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GODALMING MUSEUM PLANS TO RE-OPEN

Godalming Museum cannot wait to welcome back visitors and will be reopening part of the Museum from Monday, 17 August.

To celebrate the reopening, a brand new exhibition will be in place entitled *Godalming's Secret Cemetery*, based on the 9th-12th century (Saxon-Norman) cemetery excavated in Godalming in 2014 and subsequent research at the University of Roehampton. Visitors will be able to find out what this unique archaeological site has to tell us about Godalming's first inhabitants and their world.

The Museum has put in place measures to help keep visitors and staff safe with pre-booked entry times, a pre-planned route around the gallery and shop, systems to help maintain social distancing, extra cleaning of public areas before opening each day along with additional cleaning of touch points. Staff will wear visors and/or face coverings and, where necessary, gloves and visitors will be required to wear face coverings whilst inside.

Godalming's Secret Cemetery exhibition will be open on Mondays and Fridays only between 10.30am and 4.30pm (1 hour exhibition viewing time) and although the coffee shop remains closed a limited range of gifts will be available from the museum shop.

In order to meet government guidelines on coronavirus, the number of visitors to the Museum will be limited and all visits must be booked in advance. Visits from 17 August to 4 September are currently reserved for the Museum's volunteers and patrons and members of the Friends of Godalming Museum, members of the public will be able to book a visit from 4 September onwards.

The booking line for visits opens from the 3 August, please call the Museum between 10.00am and 1.00pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holiday) Tel: 01483 426510. For all information on what can be expected from a visit to Godalming's unique High Street Museum and what is expected from visitors please visit www.godalmingmuseum.org

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Notes to Editors:

Please note: An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Godalming Museum believe they are taking all reasonable steps to ensure visitors' safety, but by visiting the museum you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

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