

**Historic Buildings and Transport** Over 40 buildings to explore. Trains and buses run most days the Museum is open.



**Technology and Crafts** Age old skills are kept alive by craftspeople using traditional methods. Meet the woodturners, blacksmith, potters and printers. We aim to have at least three crafts demonstrated every day so if there is a particular craft you would like to see, do phone in advance.



**Stunning Scenery** In the heart of the South Downs National Park with outstanding wildlife and nature trails provide the perfect setting for walks and picnics.

**"So much more than we expected... brilliant value for money"** Landysal, TripAdvisor, Oct 2015

**Catering** The Limeburners Cafe serves hot and cold snacks and is also available to hire. On busy event days the Fairmile Cafe is open for you to relax and enjoy table service.



**Education** We offer workshops and talks to educational groups on topics including transport and inventions for all ages/key stages. Email [education@amberleymuseum.co.uk](mailto:education@amberleymuseum.co.uk).

**Membership** Join and visit free for 12 months. All events except Ale evenings, Hallowe'en evening and Santa Specials included. If you join on the day you visit we'll refund your day admission.

Find Us



On the B2139 between Storrington and Arundel and right next to Amberley railway station on the Arun Valley line.

Look out on our website for special offers including 2 for 1 when you travel by train (conditions apply).

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Open 10am to 5pm. Last entry 4pm. If you arrive between 3pm and 4pm you can return for free the next day we are open as there may be less activity in some parts of the Museum at this time of day.

Open Days
Event Days
Toddler Tuesdays
Activity Days
Rail steam

Prices	Gift Aid	Standard	Group
Adult (16-59)	£11.50	£10.35	£9.00
Senior (60+) or Student (FT)	£10.50	£9.50	£8.00
Child (4-15 inc)	£6.60	£6.00	£4.70
2 Adult/Senior + 2 Children	£34.00	£30.60	N/A
2 Adult/Senior + 3 Children	£36.00	£32.40	N/A

Carers, children aged 0-3 and dogs are all welcome free of charge.

Pre-booked groups of 10+ who pay in a single transaction benefit from our group rate. Please ask for our groups leaflet detailing talks, tours and catering that can enhance your visit.

**"Exciting for children or teenagers and nostalgia for parents - not to be missed"** Worldlife, TripAdvisor, Aug 2015

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# AMBERLEY

## MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

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# 2016



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**"Excellent day out... the best museum of its type"**  
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## Events: February to May

13th and 14th February – Opening Weekend: Come and see the Museum prepare for the new season. Check our website for a special offer.

21st February – Teacher and GTO Familiarisation Day: Free entry for all pre-booked teachers and group travel organisers.

6th March – Mums Can Do: Hands on activities and experiences for Mums. Mums get free entry when accompanied by a child (of any age!).

11th to 13th March – Sussex Spring Ale Showcase: a brand new beer festival, see our website for details.

20th March – Wheelwrights Day: Discover this inspiring craft.

25th until 30th March – Easter Trails

28th March – Museum Working Day: See the Museum come alive with a working woodyard and many crafts to discover and watch in action.



3rd April – Vintage Car Show

16th April – Brownies Day: Pre-booked Brownie Packs can gain the Out and About Badge with themed activities.

17th April – Spring Industrial Trains and Commercial Vehicles

23rd April – St George's Day: Special offer for pre-booked cub and brownie packs, and for uniformed children arriving in families. Please check our website for details.

24th April – Amberley Spring Bus Gathering



1st May – Motorcycle Show

2nd May – Museum Working Day with Hawking About: See the Museum come alive with a working woodyard and many crafts to discover and watch in action.

8th May – Spring Mechanicals Day: A collection of stationary engines, tractors and associated machinery to watch and enjoy.

14th May – Austin Healey Car Club: The Museum welcomes this visiting car club.

14th and 15th May – Amberley: The War Years

28th to 30th May – Traditional Crafts Event: Resident and visiting craftspeople demonstrate their age old techniques. Come and pick up a crafty bargain.



