

For adults

Feel Good Fridays

Museum meet up

Meet new people, have a cuppa and a chat or play a game or two.

10.30-11.30am
26 January
16 February
22 March
26 April

Free

Make it!

Come along, get creative and meet others who enjoy the fun and benefits of sewing, knitting and crochet. Just bring sandwiches and whatever you are working on or materials to start from scratch. Tea and Coffee provided.

12noon to 2pm
5, 19 & 26 January
2 & 16 February
1 & 22 March
19 & 26 April



Free

Lunch and listen

Enjoy a lunchtime talk, tea and coffee provided, just bring your own sandwiches.

12 January
The Georgianisation of Stevenage High Street

Local historian Hugh Madgin takes us on a trip along Stevenage High Street and beyond looking at how the Georgians gave the town a makeover.

9 February
Exploring the world of spacecraft designed and built at the Airbus site in Stevenage

Patrick Wood, head of Space Systems in the UK, shares the story of Airbus and the role it and its predecessors have played in space exploration and building launchers and satellites.

8 March
Scenes from Contemporary Life

Dr Dawn Pereira discusses the origin of 'Scenes of Contemporary Life,' acknowledged as amongst William Mitchell's favourite creations and examines the way he made concrete beautiful.

12 April
Behind the scenes at the National Army Museum Store
 Join Terri Dendy, Head of Collections Standards and Care at the National Army Museum, for an exciting look at the behind the scenes of the museum store.

1-2pm
£4 (£3.50 concessions)



Saturday film and afternoon tea

Saturday 20 January
Saturday 17 February
Saturday 16 March
Saturday 27 April



12.30pm. Suitable for over 14s.
Booking essential
£8 per person.

Perform Transform - Oral History Collection

Saturday 3 February from 10am - 12pm

Come and share your stories of living or working in Stevenage and the changes you have seen in the town over the last 10 years for use in a podcast. To book, either email carrie@beee-creative.co.uk or call/text/WhatsApp 07971 171061.

For families

Family Saturdays

Free

11am-12noon and 2-3pm

13 January Penguins and polar bears
10 February Dotty about dots
9 March Medieval knights
20 April Caterpillars to butterflies



Under 5s

Stories, games and art and craft fun.

1.30-2.30pm (Thursdays)

Thursday 11 January Going on a Bear Hunt
Thursday 8 February Owl Babies
Thursday 7 March Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy
Thursday 18 April Foxy fun

For children under 5 and their parents and carers.
£2.50 (£1 concessions)

Holiday activities

February Half Term

21-23 February

This half term we are inspired by sculptor Bill Mitchell's fabulous artwork on the underpass to the Town Centre Gardens celebrating life in 1973!

Sessions run 11am-12noon and 2-3pm

Wednesday 21 February Wonderful wire sculptures
Thursday 22 February Clay Day
Friday 23 February Space Rockets
£4 per child, £2 for concessions.

Easter holidays

Perform Transform

Tuesday 2 - Saturday 6 April

5-day dance and art project with BEEE Creative.
 Free to take part. To find out more and book, email carrie@beee-creative.co.uk or call/text/Whats App 07971 171061.

Animal encounters

Wednesday 10 April and Thursday 11 April
Sessions at 11.30am-12.30pm and 1-2pm

Meet, handle and even (maybe!) feed this friendly group of small animal ambassadors from Teaching Talons.
£6 per child (£3 concessions) plus £1 per adult.

Please book in advance as places go very quickly, and if you can't make it, it would be great if you could let the museum know so that someone else can use the space.



