nd floor you will find the Roper Gallery.

This gallery displays our temporary exhibitions.

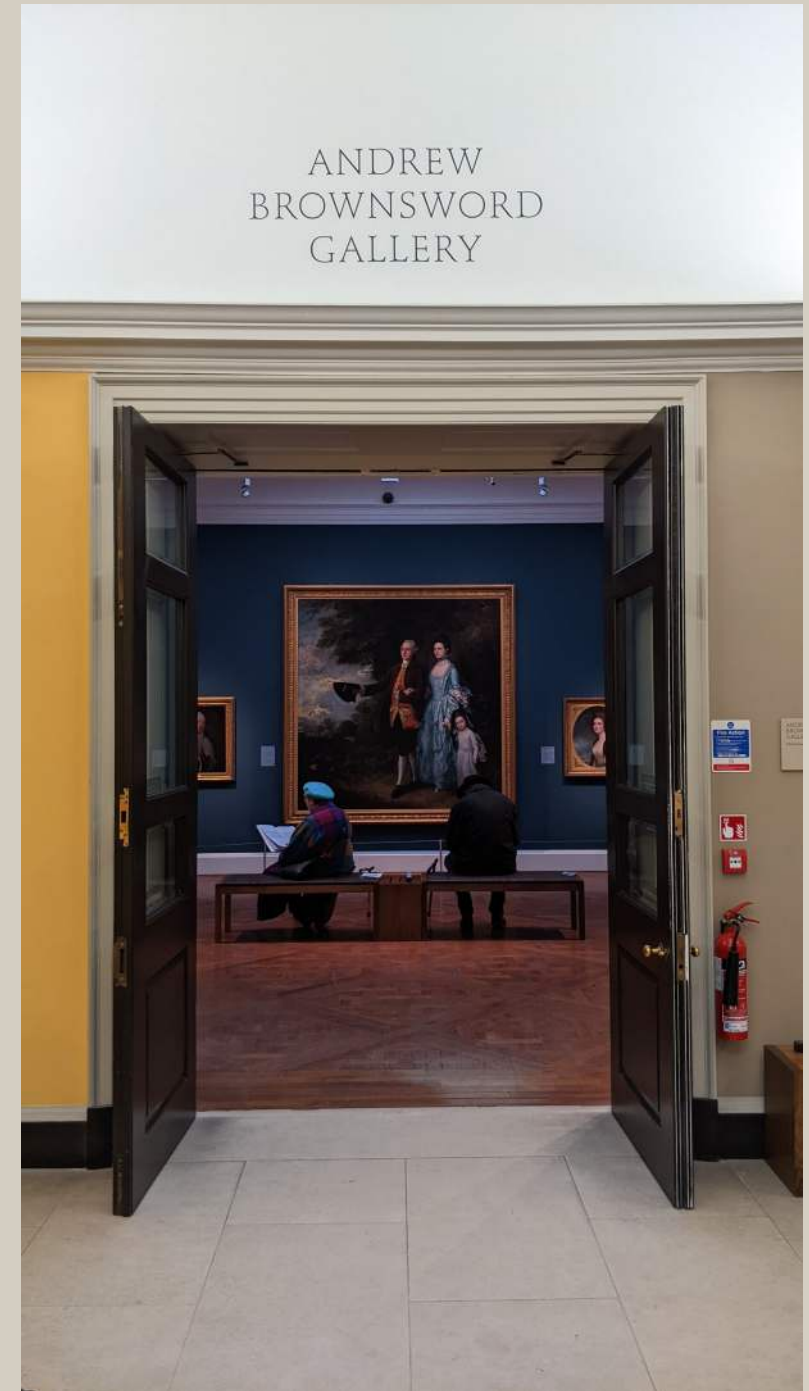
We have large print labels available in all our galleries. If you'd like them, ask the volunteer in the gallery and they can give them to you.



2nd floor Brownsword Picture Gallery

On the 2nd floor you can find the Andrew Brownsword Picture Gallery.

This gallery displays works from our collection. It connects to our Collection Gallery.



2nd floor Wirth Gallery

On the 2nd floor you will find the Wirth Gallery.

This gallery displays our temporary exhibitions. It connects to our Collection Gallery.



2nd floor Collection Gallery

On the 2nd floor is our small Collection Gallery.

This gallery displays our temporary exhibitions.

This gallery can be accessed through the Wirth Gallery or the double doors in the Brownsword Picture Gallery.



2nd floor Space to Be

On the 2nd floor is Space to Be.

This is a quiet space where you can sit down, pause and relax. There are comfortable armchairs with a view over the museum grounds.