## Events: May to August

30th May – Museum Working Day with Hawking About: See the Museum come alive with a working woodyard and many crafts to discover and watch in action.

5th June – Kit Cars from the London to Brighton run: The Museum welcomes kit cars in their stopover.

11th and 12th June – Printing and Machine Shop Days: Our annual celebration of all things print.

18th and 19th June – Local Villages Weekend: A community event for local villagers to visit their Museum and see what's new. Locals are welcome to pre-book stalls. Everyone is welcome and those living in the Storrington, Steyning, Amberley area will benefit from reduced entry (see website for details).

19th June – Dads Can Do: Hands on activities and experiences for Dads. Dads get free entry when accompanied by a child (of any age!).

25th and 26th June – Emergency Services Weekend



2nd July – Beavers Day with Hawking About: A special day for pre-booked Beaver groups, with many activities open to the public too.

9th and 10th July – Railway Gala Weekend

16th July – 'Organ Grind' from the Association of Musical Box Collectors: The Museum welcomes a display of working musical boxes from the AMBC.

24th July – Classic Car Summer Show

30th July to 7th August – British Organ Grinders Association Days: Enjoy the sounds of organs playing from the BOGA.

31st July – Family Fun Day with Hawking About



6th and 7th August – Eclectic Electrics Weekend with Hawking About: Discover electricity with this electrical themed day. A chance to reminisce and reunite with electrical engineers as well as fun activities for children.

14th August – Family Fun and Jigsaw Puzzle Day

21st August – Petrol Locos Day

28th August – Family Fun Day

29th August – Story Book Day & Teddy Bears Picnic: Bring your teddy and your picnic! Fun for all the family with free entry for every child dressed as a story book character.



## Events: September to December

2nd to 4th September – Ale at Amberley Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons (normal Museum entry); Friday and Saturday evenings (advance tickets advised).

11th September – Historic Cycles Day

17th and 18th September – Miniature Steam Weekend

25th September – Amberley Autumn Bus Show and Running Day: Our ever popular bus rally returns for another year with static displays and many rides around the site on vehicles old and new, for enthusiasts and families alike.



2nd October – Classic Land Rovers Day: A brand new event for the Museum when we welcome classic Land Rovers on site.

9th October – Autumn Historic Transport Gathering: A new name but an old favourite event: our end of season grand gathering of all sorts of vehicles and the last chance in the year to enjoy industrial trains running on the railway line.

15th October – Communications Day with Jamboree On The Air: Discover life before the computer. How did we communicate?

29th October – Halloween Activities and Evening Trail: Halloween themed activities suitable for all ages. In the evening (pre-booked tickets required) be spooked with a ride on the ghost train and more.

30th October – Members Day: Open as normal, this is the last day of the season when the Museum thanks its members for their support. All welcome.



3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th and 21st December – Santa Specials: Put the dates in your diary now for the ever popular Santa Specials when you can visit the Museum and enjoy traditional fayre and entertainment Amberley style, with a visit to the big man. Watch out for ticket sales on our website.



*On selected dates in the season DON'T MISS:*  
**Toddler Tuesdays:** a morning of activities for children aged 0-5 (see calendar, over).  
**Activity Wednesdays:** a day of activities for accompanied children of all ages (see calendar, over).  
**Fantastic Fish Fridays:** In termtime visit on a Friday for a great deal. See our website for details.

Events listed may change at the last minute for operational reasons. Please check our website: [amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://amberleymuseum.co.uk)

## What can you see at the Museum?

The Museum's unique collection of listed buildings and scheduled ancient monuments, many of which were rescued from the Sussex area, include the Arundel gin building, Hove ticket office and wheelwrights' shop.

Visit the De Witt kilns and quarry buildings and see the 'Life and Lime at Amberley' exhibition to discover more about working life at the chalk pits. The narrow gauge railway and bus services provide free transport to explore the 36-acre site, offering many opportunities to get up close to commercial vehicles, rail and road steam engines, our standard gauge line, buses and more. We aim to have both the train and bus running every day we are open but due to the age of the vehicles this is not always possible.

