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New Opening times at Kingston Museum

Kingston Museum is changing its opening times to ensure its doors are open to visitors when Kingston Town Centre is at its busiest

From 10 October, the Museum will be open until 7pm on Thursdays, when the town centre is busy due to late night opening of the shops. The Museum will be closed on Mondays, when visitor numbers are traditionally low.

The extended late opening on Thursdays will give people the opportunity to visit the Museum and enjoy the various exhibitions after work. Late opening on Thursdays will also allow the Museum to run after school activities for children and young people which it cannot currently do with the 5pm closure.

Following its summer programme, 'Doing it for the Kids', which ends on 10 September, a new exhibition by the Embroiders' Guild Kingston will open on Saturday 24 September and run until Saturday 8 October. Celebrating its 40 anniversary, the Kingston branch of the Embroiders' Guild will present a view of Kingston's past and present together with a look-back at the group's activities.

Derek Osbourne, Leader of the Council with responsibility for Arts, Culture and Museum: “These changes will allow residents and visitors to the town to visit the Museum at a time that better suits them. Monday’s have historically been very quiet at the museum - we hope the extended opening hours on Thursdays will result in more people coming through the doors to discover some of the fantastic items on show at our local museum.”

From Tuesday 11 October Kingston Museum’s new opening hours will be:

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday 10am – 5pm

Thursday 10 – 7pm

For more information on exhibitions and events, visit the Museum website at:

www.kingston.gov.uk/museum

Ends.