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Christmas at The Museum of Somerset

This Christmas the Museum of Somerset is hosting performances and talks that explore local festive traditions. And, of course, a visit from Father Christmas!

Santa will be setting up his grotto in the alms house for visits every Saturday in December. After visiting Santa, children can also follow the Elf Trail around the museum.

On Friday 13 December at 2.30 pm the museum's Curator of Social History, Bethan Murray, will give a 'Christmas Traditions' talk exploring the traditions that are so much a part of this special time of year.

On Wednesday 18 December 'A Somerset Christmas' will offer an evening of carols and stories starting at 7.30 pm. Taking place in the Great Hall of Taunton's 12th-century castle the evening includes performances from Wood Street Community Choir and Somerset readings from Chief-Executive of the South West Heritage Trust, Tom Mayberry. This is followed by a special tour of the museum exploring seasonal tales and traditions found within the collections.

Dan Broadbent, Museum Manager, said: "We hope our visitors will join us for a seasonal celebration of local music, stories, food and drink. The choir will be carolling festive favourites, and some that are unique to Somerset. And, of course, no Christmas celebration is complete without mince pies and mulled cider!"

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During the final week of the school holiday, running 27 December to 4 January, there will also be a museum trail themed around the 'Twelve Days of Christmas.'

Event booking

Booking essential for Santa's Grotto (£5), 'A Somerset Christmas' (£15) and 'Christmas Traditions Talk and Tea' (£5.) Visit museumofsomerset.org.uk or call 01823 255088

Christmas and New Year opening hours

Christmas Eve - early closing at 2.00 pm

Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Years Day – Closed

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Notes to editors

1. The South West Heritage Trust

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage. As well as the widely-praised Museum of Somerset and the redeveloped Somerset Rural Life Museum, in Glastonbury, the Trust manages state-of-the-art facilities in Taunton and Exeter to care for the extraordinary archive collections of the two counties. The Trust also provides essential advice about the historic environment and manages historic sites. Individuals and businesses are invited to support the charity through its Supporters' scheme. Visit swheritage.org.uk

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