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WHAT'S ON

October 2022 to March 2023



Eric Ravilious (1903 – 1942), *Second-hand Furniture and Effects, 1938*
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About the Higgins Bedford

We are a Bedford Borough Council cultural service that showcases wonderful and varied collections of fine and decorative arts and changing exhibitions drawn from the nationally significant collection of British watercolours, drawings and prints. Displays of archaeology, social history and ethnography demonstrate how Bedfordshire has developed over time. These collections inspire a programme of temporary exhibitions, active learning and events.

In our permanent collection spaces you can:

- tour the 1840s house built by the Higgins family next to their brewery. Uncover family stories and Cecil Higgins' collection of internationally important glass and ceramics
- explore the biggest collection of painted furniture created by William Burges, the leading Gothic Revival architect and designer of the 1800s
- admire the decorative artwork and techniques of the most influential designers from over four centuries including fine glassware, textiles, enamels and metalwork
- study the Edward Bawden Archive, the collection of one of the most influential artists of his generation. Discover the work of this versatile artist in changing exhibitions
- uncover the geology of Bedfordshire and discover how people from the Stone Age to Medieval times lived in and shaped the landscape we see today
- follow the development of the local area through agriculture, engineering and the brickworks, airships at Cardington, the Second World War and technological advances
- enjoy changing displays about local people who have influenced the story of Bedfordshire
- take a glimpse into the world of The Collectors and cases of natural history, ethnographic and archaeological items from near and far

For the latest about temporary exhibitions and events visit:

www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

EXHIBITIONS



Changing Times: A Century of Modern British Art

15 October 2022 – 16 April 2023. Sir William Harpur, Wixamtree, Connections Galleries – Free Entry
Supported by The Friends of The Higgins Bedford

This vibrant and wide-ranging exhibition brings outstanding British art of the 20th and 21st centuries to Bedford.

Spread across three galleries, the first large-scale exhibition since the reopening of The Higgins Bedford in 2013, brings together almost one hundred works from two important collections: Bedford's own Cecil Higgins Collection and the Ingram Collection of Modern British and Contemporary Art. Visitors will find sculpture, paintings and works on paper by some of the biggest names in British art, including Eric Ravilious, David Hockney and Elisabeth Frink. Themes of the exhibition features self-portraits and the evolution of landscape painting. *Changing Times* is curated by James Russell, previously curator of *Eric Ravilious and Edward Bawden* at Dulwich Picture Gallery.



Eric Ravilious (1903 – 1942), *Second-hand Furniture and Effects, 1938*
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The exhibition is accompanied by a major new book, *Revisiting Modern British Art*. In this wide-ranging and thought-provoking publication, available in October by Lund Humphries, experts in their field address specific aspects of British art of the 20th century. Complemented by a range of striking images, this publication succeeds in showing the strength of the British artistic tradition while also encouraging the reader to rethink and explore the existing narrative.

Friends Lecture – Curating Changing Times with James Russell

Tuesday 4 October, 7:30pm

Free to Members

Join curator James Russell, for a colourful preview of the *Changing Times* exhibition. James will introduce the highlights, explore some of the themes and offer insights into the process of curating the exhibition. He will talk about the paintings and sculptures themselves, and also about the artists and how they relate to one another, both creatively and personally.

Evening Talk & Book Launch – James Russell, Jo Baring & Victoria Partridge

Thursday 10 November, 7pm

Free Entry - Booking Essential

Join James Russell, curator of *Changing Times* and book contributor, and Jo Baring, Director of the Ingram Collection and editor of *Revisiting Modern British Art*, as they discuss themes from the exhibition and book with Victoria Partridge, Keeper of Fine & Decorative Art at The Higgins. This talk will have a particular focus on what goes on behind the scenes, how philanthropic individuals such as Cecil Higgins (1856-1941) impact not only how our public museums and galleries are formed but also the artworks we still see on display today.

Exhibition Tours

Friday 9 December, Wednesday 8 February,

Friday 24 March, 12:30pm - 1pm

£3.25, Concessions £2.75 – Booking Essential

Join Keeper of Fine and Decorative Art, Victoria Partridge, for a tour of some of the highlights of the exhibition.

Edward Bawden – Artist Plantsman

Continues until 15 January 2023, Edward Bawden Gallery
Free Entry

Explore Edward Bawden's love of plants and gardens in this exhibition of all things botanical. Drawn exclusively from the Edward Bawden archive, view early wallpaper designs, advertising commissions and iconic linocuts.



