

# Living History Festival 2026

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# Event Programme

Follow **North Lincolnshire Museum** on Facebook and Instagram for updates, festival information and bookings.

## Talks

**THURSDAY 9 JULY**

**2.30pm – 3pm**

### **Boggins and Ploughjags, Folklore of North Lincolnshire**

**A talk and objects with Senior  
Curator Eveline van Breemen.**

Booking is a must. Spaces limited. Visit [www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk](http://www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk) for ticketing information.

£7 per ticket | Includes tea and coffee | Aimed at Adults.

**FRIDAY 17 JULY**

**1pm – 2pm**

### **Fashion is Rubbish**

**Decorative Arts Curator Madeleine  
Gray uses examples from the costume  
collection to explore how we can take  
fast fashion more slowly.**

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**FRIDAY 17 JULY**

**4pm – 5pm**

### **Digging for Lincolnshire: Axholme's Place-names.**

**Discover Axholme's place-names –  
linking language, history, archaeology  
and landscape.**

In this talk Dr Kathryn Bullen will share some of her PhD research into the place-names of the Isle of Axholme. Place-names are presented as dynamic linguistic artefacts, set against a background of historical, archaeological and topographical evidence. Find out about the importance of collecting early spellings, place-names as 'linguistic fossils', and the journey of scholarly interpretation!

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Shaping the Isle, Shaping History

# Family Fun Days

**SATURDAY 11 JULY**

10am – 4pm

## Living History Day – The Bronze Age with Ancient Crafts

Join Dr James Dilley from Ancient Crafts as he explores the Bronze Age! Visit the camp to learn how our ancestors lived 3,000 years ago.

Free | Aimed at families with children over 12 | Just turn up.

**SATURDAY 18 JULY**

10am – 4pm

## Living History Day – The Vikings! with Sudrjorvik

Join us for a Living History encampment. Including combat displays using swords and spears. Viking games and a display of Viking crafts including chain mail making and twine making.

- 10am Arming of the warrior and combat display
  - 11am Children's drills
  - 12pm Lunch- members will prepare and eat authentic food
  - 1pm Combat display
  - 2pm Children's drills
  - 3.30pm Storytelling and Norse myths
- Free | Aimed at families | Just turn up.

# Family Learning

**MONDAY 20 JULY**

10.30am – 12pm | 12.30pm – 2pm

## Artefact Artwork

Have a go at drawing some of the Museum's hidden treasures. Items that are usually stored away will be on display, ready to inspire you to create a new masterpiece. Try your hand at using different materials including chalks, pastels and charcoal.

Free | Aimed at families | Just turn up | Space limited.

**TUESDAY 21 JULY**

10.30am – 12pm | 12.30pm – 2pm

## Crafty Code Breakers

Find out how knitting was used to pass on secret messages during the Second World War. Write your own code or try your hand at knitting.

Free | Aimed at families with children over 8 | Space limited.



# Family Learning

**TUESDAY 21 JULY**

10.30am - 12pm | 12.30pm - 2pm

## Making Mosaics

Take inspiration from the Museum's impressive Fortuna Mosaic and have a go at making your own.

Free | Aimed at families with children over 8 | Space limited.

**WEDNESDAY 22 JULY**

1.30pm - 2.30pm

## Have a Go... Medieval Nature Tile Making

Using real foliage, create your own air dry tile inspired by designs in medieval manuscripts.

Booking is a must | Space limited | Visit [www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk](http://www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk) for ticketing information | £5 per child | Aimed at families with children over 8.

**MONDAY 27 JULY**

10.30am - 12pm | 12.30pm - 2pm

## Curious Curators

Join us and show the team what you would include in your dream exhibition space. Create miniatures of what you would like to see and add to our model museum.

Free | Aimed at families with children over 8 | Space limited | Just turn up.

**TUESDAY 28 JULY**

10.30am - 12pm | 12.30pm - 2pm

## Riddles and Runes

Runes were used by Anglo-Saxons and Vikings to communicate. Find out more by decoding messages, writing your own coded riddles and hunting for clues around the Museum.

Free | Aimed at Families with children over 8 | Space limited.