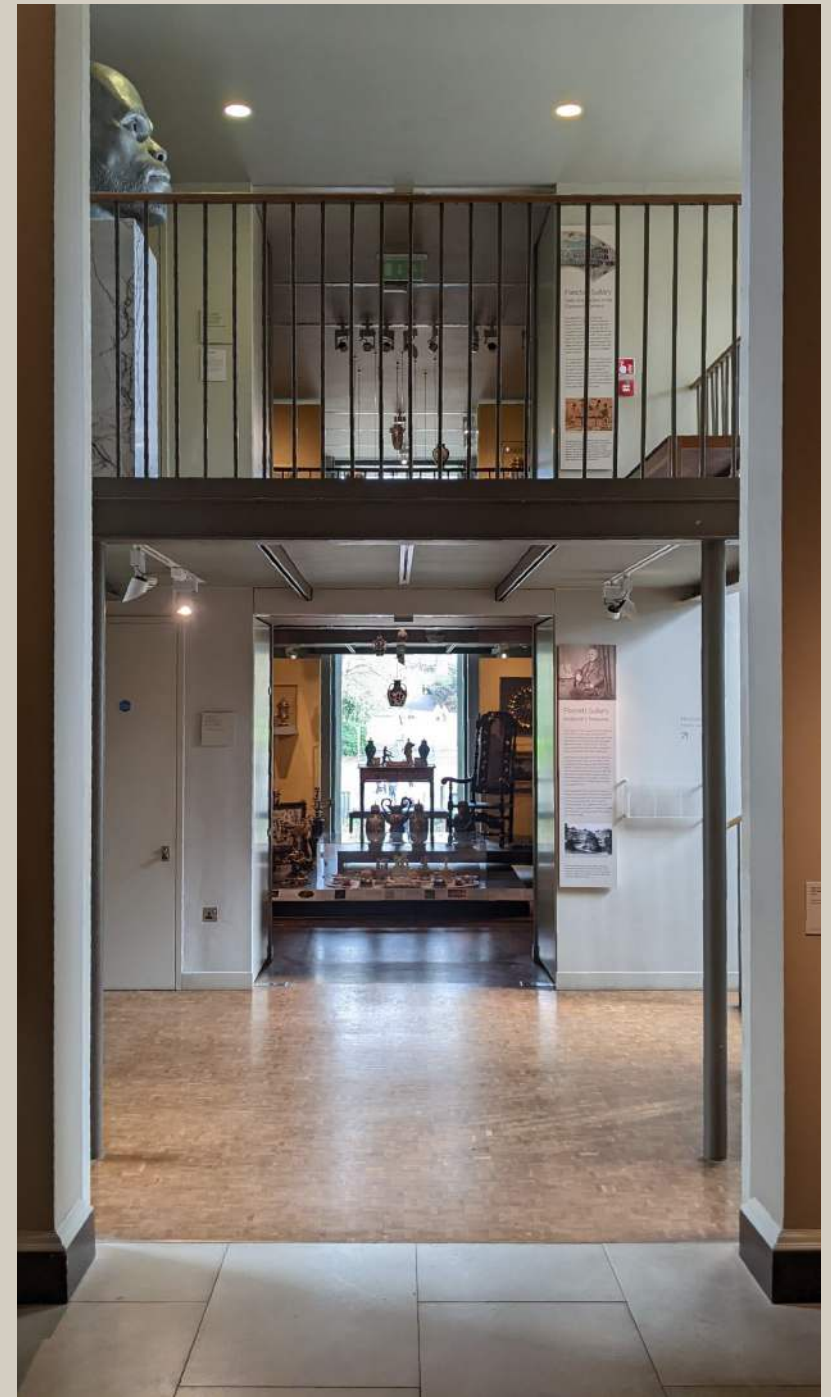
1st floor & Mezzanine Posnett & Fletcher Galleries

On the 1st floor, you will find our collection galleries.

Immediately in front of you is the Posnett Gallery.

In this gallery you can touch and interact with the things inside the drawers.

We also have magnifying glasses available as some of the things on display in this gallery are very small.



1st floor & Mezzanine Posnett & Fletcher Galleries

Make sure you visit the Mezzanine level of our permanent collection.

You can use the separate staircase or take the lift to level marked 'M'.



1st floor & Mezzanine Posnett & Fletcher Galleries

On the Mezzanine floor you will find the Fletcher Gallery. This is the upper level of our collection galleries.

In this gallery you can touch and interact with the things inside the drawers.

We also have magnifying glasses available as some of the things on display in this gallery are very small.



1st floor

Davidson Ballroom Gallery

On the 1st floor you will find the Ballroom Gallery.

This gallery displays our collection. It often also features our temporary exhibitions.

Make sure to have a look in this gallery to admire the lovely view up Great Pulteney Street.



1st floor The Dutch Gallery

On the 1st floor you will find a gallery displaying Dutch paintings.

It can be entered and exited through double doors which lead to the Ballroom Gallery. There is another door which leads to the 1st floor landing.