Edward Bawden (1903-1989), *Autumn*, 1960
© The Edward Bawden Estate

Exhibition Tour

Wednesday 2 November, 12.30pm – 1pm

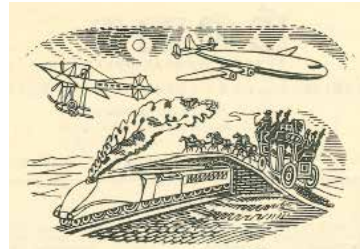
£3.25, Concessions £2.75 – Booking Essential

Join the Keeper of Fine and Decorative Art for a lunchtime tour of some of the highlights of the exhibition.

Edward Bawden - Trains, Planes and Automobiles

Opens 28 January 2023, Edward Bawden Gallery
Free Entry

Let Edward Bawden transport you in this exhibition celebrating all things travel. Drawn exclusively from the Edward Bawden archive, see large linocuts of London's iconic stations and an array of wonderful vehicles from hot air balloons to jumbo jets and tall ships to cruise liners.



Edward Bawden (1903-1989), Illustrations for *Echo: Revue Internationale*, 1949
© The Edward Bawden Estate

Exhibition Tour

Wednesday 22 February, 12:30pm - 1pm

£3.25, Concessions £2.75 – Booking Essential

Join the Keeper of Fine and Decorative Art for a lunchtime tour of some of the highlights of the exhibition.

TOURS

Get more from your visit to The Higgins Bedford by coming along to one of our tours.

The Higgins Tour

Wednesday 9 November, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

£6.35, Concessions £5.10 – Booking Essential

This introductory tour of the highlights of The Higgins Bedford includes collections relating to the history of Bedford.

The William Burges Gallery

18 November 2022 12:30pm – 1pm

£3.25, Concessions £2.75

Booking Essential

Join Victoria Partridge, Keeper of Fine and Decorative Art, for a look at some of the furniture and objects by the eccentric gothic designer, William Burges.



William Burges (1827 – 1881),
Zodiac Tile – Sagittarius © Trustees
of the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery

Bedford's Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Friday 10 February, 12:30pm – 1pm

£3.25, Concessions £2.75

Booking Essential

Join Lydia Saul, Keeper of Social History, and explore Bedford's transport heritage, including Airship R101, Bedford Times coach, Bedford Railway Station and the Adams car.



Adams Mail Phaeton Car, 1907
© The Higgins Bedford

Fine and Decorative Art Tour

Friday 3 March, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

£6.35, Concessions £5.10 – Booking Essential

Have you ever wanted to know how the art collections were formed and why they are here in Bedford? Then join Keeper of Fine and Decorative Art, Victoria Partridge, for a tour of the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery Collection.

DISPLAYS



All Along: Emily Tracy

3 October – 31 March 2023

Higgins House – Free Entry

Greensand Country Landscape

Partnership are thrilled to present artist Emily Tracy's

'All Along', as part of their

programme of work celebrating

Greensand Country. This series of artworks uses books, and their

form, to respond to the unique landscapes of Greensand Country.

Referring to moving through and along the Greensand Ridge, it reflects the area's story through the geology, nature and people

that have lived within Greensand Country.



Fieldwork 1: Passerine Small Birds

Innovation and Tradition: 40 years of Morris

Continues until 9 October 2022

Outside Somewhere in England Gallery

This display traces the impact of innovation and change on tradition

through the story of two local Morris teams: Redbornstoke Morris

and Bedfordshire Lace Morris.

Texas Instruments to Bourns in Bedford: 75 years of Technological Innovation

Opens 22 October 2022 – June 2023

Outside Somewhere in England Gallery – Free Entry

Discover the story behind Bedford's technological innovation industry over the last 75 years through Texas Instruments and Bourns Ltd.

In 1957 Texas Instruments arrived in Bedford and later moved into

their purpose built site on Manton Lane (now Bedford Heights). Texas

Instruments made semi-conductors used in mass market products including calculators and computers until 1997 when they closed.

Afterwards, Power Innovations ran the semi-conductor factory for a

few years until it was then sold to Bourns Ltd in 2000. For 22 years

Bourns have continued to drive forward Bedford's technological

innovation industry, manufacturing semi-conductor chips and circuits,

which we find in our mobile phones and office equipment today.

Blunt Blades

Continues until 30 October 2022, The Higgins House
Free Entry

In 2013, artist Arabel Lebrusan received several crates of confiscated knives and weapons from Bedfordshire Police.



