Lakeside Centre

Bow Arts opens the newly renovated Lakeside Centre in the autumn 2018 as a lively cultural hub with a jam-packed calendar of cultural and educational events.

With exhibitions, workshops, and a community cafe, head over to Lakeside Centre to participate in great art and culture and absorb stunning views of Southmere lake on the open balcony. The brutalist metropolis of Southmere Estate famously attracted director Stanley Kubrick when filming cult classic Clockwork Orange in 1972, and has since become the backdrop of choice for several other films.

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Local Studies and Archives

Located within Central Library in Bexleyheath, the Local Studies & Archive Centre holds a treasure trove of archives, books and images, which can be used to research people and places in Bexley over the last 500 years. Tourist information point in library:
touristinformation@bexley.gov.uk
Email archives@bexley.gov.uk
Telephone 020 8303 7777 and ask for Local Studies
Web www.bexley.gov.uk/services/archives-and-local-history
@BexleyArchives
Hall Place House and Gardens

Sitting on the banks of the River Cray, Hall Place was once the country residence of Sir John Champneys, a successful merchant and former Lord Mayor of London. Today you can imagine genteel life in Tudor times as you explore the 500-year-old historic house or take a stroll in the spectacular gardens. Throughout the year, exciting exhibitions and events make Hall Place the perfect destination for all the family.

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Danson House

Head to Danson house, set in the popular Danson Park, to take in the breathtaking Grade I listed Palladian villa. Built by Sir John Boyd in 1766 Danson House was originally designed by architect Sir Robert Taylor. In the twentieth century the house fell into an almost ruinous state and in 1995 English Heritage began a huge programme of restoration. In 2005 the restored interior opened to the public and the house is now home to Bexley’s Register Office with public viewing of the grand rooms on the Principal Floor and the Victorian basement kitchen available every Sunday between 10am and 4pm.

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Red House

Found in the centre of Bexley is the only house commissioned, created and lived in by William Morris, founder of the Arts & Crafts movement. The rooms at Red House give a unique view of William Morris’ earliest designs and decorative schemes. The original features and furniture by Morris and Philip Webb, stained glass and paintings by Burne-Jones, the bold architecture and a garden designed to ‘clothe the house’ create a fascinating and rewarding place to visit.

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Foots Cray Meadows

Foots Cray Meadows are the largest public open space in the London Borough of Bexley, situated in the South East of the Borough. The River Cray forms a central feature of the landscape which can be crossed via two notable 18th century bridges: Five Arches bridge and the smaller Penny Farthing Bridge. The area is rich in natural history with the river, woodland and meadows providing a valuable environment for nature conservation.

Crossness Pumping Station

Hidden in Thamesmead is Crossness Pumping Station. Built by Sir Joseph Bazalgette for London’s sewage system and opened in 1865, Crossness Pumping Station is a Grade I Listed building and features some of the most spectacular ornamental Victorian ironwork found in the world today. There has been no access to the Beam Engine House since autumn 2017 due to the presence of asbestos, so please visit the CET website for up to date information before you visit. You can still visit the museum and historic buildings as an exciting programme of events is held throughout the spring and summer months. Open days include family craft activities and you can also view the progress made on the Royal Arsenal Narrow Gauge Railway.

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Lesnes Abbey Woods

Take a trip to the historic ruins of Lesnes Abbey set in 88 hectares of park and ancient woodland. Enhancement works have built on this magnificent heritage with the creation of self-guided trails, Lesnes Abbey Lodge (an education and community centre) and ornamental gardens. A recreation area features a playground, parkour zone, outdoor-gym and a multisport games area ensuring there is something for everyone. The abbey ruins, gardens and woodland are open and free to visit at any time.

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Free ‘Lesnes Abbey Woods’ app available from the App Store or Google Play

The Carnegie Building

After a period of closure, The Carnegie Building in Erith, the borough’s first library, is set to reopen as a centre for arts, heritage and community which will be managed by The Exchange. Designed by local architect William Egerton and built by local hands, this Grade II listed local Edwardian gem forms part of many Bexley residents’ childhood memories, and will once again sit at the heart of the community through an active and innovative events programme that launches in September 2018.

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