

## The Friends...

This group, a registered charity, was set up in January 1990 to support the Trowbridge Museum as it opened in The Shires over 30 years ago.

Over the years, Friends and Volunteers have supported the Museum in many ways including running the shop and being 'front of house' to welcome visitors. They have dressed up in a variety of roles to help the education department in their important work not only with the schools who visit but also in the many areas of outreach which the Museum has been able to offer.



During lockdown, it was impossible for the Friends to carry on as normal but we have been supporting the Museum staff whenever possible.

There is now a programme of events and activities throughout the year including walks, days out, talks, quizzes and social gatherings. Please see our website for more details.

Over the years, the Friends have purchased a number of important local objects which help to tell the story of Trowbridge and the surrounding area. Many of these are now on display in the Museum and we are always on the look out for more items which it might be possible to save for the future. The Friends have recently bought a new showcase where we can display items from Friend's collections. We also contributed to a Mary Quant dress - the material was woven in Trowbridge. A recent purchase was a telescope made in Trowbridge by Giobbio a local 18cen instrument maker.



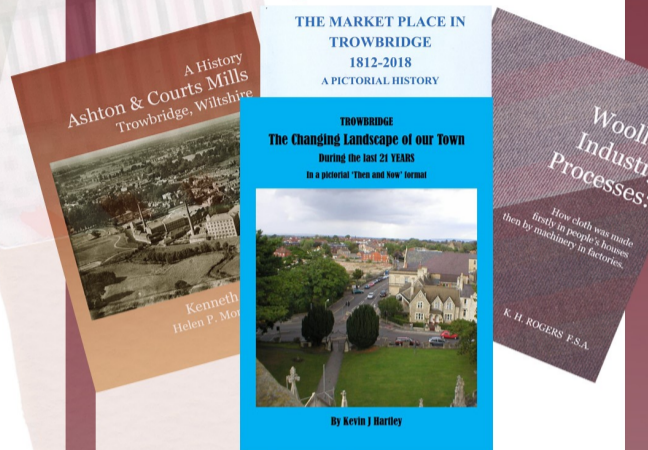
## Onwards and Upwards

The expansion of the Museum to take in the top floor of the Home Mills buildings is now complete and the new galleries opened in 2021. Many of the Friends have contributed generously to this ambitious project and we were able to hand over a very substantial cheque during the building stages of the work in July 2018.



## Trowbridge Museum

We are all pleased to be associated with the 'new' museum. The Friends helped to pack up the collection as it was moved out ready for work to start and they were there again when it came back. Hundreds of boxes were put in the new store and the library and reference area was fitted out. Important conservation work was carried out on the unique Spinning Jenny, funded by the Friends. We are all back in the Museum, helping behind the scenes or acting as front of house.



The Changing Landscape of our Town by Kevin Hartley. the latest book published by the Friends, is available in the museum shop.

## ..please join us

We are always pleased to welcome new members, either as active helpers or just supporters. If you are interested in the history of your local area, then you would be very welcome. The Friends publish an excellent newsletter - The Muse - which all members can receive.

## Application Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Tel: .....

Mob: .....

Email: .....

Please fill in this form and return to the Museum for the attention of the Members' Secretary. Look on our website to find a membership form to complete online.

### What are your interests/skills?

Please tell us if you would like to be a volunteer in the museum or have skills which you think might be useful. Thank you for your interest.

Friends events

Friends Committee

Shop/Visitor services in the Museum

Learning & Outreach in the Museum

Collections in the Museum

Other skills? .....

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## Membership

All are welcome to join the Friends. There is an annual subscription of just £8 .00 for an individual member. A couple is £10.00. Corporate £10.00. Please consider setting up a Standing Order when you join - subs are due in January each year.

### Our bank details are here:

Account Name: The Friends of Trowbridge Museum

Branch: 60 - 21 - 36

Account no: 81455550

Please let us know if you are a tax payer so that we can organise Gift Aid. Also important, please consider leaving a bequest or making a donation to the Friends in your will.

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