© Arabel Lebrusan

Through photography, drawings, sculpture, jewellery and audio, this display curated by Arabel explores our complex relationship with knives, and whether the meaning of an object can be re-established and transformed to evoke different emotions.

Warden Abbey Revealed

Continues until March 2023
Outside Settlement Gallery,
Free Entry

Research by the Old Warden History and Heritage Society alongside the results of a geophysical survey by MOLA (Northampton) have revealed the grandeur of one of the most influential Cistercian houses in medieval England. Former English Heritage artist, Peter Dunn, has created a reconstruction painting based on this work, showing how Warden Abbey may have looked c.1370.



Section of the tile pavement found at Warden Abbey. Reconstruction by C. Marshall and E. Baker. Courtesy of the Southill Estate.

The original painting is on display alongside a selection of archaeological artefacts recovered from excavation at Warden Abbey, including architectural fragments, floor tiles, stained glass, and more.



EVENTS

Great Big Green Fun Palaces

Saturday 1 October, 11am – 5pm

Free Entry, No Need to Book

This year we will be celebrating the Great Big Green Week and Fun Palaces at one event – Great Big Green Fun Palaces. We'll be filling the museum with as many events and as much information as we can find about ways you can support your local environment, about biodiversity and climate change and lots more. Come and join us for free family events. Keep an eye on our website and social media for up-to-date details. Also take a look at www.greatbiggreenweekbedford.co.uk for more green events happening in Bedford.

The Higgins Knitting and Crochet Group

Tuesdays: 18 October,

15 November, 13 December,

17 January, 21 February, 21 March,
11am – 1pm

Free Entry, Booking Essential

Get creative and join like-minded

crafters to create items for charities and events. Sessions will be running both at The Higgins Bedford and online.

Email gemma.hutton@bedford.gov.uk to book, or to receive

the Zoom login. You can also join The Higgins Knitting and

Crochet Group on Facebook to share photos and talk all things knitting and crocheting: www.bit.ly/HigginsKnittingGroup



Craft Club for Adults

Fridays: 30 September, 21 October, 11 November,

9 December, 2pm – 3.30pm, £5,

Barbican Studio, Booking Essential

Join a range of artists for creative relaxing monthly art and craft sessions. Beginner level. All materials provided.

For further details see www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk

or email thehiggins@bedford.gov.uk

Portable Antiquities Scheme

Wednesdays: 28 September, 23 November,
25 January, 22 March, 1pm - 3pm

Free Entry, Booking Essential

Have you ever found archaeological objects whilst digging in the garden, taking the dog for a walk or metal detecting? Would you like to find out more about them? Matt Fittock, the Finds Liaison Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme run by the British Museum can help.

Email Matthew.Fittock@stalbans.gov.uk to book your place. Please note that the dates may be subject to cancellation. To find out more visit the website www.finds.org.uk



Bronze mirror found at
Old Warden, Bedfordshire,
c.1st century BCE
© The Higgins Bedford

OUTing the Past Festival

February 2023

Free Entry – No Need to Book

Join us for the annual OUTing the Past Festival to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with a variety of discussions and inspiring talks throughout the day. Keep an eye on our website and social media for up-to-date details.

Science Lab

Saturday 11 March, 11am – 5pm

Free Entry – No Need to Book

Join us for Science Lab, our annual celebration of British Science Week. The theme for 2023 is 'Connections' so we will be filling the museum with hands-on free activities exploring these ideas. Keep an eye on the website closer to the date for more updates.



If you are a local business or organisation that would like to get involved with providing STEM activities at the museum please do get in touch with gemma.hutton@bedford.gov.uk

WELLBEING

A great way for local people to improve their physical and mental health while learning new skills and socialising with others. There may be a limited number of spaces available in our sessions. It may be necessary to cancel sessions at short notice if trainers are not available.

Yoga Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

10.30am – 11.30am, £5

Enquiries and to book a place:

juandhannigan@yahoo.co.uk

Table Tennis Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

12:30pm – 1:30pm, £3

All levels welcome.

Pilates Every Tuesday,

10am – 10:45am, £3

All levels welcome.

Bring your own mat.



Mindful Walking

Every Friday, 11am – 12pm, (with optional coffee stop after), Free

Sketch Fridays

Every Friday, 12pm – 4pm, Free Entry, No need to Book

Come in, grab a chair and find a painting or object you would like to sketch. Materials and paper provided, or bring your own but no paints please.