Exhibitions

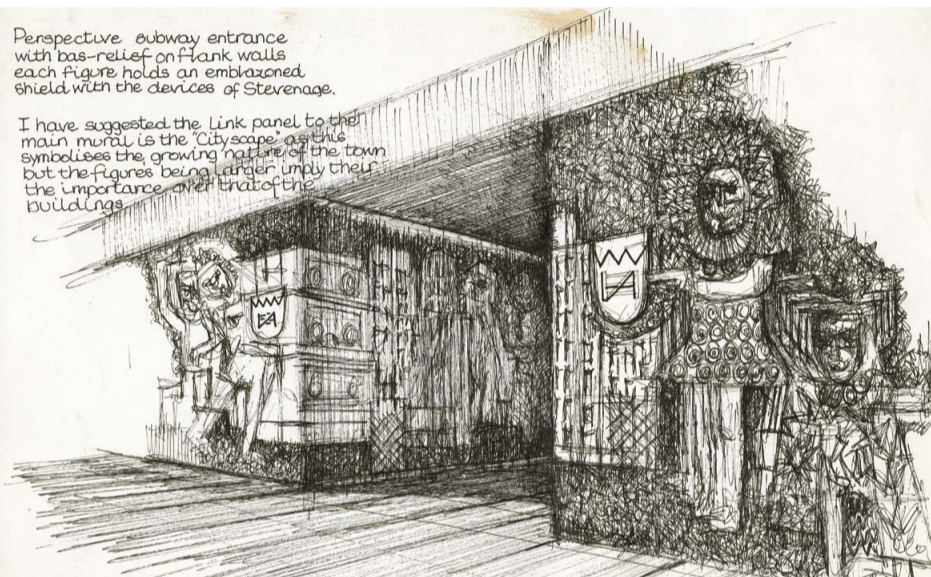
Scenes from Contemporary Life: 50 years on

Until 28 March

Find out more about the iconic artist Bill Mitchell and his work here in Stevenage and see the work of local young people who used his art as inspiration. See a film of him working in his studio, have a go at building your own version of his underpass using giant jigsaw pieces.

Perform Transform Opens 6 April

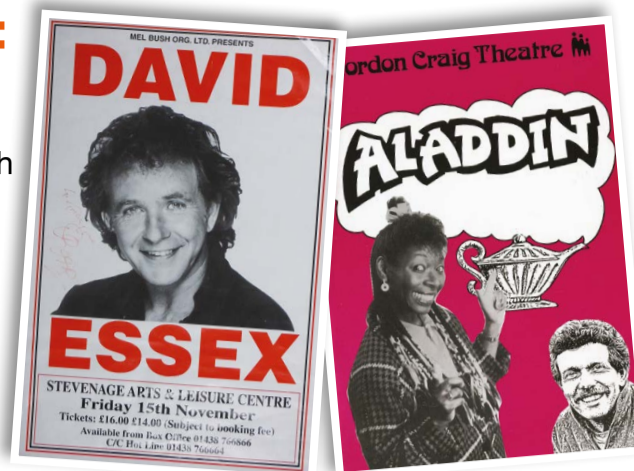
A new installation based on stories and experiences of living in Stevenage. Made by participants in the Perform Transform workshop.



In the foyer:

The Gordon Craig Archive

17 January – 8 March
Volunteers have been working on the archive for over five years now and they have found some great stuff. Come and find out more.



Recent donations

30 March – 18 May

See some of the things people donate, from geology to artwork, all with a local flavour.

Quiz Night

Wednesday 6 March 6 – 8.30pm

£8 per person, includes a cheese platter, bring your own drinks.

Booking essential.



NEW FOR 2024!

Thanks to help from a team of volunteers we have opened a café at the museum, with a play café and shop too! **Open Wednesday to Saturday 11am-3pm** serving affordable hot and cold drinks and snacks.

We've also introduced a pay it forward system so that people can pay for someone else to have something, so please ask if you'd like to join in, or keep an eye open for the tickets and pick one up to claim a free drink.

Admission to
the museum is
FREE

Large print versions of this What's On are available, just ask! If you no longer wish to receive this what's on, please get in touch and we'll take your name off the list.

Visiting us

Stevenage Museum, St George's Way, SG1 1XX

Contact us and information

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Email: museum@stevenage.gov.uk

Visit: www.stevenage.gov.uk/museum

To book online visit:

stevenage-museum.arttickets.org.uk

Opening hours:

Wednesday to Friday 10am to 4.30pm,
Saturday 10am to 5pm

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Opening of
STEVENAGE
Station
Wednesday 26th September 1971

What's On at
Stevenage Museum

January - April 2024