

# ACROSS The ARTS

Claire Pitcher discovers theatres, museums and arts venues to visit. **This month: Thames Valley Police Museum**



**THAMES VALLEY POLICE MUSEUM**

## Introducing...

Called the 'White House', the Thames Valley Police Museum is a little-known visitor attraction at Sulhamstead. It was formerly the headquarters of the Berkshire Constabulary but is now Thames Valley Police's training centre. This is the place to visit if you're interested in the history of this particular police force and the five separate forces that merged to form it: Berkshire, Oxford City, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Reading Borough.

## What does it cost?

If you would like to visit, it costs £3 for adults, £2.50 for seniors and no charge for children under 12, school groups, youth organisations and charities.

## What they say...

One of the most popular collections includes items on show from the Great Train Robbery of 1963. Also for visitors to see are uniforms, equipment, medals, photographs, scenes of crime evidence, and occurrence and charge books.

## What can you see?

As well as tracing the history of the police in the Thames Valley, the museum also hosts talks and can also help with local research on the subject and loan artefacts. Find out more by calling 01865 846578.

## Want to go?

Visits to the museum are by appointment only (except on 'non-appointment Wednesday' between 10am and midday). Call the curator on **01865 846578**. Thames Valley Police Museum, Sulhamstead House, Sulhamstead, Reading RG7 4DU.  
**[www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)**

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