All levels welcome.

For further details on any of these activities email thehiggins@bedford.gov.uk

REMINISCENCE SESSIONS

Remember When?...

Reminiscence Mornings at The Higgins Bedford, 11am

Free Entry, Refreshments £1, Booking Essential

Join in with friendly and informal reminiscence coffee mornings. A great way to meet new people and be inspired by memories and stories of the past.

Every Object Tells a Story: Thursday 13 October

Bring in a photograph of a much-loved object that tells a story to share with the group, or choose your favourite on display at The Higgins Bedford.

Animal Tales Thursday 17 November

Share stories of animals that might have been pets, or creatures in nature, safari or zoo animals, from the tiniest bugs to the largest mammals.

Best Loved Detectives Thursday 15 December

Who's your favourite detective from novel, stage or screen – or even real life? Hercule Poirot, Sherlock Holmes, Inspector Morse, Chief Inspector Barnaby, Inspector Clouseau, Maigret, and so many others to choose from.

Break for January

Motoring Heritage Thursday 9 February

What was your first car? Do you enjoy vintage motor cars? What do you think is the best make of car? Come and share your motoring stories.

Life is a Puzzle Thursday 15 March

Explore the history of jigsaw puzzles and all kinds of other puzzling ephemera, share your favourite memories of quizzes and games that made you smile or curse!

To book your place, please telephone
01234 718618 Limited places are available.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



October Half Term - Light and Dark

Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26, Thursday 27,
Friday 28 October

Workshops start at 11:15am and 1:15pm

Booking Essential

Get crafty with activities inspired by dark nights and shining lights.

February Half Term - Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15, Thursday 16
and Friday 17 February

Workshops start at 11:15am, 12:45pm, 2:15pm

Booking Essential

Travel and transport themed creative fun workshops for families.

All half term workshops last for an hour and are aimed at children under 12 years old and not suitable for under 5's. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To book a place call the Box Office on **01234 718044**
(open Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm) or go to
www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/Book_Online

Sunday Crafternoons

23 October, 27 November,
18 December, 22 January,
26 February, 26 March
2pm – 4pm, Free Entry,
No Need to Book

Creative activities for families to have a go at together and enjoy. Suitable for under 12s. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be aware that space is limited and there may be a wait to start.



I Spy with Kevin the Platypus

Kevin the Platypus has been with the museum for well over 100 years and he still loves exploring.

Pick up a free I Spy trail and discover awesome objects and amazing art all over the galleries and collections. There are many themes to choose from. You can even take Kevin the Platypus with you as you explore – ask at the Front Desk for details.



Keep an eye on our website and social media for up-to-date details on all Family Activities.

FRIENDS OF THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

The Friends group was founded in 1988 to support, promote and raise funds for The Higgins Bedford. Over the years, the Friends have been able to support new acquisitions, conservation work, exhibitions and many other projects.

The Friends organise a range of events, including a fantastic annual lecture programme delivered online and in person, previews of exhibitions, and visits to rarely-seen houses and gardens.

Becoming a Friend not only supports the museum but offers a range of other benefits, including discounts in the shop and café, the chance to join visits abroad, and access to a catalogue of online talks.



William Burges (1827 – 1881), *Zodiac Settle*, 1869-70 © Trustees of the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery

Membership of the Friends is £35 for an individual, £50 for joint membership and £20 for students. Vouchers for Gift Membership are also available. You can join online at www.friendsofthehiggins.org or by emailing the Membership Secretary at annayres@me.com

Lecture Programme

The lectures from September to November will be held at The Higgins. The December lecture will be on zoom. Free to members.

Body and Soul – Professor Christiana Payne and
Dr Mary O’Neill

Tuesday 6 September, 12 noon

Curating Changing Times

– James Russell

Tuesday 4 October, 7.30pm

Nelson – The making of a

Hero – Peter Gutteridge

Tuesday 25 October, 7.30pm

Anthony Gross, Artist

– Dr Julian Freeman

Tuesday 1 November, 7.30pm

John Evan Thomas, sculptor – William Gibbs

Tuesday 15 November, 7.30pm

HRH The Princess Louise, Queen Victoria’s artist daughter

– Desiree de Chair,

Tuesday 6 December, 7pm on Zoom

Further information about all of the lectures visit

www.friendsofthehiggins.org



Paul Nash (1889-1946) *The Fruit Pickers*, c.1916 ©Trustees of the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery

COMING SOON

We Are Ten

Opening 29 April 2023, Wixamtree and Connections Galleries

To celebrate the first decade of The Higgins Bedford, we have invited community groups, organisations and people we have worked with over the years to choose their favourite paintings and prints to exhibit in the Wixamtree Gallery. In the Connections Gallery we will focus on the life of one of the town's best-known historians Richard Wildman through his pictures donated to The Higgins in 2021 by his brother Stephen.

