

The Archaeology & Geology 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 Tuesdays only 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Tel: 01278 426088 (Tues) or 01823 347451 (Mon - Fri)

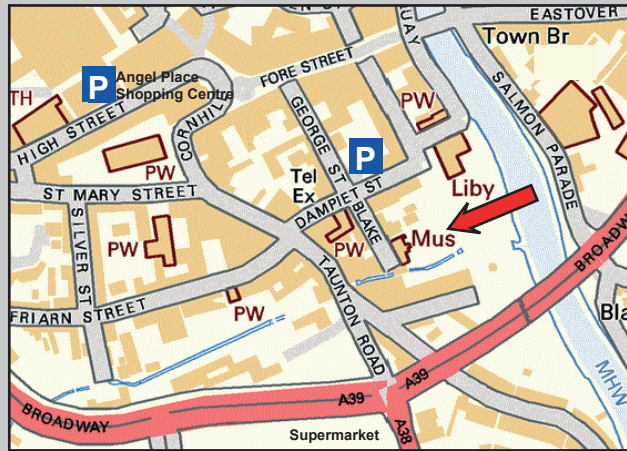


The Friends of Blake Museum.

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

Visit: www.bridgwatermuseum.org.uk/friends

Where are we?



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.

Photography and filming by any means is not permitted without permission.

No dogs except guide and assistance dogs.



Bridgwater Town Council

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Bridgwater Museum

Home of Robert Blake,
Cromwell's General-at-Sea

Discover Bridgwater's Heritage

From Stone Age to Modern Age

There's something for everyone

FREE ENTRY

Donations most welcome

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

Last admittance at 3.00 p.m.

From early April - end of October

Saturdays only from November - March.

Please check our website for details

Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays



Since 1926



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for the Museum
website



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 Thurloston 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 Bridgwater Room

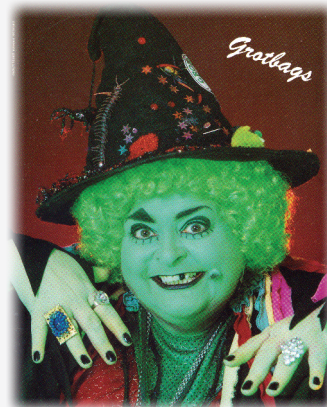
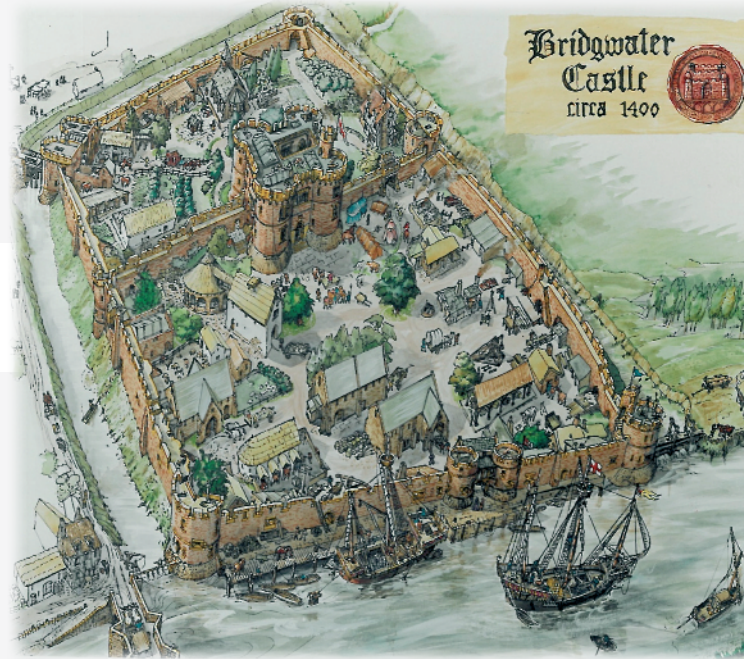
Remains of Bridgwater castle, the medieval Friary, and the Hospital of St John can be found here. The medieval wooden chest where the Borough documents were once stored is kept here along with the bells from the Old Town Gaol.



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.

Books, Souvenirs, and Hot & Cold drinks are available from the Shop.



Carol-Lee-Scott aka 'Grotbags'
Permanent display

Why not bring your own food and enjoy a picnic in one of the garden areas



The Exhibition Room

The Exhibition Room is used for temporary exhibitions. For more details please see website.

The Transport Room

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



1952- the last train to leave Bridgwater North Station on the Somerset & Dorset railway.

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.

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.

Please ask a staff member



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