Lower ground floor The Schroder Gallery

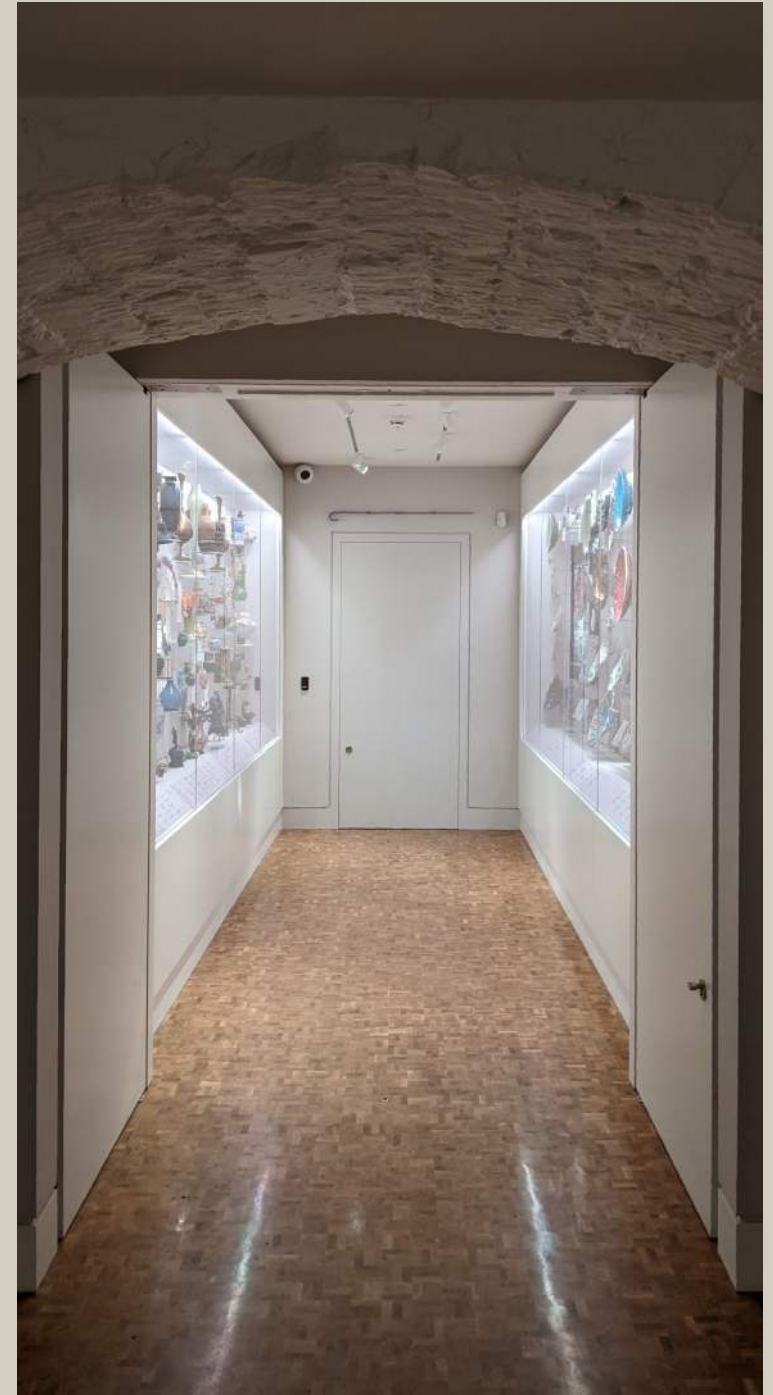
On the lower ground floor you will find the Schroder Gallery.

This gallery features treasures from the Renaissance.



Lower ground floor Collection highlights

On the right side of the lower ground floor, you will find a display of objects from the museum's eclectic collection. They are displayed on either side of the corridor.



Ground floor Shop

When you come back to the ground floor after exploring the galleries, you can visit the shop which is located near the main entrance.



Ground floor Space to Make

On the ground floor, you can visit our Space to Make area.

Here you will find a number of free self-led creative activities inspired by the current exhibitions.

Lockers

You will find lockers near Space to make which are available for your use.

They require a £1 coin but you will get this back once you have finished with the locker.



Ground floor Accessible toilet

There is an accessible toilet on the ground floor by the exit.

On the lower ground floor, you will find more toilets which include baby changing facilities.



Lower ground floor Toilets

There are men's and ladies' toilets on the lower ground floor. You can take the lift or the stairs.

The men's and ladies' toilets both have baby changing facilities.

There is an accessible toilet on the ground floor.



Ground floor Café

On the ground floor is the café.

The café is accessed via the glass double doors past the front desk by Space to Make.

The café's back doors lead to the terrace and museum grounds.



Sydney Gardens

At the back of the museum is a gate into Sydney Gardens. Sydney Gardens is a public park.

You can enter Sydney Gardens from the museum by taking the stone steps up to the gate, or by following one of the two ramps on either side of the steps.



If you have any feedback or suggestions for this guide, please email: enquiries@holburne.org.

Also, if you have any further question related to you visit please give us a call on 01225 388569 or email us at: enquiries@holburne.org.



Museum layout

Family Fun

Discover out hands-on activity drawers or get creative in the Space to Make. Look out for our hands-on icon.