Aragon Lacemakers: Keeping Lacemaking Alive

Opening Spring 2023

Bobbin Lace is integral to the history of Bedford as it was a major local cottage industry. The method of making lace hasn't changed but the style has, bringing lace up to date with modern trends. Aragon Lacemakers have just celebrated their 45th anniversary and are delighted to display a variety of contemporary lace made by members: from bracelets to gloves and coloured pictures to garters. There will also be plenty of opportunities to have a go at this fascinating heritage craft - it's easier than it looks!

Teasing Out Contingencies

Opening 17 June 2023

Experience new large-scale painting installations and sculptural costumes by interdisciplinary artist Quilla Constance (aka QC). QC's paintings feature opulent interiors from Buckingham Palace



© Quilla Constance

alongside carnivalesque interactions with people from London, Bedford and overseas. This project began with a series of 'QC Open Studio' performance workshops at Tate Modern in 2019. Artworks for this show also reference QC's collaboration with presenter-comedians Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan for the TV docuseries 'Rob & Romesh vs Art', Sky Max, which aired during Covid19 lockdown. This project is supported by Arts Council England, Tate Modern and Bedford Creative Arts.

SHOP AT THE HIGGINS BEDFORD

Our shop has a range of products inspired by the collections, exhibitions and events. Cards, postcards, books and gifts as well as a bespoke range for exhibitions and a growing number of cards and gifts sourced from local makers can be purchased. Ranges include: Bawden, Exhibitions, Collections, Bedford, Garden, Mini and Seasonal. Every purchase supports The Higgins Bedford. National Art Pass members can receive a 10% discount in the shop on stationery and gifts.



Museum Shop Sunday

Sunday 27 November, 2pm – 5pm

Enjoy Christmas shopping at The Higgins Shop and purchase creative and unique gifts inspired by the museum's collections and exhibitions. #MuseumShopSunday



Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December	Closed
Christmas Day Sunday 25 December	Closed
Boxing Day Monday 26 December	Closed
Bank Holiday Tuesday 27 December	Open 2pm – 5pm
Wednesday 28 December	Open 11am – 5pm
Thursday 29 December	Open 11am – 5pm
Friday 30 December	Open 11am – 5pm
New Year's Eve Saturday 31 December	Open 11am – 3pm
New Year's Day Sunday 1 January	Closed
Bank Holiday Monday 2 January	Open 2pm – 5pm

Normal opening hours from Tuesday 3 January

SCHOOL VISITS



The art gallery and museum has so much to offer school groups across all key stages and topic areas.

Hands-on, curriculum linked sessions and workshops provide students with opportunities to investigate and learn from real and replica artefacts as well as the fascinating historical objects and world-renowned works of art on display.

All visits by school groups must be booked in advance. We strongly recommend that you contact us to chat about your requirements. Pre-visits are welcome at any time during opening hours.

Self-Led Visits for Schools

Book a visit for your group to explore the galleries and collections at your own pace.

We can advise on the best galleries to visit to suit your area of study and have a range of resources including themed trails to support your visit. Admission to The Higgins Bedford is free and self-led visits can be booked for any time during our usual opening hours.

History Sessions for Schools from less than £3 per pupil

Explore the galleries and investigate local life over thousands of years of human history using real and replica artefacts and costume.

Discover a local Bronze Age burial, investigate life in

Bedford Castle, take part in a Victorian Wash Day, find out about local people, places and events, and much more. Hands-on sessions focus on local history and cover topics from Prehistory to World War 2.



Art Workshops for Schools from less than £3.50 per pupil

Explore the diverse and world famous art in our collections. Be inspired by the work on display and create your own art.

Standard art workshops include portraits and printing.

Have a go at different skills and media through hands on workshops inspired by art and objects on display.

Exhibition-led and Topic-led workshops are inspired by the themed art exhibitions on display or objects that link to cross-curricular topics and use a range of media to encourage creativity and imagination. We can usually find links to most cross-curricular topics.

Art with Local Artists – Workshops for Schools

We work with a range of local artists and crafters and can arrange workshops at The Higgins led by specialists in areas that include printing, clay and lace-making.

