

## Contact

### By Post

Warminster Museum and History Society  
Warminster Library  
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### By Phone

01985 216022

This is the Library number. Please ask to be put through to the Society. Please remember that the offices of the Society are only staffed between 10am and 1pm

### By email

[museum.warminster@gmail.com](mailto:museum.warminster@gmail.com)

### Website

[warminsterhistory.wordpress.com](http://warminsterhistory.wordpress.com)

A new Website is under discussion in order to provide more information about the Society and its activities.

# Warminster Museum and History Society



at

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The image is a sign for the Warminster Library, part of the Wiltshire Council. The sign has a dark green background with white text. At the top, it says "Wiltshire Council" with the tagline "Where everybody matters" below it. The main text reads "Warminster Library". Below that, it lists the opening hours for each day of the week. At the bottom, it provides the phone number "01985 216022" and the website "www.wiltshire.gov.uk".

Opening hours		
Monday	10 am	- 7 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am	- 5 pm
Wednesday	9.30 am	- 12.30 pm
Thursday	9.30 am	- 7 pm
Friday	9.30 am	- 5 pm
Saturday	9.30 am	- 4 pm



## Membership

The Society was formed in 1970. Meetings moved to the new Library building when it was erected in 1982.

The Objects of the Society are to promote and expand the knowledge of Warminster and the surrounding villages, and include

- Its buildings
- Its trades and occupations
- Its people
- Families and individuals

The Society arranges the displays in the Museum and has a programme of meetings for members and visitors.

The Society undertakes research into the history of Warminster and its people.

We have a vast collection of data which is available to those doing their own research into family history. When Society staff undertake research on behalf of people, we appreciate a donation to the funds of the Society.

Our offices within the Library are open from 10am to 1pm on weekdays and are staffed by volunteers.

Membership of the Society costs £10 a year, plus £1 for each meeting attended.

## Meetings

A programme of meetings is arranged for the first Monday of each month; where this falls on a Bank Holiday, the meeting is held one week later. The meetings start at 7.30pm and last for about an hour. There is no meeting in January or August.

The April meeting is the Annual General Meeting of the Society when the Officers are elected.

Speakers cover a range of subjects about Warminster and the wider Wiltshire area. Local subjects of interest recently featured have included -

- Interesting Buildings in Warminster
- Warminster Pubs
- George Street, Warminster
- Growing Up in Warminster in 1950s
- Warminster Baptist Church

We have also had speakers on Stonehenge, Mail Coach Guards, Tyntesfield, and West Country Defences.

The schedule of speakers and subjects for the coming year is featured on our website.

Visitors are welcome at meetings. Entrance to the meeting is through the rear door of the Library. The cost to visitors is £3 for each meeting.

## Museum

### also known as The Dewey Museum

In 1973 the Society assumed the care of artefacts from Warminster Town Council, including the Victor Manley collection of Geology, the Harold Dewey Collection, and other items given for the benefit of the people of Warminster. The Society set up a Museum in the Sexton's Cottage at the rear of the Chapel of St Lawrence.

In 1982 the Society moved to the present Library building following its erection, where it has a display area, storeroom and offices. Only a proportion of its items are able to be on display at any one time. The displays are changed on a regular basis, and special events in local and national history are marked.

Displays and conservation work are paid for by the Society. A special display is being planned for 2014 to remember the 100th Anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Items on display in the Museum can be viewed during the opening times of the Library, which are shown on the back of this leaflet, as well as contact details for the Society. For details of other items held, please contact us.