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Wessex Museums



Wildlife in the Red



Once collectors' curiosities, now endangered species - Virtual exhibition

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Four museums working together to tell the amazing story of Wessex.

It's a story of the land and its people. From old bones and carved stone, to ancient treasure and dazzling jewels. Mighty ships to menacing weapons. Paintings, pottery and much-loved literature.

Our partner museums will be swapping ideas, sharing expertise, exchanging objects and hosting joint exhibitions. Our aim is to inspire you to explore and enjoy the fantastic art and heritage of Dorset and Wiltshire... and discover what makes Wessex so special.

Dorset Museum - Explore 250 million years of the county's history, from fascinating fossils to Roman remains, Victorian life to much-loved Wessex literature.

Poole Museum - Marvel at the unique collection of shipwrecks and seafaring items from Poole's days as the maritime centre of Wessex, as well as the world's greatest display of Poole Pottery.

Salisbury Museum - Discover 500,000 years of history - from the archaeology of ancient Wessex to contemporary art - all in a stunning medieval building

Wiltshire Museum - Be dazzled by gold from the time of Stonehenge, see Britain's best Bronze Age archaeology collection, and admire the weapons and jewellery that tell Wiltshire's Saxon story.

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