Age old skills are kept alive by craftspeople and volunteers working to traditional methods. Meet the woodturners, wheelwrights, potter, blacksmith, printers and greenwood workers. We aim to have at least three crafts demonstrated every day we are open but this is dependent on the schedules of the independent craftspeople. If there is a particular craft you would like to see, please contact the office in advance of your visit.



## Nature and Wildlife

Amberley Museum resides in the heart of the South Downs National Park with outstanding wildlife and nature trails which provide the perfect setting for walks and picnics. Be warned, the Hillside Trail is very steep in places and not recommended for pushchairs even in good weather. The view from the top is reward in itself but depending on the time of year you may see orchids and birds of prey. In bad weather it may be closed for safety reasons.



Up to date information on the Museum's exhibits and events can be found on our website, [www.amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk) and the very latest news appears on our Facebook page where you can also sign up for our mailing list.

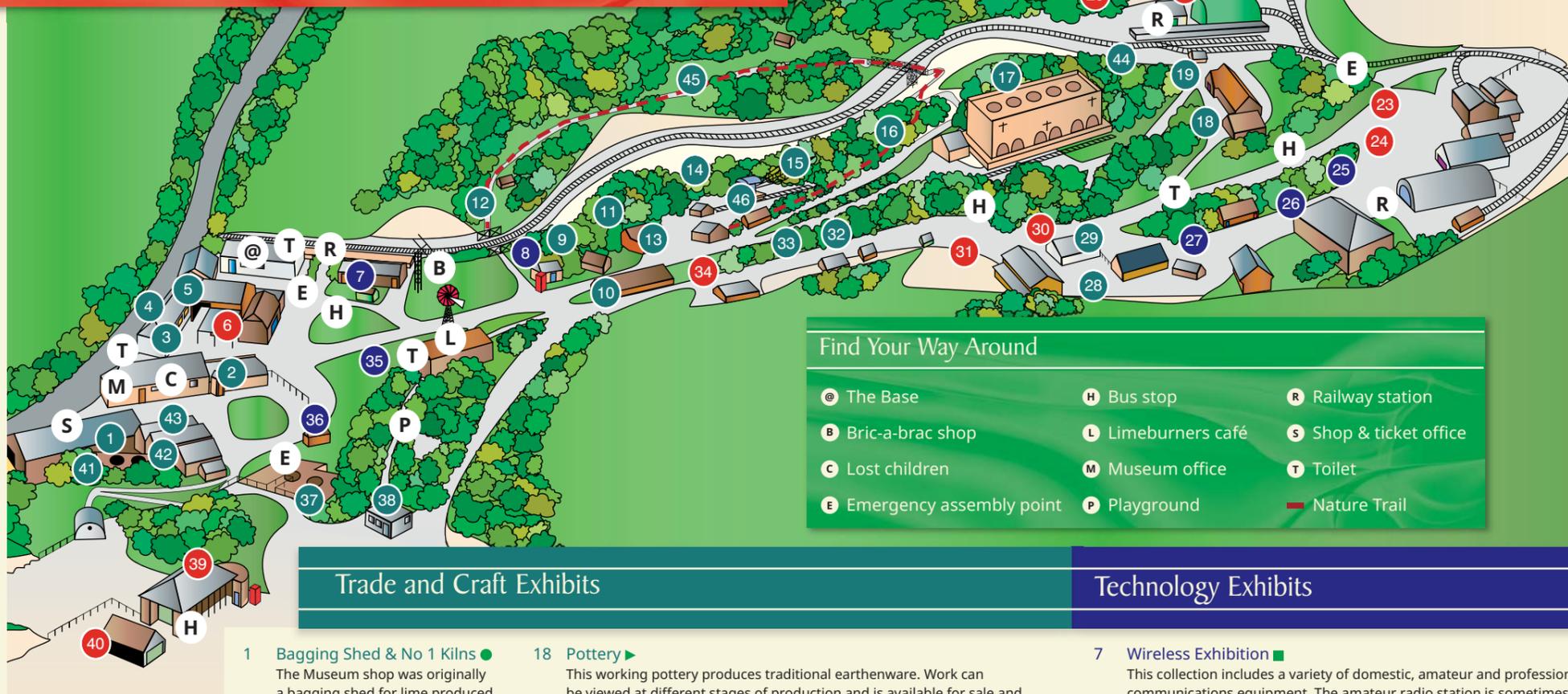


## Transport Exhibits

- 6 Road Steam, Stationary Engine Shed & Humphrey's Barn** ● These engines were used to drive farm and workshop machinery before electric power. The barn is the oldest building on site.
- 20 Hove Ticket Office** ► Built in 1894, this building was erected at Amberley in 2006.
- 21 Betchworth Hall** ■ This building houses narrow gauge railway locomotives and rolling stock which originally operated in Betchworth Quarry in Surrey.
- 23 Narrow Gauge Railway Exhibition & Railway Workshop** ■ Narrow gauge track and rolling stock are exhibited here, with displays about their use. The workshop sometimes opens for special events.
- 24 Railway Exhibition & Conservation Hall** ■ This building, initially funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, houses a range of narrow gauge exhibits and provides facilities for preservation work.
- 30 Village Garage & Cycle Shop** ■ A replica 1930s garage, petrol station and cycle repair shop. In the garage is a fabric covered Austin 7, along with equipment and tools of the period.
- 31 Southdown Bus Garage** ► This replica 1920s garage incorporates components from a number of redundant bus depots. It is home to a unique collection of restored vintage buses and an exhibition outlining the history of Southdown Motor Services.
- 34 Fire Station** ■ The Fire Station is built to a 1950's style and houses a number of period tenders and an exhibition on the history of the Fire Service.
- 39 Paviers' Museum of Roadmaking** ► An exhibition on the development of roads and their construction through related vehicles, machinery, street furniture and display boards. The 1842 cast iron structure, originally a tanyard drying shed, also houses bicycles.
