

THE SHIPLEY ART GALLERY

Pre-Visit Information

Thank you for booking a visit to the Shipley Art Gallery!

We hope you will find this resource useful in planning your visit. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact a member of our friendly Learning Team.

About the Shipley

The Shipley Art Gallery opened in 1917 with just a collection of 504 paintings bequeathed by Joseph Shipley. Since then the Shipley has grown to include work on paper, decorative art and contemporary craft including The Henry Rothschild collection of studio ceramics. In 2016 the Saltwell Park Museum collection exhibition opened at the Shipley. This is a fascinating display of bird eggs, taxidermy, fossils and other interesting items donated by Gateshead residents.

Getting here

Metro

The nearest Metro Station to the Gallery is Gateshead interchange, approximately 20 minutes walk away.

Public Bus

Buses stopping at Old Durham Road are approximately 2 minutes walk away; and the Q2 bus stops outside of the gallery on Prince Consort Road.

Parking

Parking facilities outside the Gallery are very limited. There is free on-street parking outside of the gallery and one disabled parking bay.

Upon arrival

Please enter with your group through the main doors leading into the shop and reception area. Please note that there is a ramp and automatic door too. All visiting groups need to sign-in with the attendant on duty at the welcome desk. If you've booked a workshop or tour, a member of our Learning Team will meet you and your students here.

During your visit

Please remember that you are responsible for your group at all times. We ask that you do not leave children unsupervised or allow them to run or shout in the galleries. Touching the artworks is not allowed (unless otherwise stated). You may find it useful to remind students of this before your visit!

If your students wish to use the shop, please make sure you factor in time for this outside of the time designated for the workshop. We suggest just a small number of children in the shop at any one time.

If you would like to take photographs, please ask an attendant for details. Flash photography and tripods are not allowed in the gallery.

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Getting around the building: exhibitions and facilities

Entrance

Please enter the gallery through the main doors. There is also an ramp and automatic door. This will lead you into our welcome desk where you will sign in upon your arrival.

Shop

The shop is found at the welcome desk. The shop sells posters, postcards, art materials, and greetings cards. It also sells a range of small 'pocket-money' stationary items for under £3, perfect for trip souvenirs!

Toilets

Male and female accessible toilets are located by the welcome desk, the male toilets are to the left and female toilets to the right. There are two additional accessible toilets towards the back of the workshop downstairs.

Designs for Life

Located in gallery D and E, the spaces on the right of the large main gallery (Gallery A). Designs for Life is a permanent display showcasing the Shipley's stunning craft and design collections. These objects range from the hand-crafted and unique to the everyday and mass-produced. It is a chance to see how design is everywhere in our lives.

Tintoretto area

The Tintoretto area is found at the back of Gallery A. This space has some exciting and famous pieces on display. Come and view a maquette of the *Angel of the North* by Antony Gormley, it's 20 times smaller than the real angel. Or you could come to see the painting of *The Blaydon Races* by William Irving, which depicts one of the North East's most celebrated sporting events.

Saltwell Park Museum collection

This permanent exhibition opened in 2016. It is found in Gallery B, to the left of Gallery A. This exhibition has brought together the collection from Saltwell Towers, a museum which closed 50 years ago. The display contains a fascinating collection of items including, fossils, bird eggs, taxidermy and ceramics. There is even a Juke Box at the back of the gallery with a wide selection of music and oral histories from residents of Gateshead.

Temporary Exhibition Galleries A and C

The Shipley offers a range of temporary exhibitions throughout the year. These two galleries host a rolling programme of fascinating exhibitions, combining imaginative displays from the Shipley's collection.

Henry Rothschild Study Centre

This space presents a superb collection of 20th Century craft and design amassed by Henry Rothschild between the 1940s and 2006. The collection includes over 300 pieces by leading ceramacists working in Britain and internationally from the mid 20th Century.

