Harborough Museum

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Over 2500 people enjoyed events in the Square and at Harborough Museum on 19th September. Dr Nick Barratt, from the BBC's 'Who do you think you are', opened the event with Harborough FM in The Square. Also in The Square all day were Romans from the Leg II AUG, members of the Sealed Knot Civil War Society, a Victorian lady, the Birmingham Pals of World War One, and a falconry display all ending with a dramatic parade around The Square and Memorial Gardens.

In Harborough Museum Ken Wallace, who discovered the first of the coins from the Hallaton Treasure, Vicki Score from ULAS (University of Leicester Archaeological Services) and Leicestershire Finds Liaison Officer Wendy Scott were on hand to talk to visitors about the archaeological finds and what to do if you make a discovery.

Leicestershire County Councillor Ernie White, lead member for Museums, said 'Over two thousand people enjoyed the events around Harborough as well as the new displays in Harborough Museum. It was a fitting way to welcome the nationally important Iron Age finds as well as to celebrate the local history of Market Harborough. The Museum's staff have worked hard to prepare for the displays and Saturday's success is a tribute to their efforts.'

Harborough Museum is open Monday to Saturday 10.30am to 4.15pm. Admission FREE. The Museum's entrance is in Fox Yard just off Symington Way on the first floor of the Council Offices. Lift access is available.

Harborough Museum is administered in partnership by Leicestershire County Council, Harborough District Council and the Market Harborough Historical Society.

The £290,000 refit is part of the Southeast Leicestershire Project to bring The Hallaton Treasure to the region. The whole project is funded with grants from The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Art Fund - the UK's leading independent art charity, The MLA/V&A Purchase Fund, the DCMS Wolfson Foundation, Renaissance East Midlands, and The Headley Trust with local contributions from the Friends of Leicester and Leicestershire Museums, the Leicestershire Museums Fieldwork Group, and the County Council as well as private individuals. Harborough District Council and The British Museum are also supporting the project.