- 40 Storrington Bus Garage** ► This building, previously from Storrington, housed buses overnight after their last journey of the day.

## Museum Bus and Train Services

Normally one of the preserved buses takes passengers around the Museum and a train takes visitors between Amberley and Craggside stations on the Museum site. **These services run from 11 am to approximately 4 pm**, when volunteers are available. There is no charge but donations would be appreciated.



### Find Your Way Around

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|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ● The Base                 | H Bus stop         | R Railway station      |
| B Bric-a-brac shop         | L Limeburners café | S Shop & ticket office |
| C Lost children            | M Museum office    | T Toilet               |
| E Emergency assembly point | P Playground       | — Nature Trail         |

## Trade and Craft Exhibits

- 1 Bagging Shed & No 1 Kilns** ● The Museum shop was originally a bagging shed for lime produced by the adjacent bottle kilns.
- 2 Peppers' Office & Hayloft Function Room** ● Originally the hayloft next to the office block built in the 1880s, this now houses a 1940s style office and function room.
- 3 Ironmonger's Shop** ● A replica shop showing what an ironmonger of the early 20th century sold.
- 4 Machine Shop** ● Working machine tools from the late 19th century onwards.
- 5 Print Workshop** ● Originally part of a stable block like no. 3 and 4, it now houses historic printing equipment. Items printed at Amberley are for sale.
- 9 Craftsperson's Hut** ■ A workshop for a traditional craftsperson.
- 10 Tools and Trades History Society Building** ■ TATHS exists to further the understanding of hand tools and their use. The exhibition represents a range of trades from cabinet maker to silversmith.
- 11 Arundel Gin Building** ► Formerly used by Penfolds of Arundel, from 1800 this probably housed an animal-powered mill for crushing linseed oil from flax.
- 12 Nature Hut** ● This houses an exhibition on the natural history of the site.
- 13 Craftsperson's Hut** ■ A workshop for a traditional craftsperson.
- 14 Steam Crane & Timber Yard** ■ The main exhibit in the timberyard is the steam crane. Also in this area are saw benches and other machinery used in a typical timberyard.
- 15 Greenwood Village** ■ A setting showing how people used to live and work with wood. Traditional craftspeople demonstrate their skills, when available.
- 16 Life and Lime Exhibition** ● The history of the local people involved in the quarrying of chalk and burning of lime on the Museum site.
- 17 De Witt Kilns** ● This Scheduled Ancient Monument was built in about 1905 and later converted to a series of bottle kilns.

