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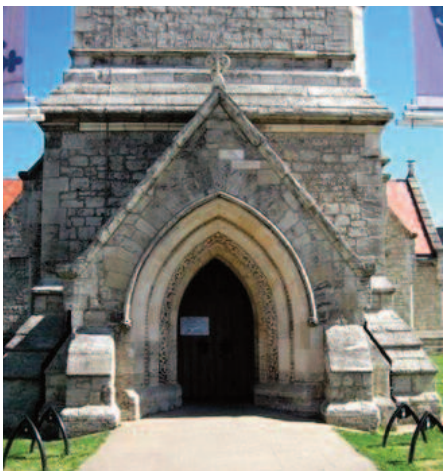
The Art Gallery used to be a church. Now, as well as an art gallery, it is also the Hartlepool Tourist Information Centre and the Town Hall Theatre box office.

Art Gallery Entrance

To enter the Gallery you will pass through an area where there are free leaflets and information on attractions within the North East and beyond. You are welcome to take any leaflet you find interesting.



Before entering the main gallery there are two sets of power assisted doors. You can either touch the hand panel or press the circular blue button on the left hand side of the doors to make them open.

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Reception and the Art Gallery Shop

As you enter, the reception desk is on the right hand side. Here you can speak to the staff, pay for items from the shop, book tickets for the Town Hall Theatre or request tourist information.

The shop sells a range of locally produced items, cards, jewellery and souvenirs.

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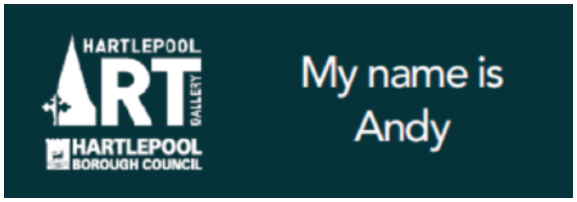
Staff

You will recognise our staff as they wear navy blue t-shirts or jumpers with the Hartlepool Borough logo on the front and the words 'Gallery Staff' on the back.

If you need help speak to someone with a name badge like this



Looking Round the Art Gallery

The exhibitions in the gallery change regularly so there might be different things to see each time you come. We have lots of different types of exhibitions such as sculptures, paintings and photography. You can find out what will be on during your visit by reading our leaflet or visiting the website.

Some exhibitions might have music or loud sounds, bright lights or even smells. You can phone or e-mail to ask us more about this before you visit. If you find the music too loud, please tell a member of staff and we will do our best to turn it down or off.

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Balcony

On the left hand side of the shop there is a spiral staircase to the balcony. From here you get an amazing view of the main gallery.

Viewing Tower

You can climb to the top of the tower, it has 162 steps and as it is the highest point in the town it offers great views across Hartlepool. You can also see the clock mechanisms and our bells. The bells chime approximately every 15 minutes. It is very loud but don't worry it doesn't last long. Sometimes the tower will be closed to the public, if this is the reason you are visiting then please phone to confirm it is open.

There is a small charge for accessing the tower:

Adults £1.45

Children/Concessions 55p

Family (2Adults & 2Children) £2.55

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Quiet Space

If you need a quiet space while visiting the Art Gallery, please speak to a member of staff who will do their best to help you. We also have a variety of sensory equipment for you to borrow during your visit. If you would like to use this please ask a member of staff.

If it is too noisy or need time out, you can borrow ear defenders or other sensory equipment from reception.

Hand's On Area

The Hand's on area is towards the back of the gallery on the right. Here you will find a range of art related activities, drawing materials, books and a back pack with lots of ideas to help you explore the gallery.

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Font

The font was used for baptisms but was moved during the refurbishment. It was originally near the emergency exit in the Hand's On area, where you can still see the chain used to lift the lid.

Pulpit and Brass Lectern

This is near the cafe. The Pulpit was used like a stage to lift the speaker up so they could be heard. The Gothic style lectern was presented to Christ Church in 1897, it is a stand used to hold the bible.

Windows

As this building used to be a church there are lots of stained glass windows. When the light shines through them there can be different coloured lights on the floors and walls.

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Italian Marble Statues

The statue on the left is called Susannah and the statue on the right is called Innocence. They are made of marble and are about 150 years old.

Toilets

These can be found on the left hand side of the gallery. The accessible toilet can be found around the corner in the cafe area. There is also an accessible cubicle within the men's toilet.

Cafe

If you get hungry there is a cafe in the gallery staffed by the students of Catcote Academy and Catcote futures. It serves teas, coffees, handmade cakes and lunches.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

Contact 01429 523402 for more information.

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In an Emergency

If you hear a loud siren or see red flashing lights, near the cafe, front door and toilets you need to leave the building quickly and calmly. Either follow a member of staff or make your way through any exit door. The meeting point is at the Sir William Gray Statue located in front of the gallery main doors in church square.

Opening Times

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm

	Art Gallery	Box Office
Monday	**Closed**	**Closed**
Tuesday	10am – 5pm	10am- 4.30pm
Wednesday	10am – 5pm	10am- 4.30pm
Thursday	10am – 5pm	10am- 4.30pm
Friday	10am – 5pm	10am- 4.30pm
Saturday	10am – 5pm	10am- 4pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day & Good Friday.

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Contact Us

If you would like to contact us before your visit the telephone numbers are

Art Gallery/Tourist Information Centre: **01429 869706**
Hartlepool Theatre Box Office: **01429 890000**
Vestry Cafe: **01429 523402**

Or you could e-mail Email: **hpooltic@hartlepool.gov.uk**

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