



# *Forever* JANE

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LITERATURE AND LEGACY  
of Jane Austen

## **Group visits in Winchester**

2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of one of the most celebrated writers in English literature and Hampshire's most famous daughter: Jane Austen.

Join us as we celebrate this landmark anniversary in Winchester with an exhibition and displays that explore her life, her works, the times she lived in and her enduring legacy.

The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester SO23 8SB  
City Museum, The Square, Winchester SO23 9ES



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# Beyond THE Bonnets



***Beyond the Bonnets*** gives a voice to those who were overlooked by many but not neglected in Austen's novels: working women. Jane was a working woman, and this unique exhibition explores the untold stories not only of working women in her novels, but those of real-life women from Regency Hampshire, whose lives mirrored her fictional characters.

**The Gallery at The Arc,  
26 July – 2 November 2025**

Group adult: £4.50 (standard £6.00)

Group child: £3.25 (standard £4.50)

Group package rates including buffet options or afternoon tea are also available. Please contact us for details.

## JANE'S PERSONAL Possessions



A stone's throw from Jane's final resting place in Winchester Cathedral, City Museum is home to three of Jane's personal possessions, two purses embroidered by her own hand and a personalised ivory spool case. The author's silk pelisse coat is one of a handful of items that survive today that belonged to Jane and can be traced directly back to her.

**Rarely on public display, Jane's coat will be on show at City Museum from 22 May – 16 June and 27 July – 20 October 2025.**

Group adult: £5.50 (standard £8.00)

Group child: £4.00 (standard £5.50)

Contact our groups facilitator  
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