

Ways to pay and join

1. Please choose a category

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Single | £20.00 per annum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Couple | £30.00 per annum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family – one or two individuals aged 18 years or over and up to four children | £40.00 per annum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Years – single person | £120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> – couple | £200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 Years – single person | £300.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> – couple | £400.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Person (18-21) – single payment of | £10.00 for 3 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate – any company, business, partnership, association, society, school or college | £225.00 |

2. Details of person purchasing membership of MMF

Title _____ First name _____
Surname _____
Email (*this is essential*) _____
Home address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____
Telephone _____ **Signature** _____

Data Protection: By signing this agreement, you consent to our use of your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. We will only use your data for membership matters and we never pass your details to third parties.

Maidstone Museums

Maidstone is home to the finest museums in Kent. The Maidstone Museum tells the story of Maidstone from its earliest times through the eyes of those of who lived here. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment Museum tells the story of this famous local regiment. The Carriage Museum is home to one of Europe's best collections of horse-drawn carriages and vehicles.

Exhibitions

Maidstone Museum hosts a regularly changing programme of temporary exhibitions. Whether you enjoy history, costume or fine art, there'll be something for you to enjoy. Exhibitions may also be created with community groups and individuals. Exhibition space is available for individuals to hire.

Events

A lively programme of events for both families and adults runs throughout the year. Children's holiday activities are a fun way to let off some steam and make a mess! See the 'What's On' leaflet or museum website for the current programme.

Learning

The museum's learning team work closely with Primary and Secondary schools in Kent to offer a variety of sessions linked to the National Curriculum and Arts Award.

Find out about the museums at www.museum-maidstone.gov.uk

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Become a Friend of Maidstone's Museums

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JOIN NOW!

Friends of Maidstone's Museums

For as little as £20 per year you can support the town's three wonderful museums and know that you are making a difference to the future of this cultural centre in your community. **Become a Friend and you will enjoy a range of benefits:**

- have a chance to attend exclusive Museum previews and exhibitions;
- attend monthly MMF talks at the Friends' shop;
- be invited to relevant Friends' Receptions –
 - for all Friends
 - for Youth Members
 - for Corporate Members
- help run MMF competitions, including –
 - Maidstone Young Artists Award (MYAA – biannual)
 - Heritage Design Challenge (for young people – biannual);
- receive discounted entry to children's activities and 10% reduction in the Museum shop;
- be invited to take part in activities throughout the year;
- receive regular news of activities and events by email, in addition to all the news on our website and social media pages.

The Foundation is a charitable organisation which, through its members, aims to support the museums through voluntary effort. By joining MMF you can help this, by contributing to:

- a) the promotion of the three Museums to the residents of Maidstone and beyond, helping to preserve your local heritage;
- b) the securing of finance to help with the purchase of artefacts, restoration of works, research, improved display and interpretation, improvement/adaption of the buildings – through grant-giving trusts, local fund-raising activities, donations and the Friends' scheme.
- c) the co-ordination and operation of the Friends' scheme.

What we've done

These are a selection of the artefacts and/or projects that Friends' efforts have funded to make a difference in Maidstone, over the past few years:

Lives in our Landscape gallery - 2023
The Museum is redesigning the display and interpretation of its extensive archaeology collection costing £600,000. MMF mounted a successful campaign to raise £100,000. *MMF contributed £100,000 through its own reserves and Friends' support.*



Floodlighting - 2019
The purchase and installation of external floodlighting in the main courtyard, illuminating the Tudor part of the Museum. *Friends' met all costs – £1,300.*

Maidstone Young Artists Award - biennial since 2019
MMF sponsors this award (including prizes) and participates in organisation and judging. *£450 every other year.*

Ancient Civilisations Gallery - 2016
The Museum pursued, successfully, the creation of what became the Ancient

Civilisations Gallery – Egyptian and Greek display. There was extensive research of the artefacts, improved display and interpretation, together with a lift to overcome accessibility issues. *MMF contributed £40,000 through its own reserves and successful applications to grant-giving trusts.*



'Arrival of a Convoy of Wounded Soldiers at Maidstone Station' - 2015
Full restoration of this large oil Painting from 1916 by local artist, Frank Hyde. *Friends funded this exercise at the cost of £3,216.*

Education - 2013
Grants attracted for the purpose of funding education salary costs – *£12,500.*

Museum's East Wing Extension - 2011
This extension expanded the area for displays, storage, and meetings together with improved climatic conditions – important for the borrowing of artefacts. *The total cost was £4.2m, of which the Friends contributed £194,106.*

Ways to pay and join

A. MMF Website

It is easiest to pay for your membership and join MMF by visiting our website

www.maidstonemuseumsfriends.org.uk

B. Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

Please complete the form overleaf and either:

- i) pay in person at the Museum front desk; or
- ii) pay by cheque, made payable to *Maidstone Museums' Foundation*, and send to;

The MMF Membership Secretary
The Maidstone Museums' Foundation
Maidstone Museum
St Faith's Street
Maidstone, Kent
ME14 1LH



Family undertaking brass rubbing in the Friends' shop in Fremlin Walk.

Under 14 Winner of the Maidstone Young Artist Award 2022 - Isabel Zheng and 'Magic Fruit'.