

THE
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Cover image: *The River Tang*, 1913. Philip Connard (1875–1958)
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Sefton Council 

WELCOME

This summer, the **Art Gallery** features works from our own fine art collection alongside loans from national organisations including Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums, Imperial War Museum, National Museum Wales, Tate and many more. Immerse yourself in paintings, ceramics and sculptures dating from the nineteenth century to the present day.

If you are inspired by the artwork on display (and aged 18+), take part in our **Inspirations: Poetry and Creative Writing Competition**. Winning entries will be displayed at The Atkinson and awarded a prize donated by The Arts Society Southport. Entry forms can be downloaded online or collected from the gallery. Submission deadline 17 Aug.

Creative kids can take part in free **Make it!** craft workshops every Thursday throughout August. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free! In the **Young Curators Summer Sessions** young people (aged 14-18) are invited to work with industry professionals to develop their creative skills and understanding of museum collections.

You can now explore our museum and art galleries with our digital guide on **Bloomberg Connects**, the free arts and culture app. Our guide takes you behind the scenes with exclusive content from artists, curators, and more. Use the app to plan your visit, then dive deeper into your favourite works at home – or anywhere, anytime!

Celebrate Southport's fantastic heritage as we take part in England's largest festival of history and culture; **Heritage Open Days** 6 – 15 Sep. Don't forget, you can discover stories from across Sefton in our local history and Egyptology **Museum**. A range of interactive displays and creative activities have been designed to help visitors of all ages have fun whilst exploring.

Our traditional Theatre and dynamic Studio space present an outstanding programme of music, comedy and performing arts. Highlights on stage this summer include a beautiful production of Jane Austen's **Pride & Prejudice** (1 Aug), a thrilling performance in **The Haunting of Blaine Manor** (7 Sep) and a spectacular one man show **Sherlock Holmes: The Last Act** (20 Sep).

On the first Wednesday of every month, **Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music** provide a wonderful evening of acoustic music from local and international artists. In partnership with L'Orchestra dell'Arte, **Cake & Classical Music** lunchtime concerts take place on the first Monday of each month.

FAMILY

HORRIBLE HISTORIES

LIVE ON STAGE!

ROTTEN ROYALS



Fri 16 Aug, 2pm & 6pm

Sat 17 Aug, 11am & 2pm

MUSIC



The UK Rock Show

Friday 6 September, 7.30pm



Between Land & Sea

Our local history museum tells the story of the people who lived and worked along Sefton's coast from prehistoric times to the present day.

Discover Ancient Egypt

Uncover the rituals and beliefs of ancient Egyptians, from peasants to pharaohs, through Anne Goodison's fascinating collection brought to life in an interactive exhibit.

GET INVOLVED



Young Curator Summer Sessions

Tue 30 July, Fri 2, Tue 6 & Fri 9 August
11am - 3pm, Age 14-18
Free, lunch included, book online

Are you interested in the arts? Would you like to work for a museum in the future? Then we want to hear from you! In these free summer sessions, you will work with industry professionals to develop your creative skills and understanding of museum collections.

The Ties That Bind

25 May 2024 - 15 March 2025

Family life, working relationships, love stories and close-knit communities. This exhibition examines how artists have taken inspiration from our personal and communal bonds.

Eternal Summer: Paintings by Philip Connard

1 June - 30 November 2024

From an unpromising start as a Southport painter and decorator, Philip Connard rose to prominence as a successful Impressionist artist and a Royal Academician.

Edwardian Impressionists: Philip Connard's contemporaries

1 June - 30 November 2024

Connard worked alongside some of the greatest artists of his generation, many of them leading British Impressionists who opposed the artistic establishment at the turn of the nineteenth century.

Bill Tidy: "Is there any news of the iceberg?"

8 June - 5 October 2024

This exhibition pays tribute to the comic genius who gave us The Cloggies, The Fosdyke Saga, and many more cartoons in our national newspapers and magazines.

Sefton Art Group

29 June - 10 August 2024

Presenting a variety of artworks from their members. Artworks on the Landing Gallery are available to purchase.

Southport University Extension Society

27 July - 24 August 2024

To celebrate 150 years, this exhibition explores both the history of SUES and their continued success.

