



Introducing the Heath Robinson Museum

The Heath Robinson Museum in Pinner, north-west London, showcases the work of the world-renowned artist, illustrator, humourist and social commentator William Heath Robinson (1872-1944).

Heath Robinson lived in Pinner from 1908-18, some of the most productive years of his life.

The Museum was opened by Michael Rosen in October 2016, using a typically Heath Robinson style ribbon-cutting contraption constructed by students at a local school.

Situated in Pinner's Memorial Park next to historic West House, the Museum complex has created a major artistic, cultural and community hub in the region.

The Museum provides a permanent home for the Heath Robinson collection of original artwork and other artefacts. In addition to the permanent exhibition chronicling the life and works of Heath Robinson, the Museum has a rolling programme of quarterly themed Special Exhibitions. These focus on cultural, artistic and educational subjects, showcasing other artists and illustrations as well as exploring aspects of public life.



Photo: Steve Pink for Heath Robinson Museum



Learning and Events programmes

The Museum's cultural, diversity, arts and social value focus is reinforced by a comprehensive learning and events programme, with school and college group visits and a range of activities and workshops for children, young people and families. Organised and led by the Museum's dedicated onsite Learning Officer, the activity programme includes expert artists, illustrators, writers and broadcasters who share their knowledge, experience and insight.

The museum and West House overlook the beautiful lake, which forms a stylish backdrop to all our outdoor events, including the highly popular annual open-air theatre event

The Maker's Art

Another key differentiator is that as well as offering a range of products reflecting Heath Robinson's work, the shop at the Museum sells a selection of one-off items, designed and handmade by acclaimed, locally-based artisans. The Maker's Art is a contemporary range of artworks, jewellery, ceramics and printed images that complement the imagination and enchantment of Heath Robinson's work. The makers change every six months, adding more valuable creative partnerships and leading to a distinctive decorative art marketplace at the Heath Robinson Museum.

Support the Museum – sponsorship and Friends options

As the Museum receives no central or local government funding, we offer a range of support options. This includes our Friends of Heath Robinson Museum organisation, with a range of annual and continuing membership options. The FoHRM offers special events and discounted offers to Members.

The Museum also offers sponsorship options for our Special Exhibitions and individual events and activities, with many venue hire opportunities too. Together with the bright and modern function room/gallery at West House, the Heath Robinson Museum complex offers a complete corporate and community support resource. Companies and community organisations can host exhibitions and events, business and training workshops with full catering facilities and the option of a museum Private View.

Background to the Museum development

The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust is a registered charity which restored West House for community use. The Trust is a partnership between local Pinner people and the William Heath Robinson Trust, custodians of the artist's work.

To develop the Museum, Trustees received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.3m and we extend our grateful and continuing thanks to National Lottery players.

The Museum Trust chairman, Cynthia Wells, says "The great joy of having this permanent home for the Heath Robinson collection is being able to welcome visitors of all ages from around the country and across the world who come to see the exhibitions and this beautiful stylish museum. We are also greatly encouraged by the number of younger people coming to visit, both from word-of-mouth recommendation and particularly via social media channels. We are delighted to see that a brand new generation is discovering the genius of William Heath Robinson."



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