

CORNWALL HERITAGE AWARDS 2026

This year's awards ceremony took place on May 19th, at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall (Falmouth). Museum volunteers Hollie, Lizzie and Kevin and I were in attendance. Liskeard and District Museum has been recognised in the following categories:

Winner - ONE TO WATCH (Hollie Thompson)

Highly commended - INNOVATION (John Rapson Digitisation Project)

Highly commended - HERITAGE HEROES Smaller Organisations (Kevin Brown and Elizabeth Caddy)

Big thanks and congratulations to the whole volunteer team.

PAINTING & MUSEUM SIGNAGE

From 9–19 June, decorators carried out refurbishment works at Foresters Hall. The lobby area between the TIC and the Museum has been painted in an elegant shade of teal, creating a more welcoming entrance. The Henry Rice Room has also been given a fresh new look, and we are delighted with the results.

We have begun discussions with ParcSigns about updating Museum's internal signage to complement the new colour scheme. We hope to have the new wayfinding boards installed before the start of the school holidays, with more exciting projects planned as part of this partnership.

EXHIBITIONS UPDATES

Following the recent decorating work in the Henry Rice Room, our mining and geology exhibition is currently being reinstalled. The team agreed that completing the display in stages would allow for a more carefully considered layout, while also improving accessibility for visitors. We would like to thank everyone for their patience while we put the room back together.

Threads: Capturing Memories Woven in Fabric is also undergoing some changes. A significant number of original loaned items have now been returned to their owners, and replacement exhibits have been secured from Lawrence House Museum, Launceston, the Museum of Cornish Life, Helston, and private collections. A brand-new display cabinet has also been ordered to showcase these additions.

Meanwhile, discussions have begun about the future of the John Allen exhibition, and some exciting and creative ideas are already taking shape.

LEARNING AT THE MUSEUM

Lizzie has put together a fantastic programme of activities for the summer! From Liskeard to the World will run from 25th July to 2nd September, featuring 20 free workshops alongside a talk by Brian Oldham.

This is also the first time the Museum's summer programme will be advertised in *Blackbird Pie* magazine, so keep an eye out and be sure to pick up a copy!

VOLUNTEERING TEAM

We currently have 20 volunteers, with seven on our weekly rota.