Sefton Young Artist of The Year 2024

27 July - 31 August 2024

A showcase of this year's winners and commended Young Artists. All entries are available to view on our online gallery.

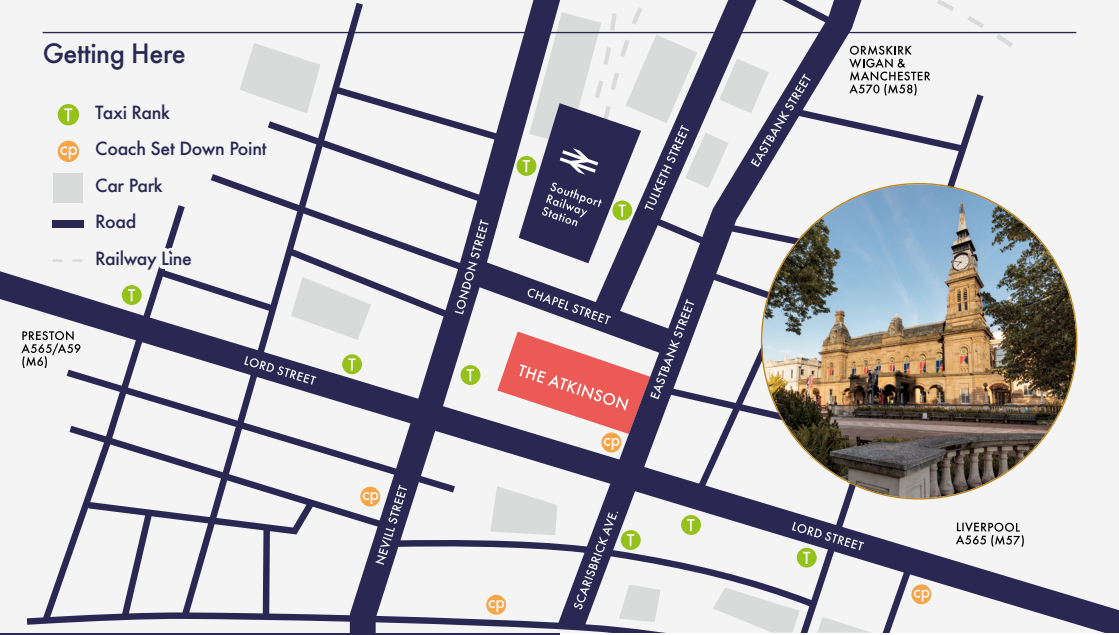
Liverpool Contemporary Collective

17 August - 21 September 2024

Five artists present an exhibition of largely abstract work. Artworks on the Landing Gallery are available to purchase.

Getting Here

-  Taxi Rank
-  Coach Set Down Point
-  Car Park
-  Road
-  Railway Line



HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm
(Open one hour before performance start times)

Museum, Gallery & Shop

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

A Great Little Place Café

Monday – Friday 10am – 4.30pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm

Southport Library

Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 2pm

The Atkinson is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
Please check opening hours before visiting.

General Information

Booking fees apply to purchases made online and over the phone.
The Atkinson's refund policy is available online and at Box Office.
All information is correct at the time of printing.

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You can support The Atkinson in many different ways; by donating,
becoming a member, or sponsoring a seat.

www.theatkinson.co.uk/trust

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Accessibility

-  Wheelchair and visually impaired spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333
-  Changing Places toilet facility
-  Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue
-  Lift access to all areas of the venue
-  Induction Loop available for any space in the venue

The Atkinson would like to thank our Funders & Supporters and Exhibition Partners



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July – September '24

- Key:
- On stage
 - Family
 - Talks
 - Community

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July 2024

Evening Talk
LM 756 F-Freddy: A Lancaster Bomber Memorial Story
Wed 03 Jul, 7pm, £5 for public, Free for Members
Kevin Ruane MBE recounts the fateful mission targeting Hitler's Alpine Retreat at Berchtesgaden. The presentation includes actual film footage and photographs from the raid.

Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music
Over The Moon
Wed 03 Jul, 7.30pm, Advance £13, Doors £15
Canadian duo "Over The Moon" consists of Suzanne Levesque and Craig Bignell, both award-winning vocal and multi-instrumentalists. With support from The Weeping Willows and Vision Thing.