Charges vary according to workshop and provider.

Please email thehiggins@bedford.gov.uk to discuss your curriculum needs or for further information on booking and charges for school groups.

VISIT US

We have several measures in place to help visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience. You are encouraged to wear a face covering unless you are exempt. Please use hand sanitiser located at the entrance and around the building.

Please do not visit if you have symptoms of COVID-19.



Booking

If you are required to book for an event please visit the booking section of our website www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/Book_Online or telephone the Box Office on 01234 718044 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Please note that the Box Office in Harpur Square is not currently open for in person bookings or enquiries. For general enquiries please telephone The Higgins on 01234 718618.

The Higgins Pantry

Why not stop for coffee, lunch or tea at the adjacent Pantry café as part of your visit to the Higgins. For large groups it is advisable to make a reservation ahead of your visit, call 01234 276340 or email eat@thehigginspantry.co.uk

ACCESS

General Access

The Higgins Bedford has step free access to all levels. Wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs and assistance dogs are all welcome.

Disabled Parking

There are four parking spaces at the entrance to the museum for visitors with Accessible Parking Permits or Blue Badges.

Wheelchair Users

There are two adult wheelchairs available to borrow, please contact us ahead of your visit if you would like to book one. There are three wheelchair accessible toilets on the ground floor.

D/deaf and Hard of Hearing Visitors

Reception areas, meeting and activity rooms are equipped with induction loops, which correspond to the 'T' position on most hearing aids. A portable loop is available for use. The Higgins works with Access Bedford to provide BSL talks, tours and events.

Blind and Partially Sighted Visitors

Large print captions for temporary exhibitions are available on request at reception. QR codes are available in some of the galleries to read captions online.

Families with Members with Autistic Spectrum Conditions

An Autism Friendly Guide to the museum is available at reception or download it from the website.

For Families and Young Children

There is a separate baby change facility on the ground floor.

CONTACT US

Entrance is free
Donations are welcome

Opening hours

Tuesday to Saturday
11am – 5pm

Sunday and Bank
Holiday Mondays 2 – 5pm

Closed on Mondays,
Good Friday, Christmas
Day, Boxing Day and
New Year's Day

Visit the website at

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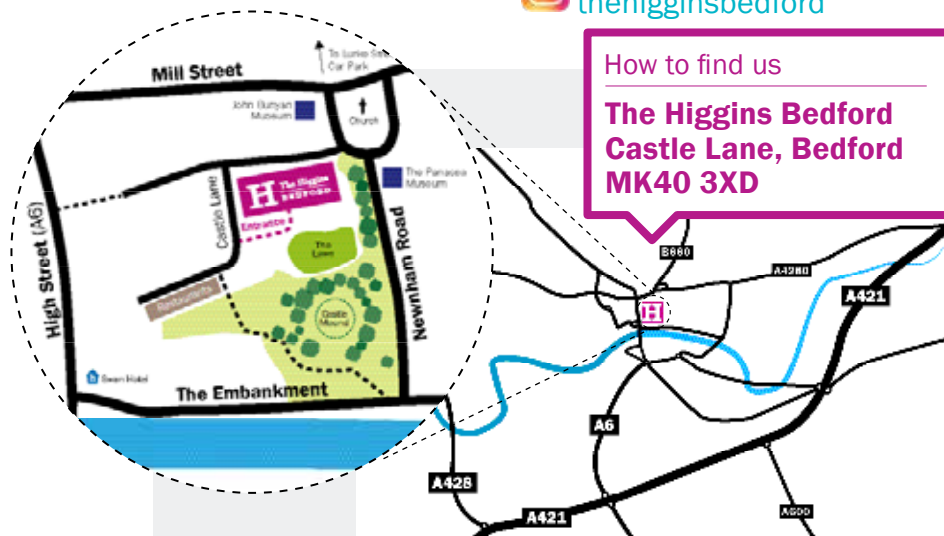
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How to find us

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Parking

The nearest public car park is at Lurke Street, just 5 minutes walk from The Higgins Bedford. Two hours **free** parking every Saturday and all day **free** parking every Sunday in all Council-owned town centre car parks. Further information is available at www.bedford.gov.uk/parking. There are limited parking spaces at the entrance of The Higgins Bedford for visitors with Accessible Parking Permits or Blue Badges.

The Higgins Bedford is a Bedford Borough Council Cultural Service. Home of the Cecil Higgins Collection.

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