- 18 Pottery** ► This working pottery produces traditional earthenware. Work can be viewed at different stages of production and is available for sale and to order.
- 19 Brickyard Drying Shed** ► This drying shed, built in the late 1800s, came from Nightingale's Brickyard at Petersfield and houses bricks, tiles, brick making tools and machinery.
- 22 Quarry Tunnel AKA Mainstrike Mine** ● A disused quarry tunnel originally giving access by dumper truck to a smaller pit. It featured in the James Bond film "A View To a Kill".
- 28 Wheelwrights' Yard** ► Houses the timber, stores and vehicles awaiting restoration.
- 29 Wheelwrights' Shop** ► The wheelwrights' shop was the premises of Messrs Spooner and Gordon and moved here from its original site in Horsham. Cartwheels at different stages of construction are displayed with tools of the trade.
- 32 Craftsperson's Hut** ■ A workshop for a traditional craftsperson.
- 33 Fairmile Café** ► A rare example of a local 1930s roadside café, relocated to Amberley from Fairmile Bottom in 2002. Recently returned to a functioning café, open on special event days.
- 37 No 2 Kilns** ● These lime kilns were the last to operate on site. The depth of the kilns can be seen from a walkway at the top.
- 38 Friends Centre** ■ A space used for meetings and events.
- 41 No 1 Kilns Upper Level** ● Chalk and coal were tipped into the kilns from this level.
- 42 Bagmender's Shed & Cobblers** ● These buildings date from about 1900. The bagmender's shed now houses the contents of a cobbler's shop from Bognor Regis.
- 43 Locomotive Shed & Smithy** ● The locomotive shed, built about 1900, housed one of the standard gauge railway locomotives used at the quarry. The smithy was used for the maintenance of the equipment and is still a working forge.



## Technology Exhibits

- 7 Wireless Exhibition** ■ This collection includes a variety of domestic, amateur and professional communications equipment. The amateur radio station is sometimes in operation.
  - 8 Rural Telephone Exchange** ► This building houses a typical rural automatic exchange installed by the Post Office in the 1930s.
  - 25 Electricity Hall** ■ This exhibition tells the story from discovery to generation and distribution of electricity. It displays a wide collection of domestic electrical appliances.
  - 26 Connected Earth Telecommunications Exhibition** ■ This gallery reflects the history of telecommunications through hands-on and traditional displays. It is part of a nationwide Connected Earth project founded by BT, involving other museums and the Internet.
  - 27 Municipal Engine House** ► The large 1929 Robey oil engine is housed in a reconstructed building which originally stood in Littlehampton.
  - 35 Water Pumping Display** ● A 1910 Duke and Ockenden wind pump and working hand pumps.
  - 36 Dover Cottage Pump House** ► Originally from the Norfolk estate near Arundel it now houses a 1923 petrol paraffin engine and well pump.
- The numbers above correspond to those on the map with the symbols on the right of each title indicating the history of the building, following the key below:**
- Museum Building
  - Original Quarry Feature
  - Relocated Building
- 44 Brockham Shelter** ■ Replica platform shelter built by Museum volunteers.
  - 45 Bodgers' Camp** ■ A replica camp showing how 19th century pole lathe turners lived and worked. Traditional skills are demonstrated on occasion.
  - 46 Woodturners' Workshop** ■ This workshop, operated by the West Sussex Woodturners, demonstrates a range of historic lathes and tools. Hand-turned objects are for sale.