Cake & Classical Music
Calderbank Duo
Mon 08 Jul, 1pm, £13
Duets for violin and viola are not often performed, this is a great opportunity to explore some of the repertoire. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Concert begins 1pm.

Freckle Productions
Zog and the Flying Doctors
Tue 9 Jul, 4.30pm, Wed 10 Jul, 10.30am & 4.30pm
£14 / £13 Groups 10+, Ages 3+
Based on Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's bestselling sequel, Freckle Productions are back for another roar-some adventure! A truly modern take on the classic fairy tale.



Object of the Month
Phillip Connard: Eternal Summer
Wed 10 Jul, 1pm, Free, donations welcome
The Atkinson's Principal Manager Stephen Whittle brings together representative examples of Phillip Connard's many achievements, putting the work of this multi-faceted artist back into the spotlight.

Apex Music International
Peatbog Faeries
Thu 11 Jul, 7.30pm, £24
Hailing from the Isle of Skye, the legendary Scottish trailblazers have created a glorious mixture of traditional sounds and dance-floor grooves that have been embraced worldwide.



Jordan Connerty in collaboration with RAWD
The Boy King
Sat 20 Jul, 2pm, Pay what you decide £3+, Age 7+
A vibrant one man show celebrating 100 years since the discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb. Packed with playful characters, fun and facts, this show is perfect for families, lovers of history and Neurodivergent audiences.

Get Creative
Construction Club
Sat 27 Jul, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Free, donations welcome
On the last Saturday of the month, young inventors are invited to drop in and play with our massive supply of LEGO.

August 2024

Make It!
Craft Workshop
Thu 01 Aug, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome
All ages
Be inspired by our museum, art gallery & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.



Chapterhouse Theatre Company
Pride and Prejudice
Thu 01 Aug, 7.30pm, £20, Under 16s & Students £12, Family of 4 (min 1 adult) £55
Step back in time and meet Elizabeth Bennet and her sisters as they navigate the mire of manners of regency society. With stunning period costume, timeless wit, and a romantic original score.

Handle With Care Productions
The Unravelling Wilburys
Fri 02 Aug, 7.30pm, £21, £18 concessions
Playing the country-rock songs of the 1980s supergroup! The band also perform hits from each of its five iconic members; Roy Orbison, Tom Petty, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Jeff Lynne.

Cake & Classical Music
Carl Frühling Trio for Clarinet, Cello and Piano. Op 40
Mon 05 Aug, 1pm, £13
A lovely Romantic-era Trio, recently championed by Stephen Isserlis. Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Concert begins 1pm.

Evening Talk
Romans and Natives in the Lowland North West
Wed 07 Aug, 7pm, £5 for public, Free for Members
Dr Rob Phillpot discusses his archaeological findings from Roman rural settlements in the lowland North West, through aerial reconnaissance, fieldwalking and excavation.



Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music
Teihard Frost
Wed 07 Aug, 7.30pm, Advance £13, Doors £15
Multi-instrumentalist Teihard Frost blends British Isles, Scandinavian, and Scottish influences into his Appalachian old-time music. With support from Jackson Williams and The Silver Freds.

Make It!
Craft Workshop
Thu 08 Aug, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome
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Object of the Month
Eat Your Carrots: They'll Help You See in the Dark
Wed 14 Aug, 1pm, Free, donations welcome
Join Angela Brown, of Pegasus WW2 Re-enactment, on an engaging journey through what it was like to grow up during a period of shortages and upheaval (and no sweets!).

Make It!
Craft Workshop
Thu 15 Aug, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome
All ages
Be inspired by our museum, art gallery & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.



Birmingham Stage Company
Horrible Histories: Rotten Royals
Fri 16 Aug, 2pm & 6pm, Sat 17 Aug, 11am & 2pm
£17, £15 concessions, £60 family of 4 (min 1 adult)
Ages 5+
We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead! Horrible Histories is back with revolting rulers and mad monarchs from Britain's barmy past. It's history with the nasty bits left in...

