

Arundel Town Council

Link Councillor Report - Councillor Mark Philips – Arundel Museum
Update from Malcolm Farquharson

All is well at the Museum. We were lucky enough to receive a number of grants which will keep us going well into 2021.

We re-opened on the 1st August and have been pleasantly surprised by the number of visitors since then. August was excellent and numbers have been steady in September and October.

It will be interesting to see what happens to numbers when the Castle closes on the 1st November.

We are not able to rent out the Jubilee Room whilst social distancing is still in place apart from the company who are selling coats. They will return again in December.

Sadly there will be no Santa in the Museum this year. He will be replaced by a Xmas trail through the Museum – see details below.

What is planned for Christmas?

Firstly, please be assured that we are following the guidelines and seeking to run a safe event which can help families enjoy spending time together and getting to know the Museum.

What we are doing this year. It will be a museum visit to see the lovely decorations and lights as well as completing a children's trail. Each child will receive a gift. Please note, the gift will only be available as part of the pre-booked session. Children can complete the trail at any time though (as part of a normal entry – but will not get a gift).

When the family book in on the day, they will receive their age-appropriate gift at the beginning which will be addressed to them, along with their trail on a clipboard.

There will be decorations around the museum. In the foyer we will also have a display.

The plan is that the event will run from Thursday – Saturday 4-6pm. This will mean that it can be set up to welcome the families and get the best effect from the lighting that we will have. It will run 3-5pm on Sundays.

As you know, the capacity in the gallery is 16 people.

The cost will be £4 per child, with a free accompanying adult. If an additional adult wants to come, they will need to pay £4. (If two children are coming with two parents then the total cost is £8). So ideally, we can have eight children and adults per half hour, which will be the advertised visit length.