**TUESDAY 28 JULY**

10.30am - 12pm | 12.30pm - 2pm

## 'White Gold' an Introduction to Wool

Find out why wool was considered 'white gold' and how it shaped our history. Try your hand at spinning or create a friendship bracelet.

Free | Aimed at families with children over 12 | Space limited | Just turn up.

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Some of our activities are drop-in sessions and can become busy at peak times. If all spaces are full, we may ask you to return later when a seat becomes available. To ensure as many families as possible can take part, we may also ask participants to make room for others after a period of time.

**Please note** that these are informal drop-in activities rather than structured workshops.

**WEDNESDAY 29 JULY**

**1.30pm - 2.30pm**

## Have a Go... Oil Flowers

Inspired by the work of artist Georgia O’Keeffe and the green spaces surrounding the Museum, participants can learn techniques for using oils and creating flower inspired artworks to take home.

Booking is a must | Space limited | Visit [www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk](http://www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk) for ticketing information | £5 per child | Aimed at families with children over 8.

**THURSDAY 30 JULY**

**10.30am - 12pm**

## A Thousand Tiny Wings Science Workshop

Join us for an investigative science workshop for children. A workshop with Archaeology Curator Catherine Knight.

Booking is a must | Space limited | Visit [www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk](http://www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk) for ticketing information | £5 per child | Aimed at families with children over 8.



## Family Craft Activities

**10.30am - 3pm**

**4 - 5 JULY**

### Clay Fossils

Create your own fossil using air-dry clay. Press shells and objects into the surface to make imprints, just like real geological finds, and take home your very own Jurassic-style discovery.

**11 - 12 JULY**

### Viking Longboat

Make your own Viking longboat using card and simple materials. Decorate it with patterns and designs inspired by Viking ships and set sail on your own adventure.



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All family craft activities will be held in the Community Gallery or outside Dudley’s Den. Space is limited. Just turn up.

# Family Craft Activities

10.30am - 3pm

18 - 19 JULY

## Rune Necklace

Design a unique rune necklace using wooden beads and card. Translate your name or a special word into runic symbols and create a wearable piece of history to take home.

25 - 26 JULY

## Wheel Medieval Bracelets

Create a colourful bracelet using a simple cord-making technique inspired by Viking and early medieval crafts. Twist and weave threads together to make your own handmade accessory to take home.



# Behinds the Scenes

## North Lincolnshire Museum Volunteers Open Research Session

MONDAY 20 JULY

12.30pm - 2pm

A spotlight session hosted by volunteers, based on the River Ancholme. An opportunity to look at objects and photographs from our archive documenting the river through time.

Free | Aimed at adults | Drop-in session  
| Space limited.

## Museum Maker Volunteers: Tiddy Mun workshop

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

10.30am - 12pm

Find out about some of the work our Museum Maker volunteers have been doing to reimagine the legend of bog spirit Tiddy Mun. Participate in some hands-on activities inspired by their research.

Free | Aimed at adults | To find out more about Museum Makers work, visit [www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk/discover/meet-the-museum-makers/](http://www.northlincolnshiremuseum.co.uk/discover/meet-the-museum-makers/)



# Open Doors session

TUESDAY 21 AND 28 JULY

10.30am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm

A sneak peak into the world of Museum volunteering. Step behind the scenes and chat to the experienced and knowledgeable volunteers about their work.

Free | Aimed at adults | Drop-in session  
| Space limited.

# Music and performance

SUNDAY 26 JULY

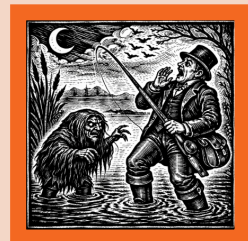
1pm - 4pm

Performance times: 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

Musicians from FOLK 'ROUND 'ERE will perform songs, tunes and poetry inspired by Jack Gale's play "Tiddy Mun" a historical drama named after the mythical creature who lived in the North Lincolnshire bogs and was upset when the Dutch engineers drained his land. Believed to be 3 feet high, with a long white beard and long white hair, people called for his help by saying:

"Tiddy Mun w'out a name, here's watter  
for thee, tak  
tha spell  
undone."

Free | Aimed  
at all.





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**Oswald Road, Scunthorpe DN15 7BD**

Free Entry | Fully Accessible | Open Seven Days

Free parking | Courtyard Picnic Area

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