Make It!
Craft Workshop
Thu 22 Aug, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome
All ages
Be inspired by our museum, art gallery & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

Make It!
Craft Workshop
Thu 29 Aug, 11am – 3pm, Free, donations welcome
All ages
Be inspired by our museum, art gallery & theatre programme in a family craft workshop. There's something for all ages, with all materials supplied and all for free.

Get Creative
Construction Club
Sat 31 Aug, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Free, donations welcome
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Altru Drama
Rumpelstiltskin
Sat 31 Aug, 11am & 2pm, £7, Ages 3+
Meet Rumpelstiltskin – a crafty creature with a knack for spinning gold! Featuring original songs, audience participation and loads of fun, this production will have you in a spin this summer!

September 2024

Cake & Classical Music
The Return of Double Tootin' Flutes
Mon 02 Sep, 1pm, £13
Expect great banter and fun, as well as some brilliant music for flutes! Ticket price includes a hot drink and a piece of cake. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Concert begins 1pm.

Evening Talk
How We Might Live; At Home with Jane and William Morris
Wed 04 Sep, 7pm, £5 for public, Free for Members
Suzanne Fagence Cooper explores the lives and legacies of Jane and William Morris, finally giving Jane's work the attention it deserves and taking us inside two lives of unparalleled creative artistry.

Grateful Fred's: Americana & Roots Music
Robert Vincent
Wed 04 Sep, 7.30pm, Advance £13, Doors £15
This Americana talent captivated "Fredheads" with an incredible performance a number of years ago, and his star has only shone brighter since then. With support from Jim Pearsons and Umlaut.

Artistes International Management
The UK Rock Show
Fri 06 Sep, 7.30pm, £25, £23 Concessions
An amazing 5 piece band transport you back to the 80s heyday of classic rock, combining the feel of a rock festival with the atmosphere of a top end rock arena tour.



The Haunting of Blaine Manor
Sat 7 Sep, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, £22, £18 concessions, £70 family of 4 (min 1 adult), Age 10+
This award winning production is a love letter to both the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Hammer Horror era. Winner of The Salford Star Best Play of the Year Award.

Entertainers
Makings of a Murderer 2: The Real Manhunter
Tue 10 Sep, 7.30pm, £30, Over 16 advised
Senior Investigating Officer Colin Sutton, who caught serial killer Levi Bellfield and 'Night Stalker' Delroy Grant, shares what it is like to catch a killer.

Object of the Month
Lunchtime Talk
Wed 11 Sep, 1pm, Free, donations welcome
Join us as we discover the hidden histories of items across our collections, from painting, print and sculpture to craft, costume and ceramics

Makin Projects Ltd
Sherlock Holmes: The Last Act
Fri 20 Sep, 7.30pm, £16
The year is 1916. Drawn from two years of Sussex retirement for the funeral of his friend, Dr Watson, Holmes returns to Baker Street to resolve 'the last act' of his epic career.

The Gig Cartel
Wishbone Ash
Tue 24 Sep, 7.30pm, £32.50
Experience the legendary band performing a stellar set which includes much-loved classics from a remarkable back catalogue spanning an astonishing 55 years!



G4: 20th Anniversary
Wed 25 Sep, 7.30pm, £26, Meet & Greet £69.50
The UK's No.1 vocal harmony group and original X-Factor stars celebrate a double decade in the limelight with a spectacular anniversary show.

Townsend Theatre Productions
Behold Ye Ramblers
Thu 26 Sep, 7.30pm, £14, £12 concessions, Age 11+
A joyful performance using poetry, song, and wit to celebrate the Clarion Movement. This group championed access to the countryside for all, sparking a love for outdoor leisure and the fight to roam free!

Get Creative
Construction Club
Sat 28 Sep, 10.30am – 12.30pm, Free, donations welcome
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Makin Projects Ltd
CATCH YOUR BREATH: The Secret Life of a Sleepless Anaesthetist
Sat 28 Sep, 7.30pm, £16
Ed Patrick presents a hilarious show about becoming a junior doctor, the pitfalls of modern medicine and the power of questioning it.

Community Activities
Regular community events at The Atkinson include the Wellbeing Choir, Tea Dance and Sefton Art Group. Further information is listed online.
Southport Library offer a range of services to the local community. Please visit the Sefton Council website.