

Anglo-Saxon Art in the Round

Gallery 3, Ipswich Town Hall Galleries

Friday 6th March – Saturday 5th September 2009

FREE

Discover mighty kings and fabulous beasts as you journey back in time at Gallery 3 to explore Anglo-Saxon art and beautiful coins.

This stunning exhibition features rare items that have never been on display in Gallery 3 before, including a collection of gold and silver coins that are over 1200 years old. The coins feature bold images of people, animals, birds and beasts as well as grand symbols of religion and intriguing runes. Some very famous faces can be seen in the exhibition too, including Offa, King of Mercia, the legendary Charlemagne and the earliest known English coin that shows the face of Christ.

With elaborate designs, gold and garnets the exhibition also displays some beautiful examples of early medieval jewellery. The famous Boss Hall Brooch, from Sproughton, can be seen for the first time in Gallery 3 as can the Kennard Brooch – both of which are over 1300 years old.

In their first public display ever, the exhibition will also show items from the Coddanham Bed Burial. This collection shows weapons buried with women and warriors, from an Anglo-Saxon burial ground, that equipped them on their journey into the afterlife. Never seen before – these items are a site not to be missed.

Anglo-Saxon Art in the Round can be enjoyed free in Gallery 3. For the chance to see rare objects, discover kings and beasts and see items never seen before, visit this stunning exhibition.

Free admission to Gallery 3 and free exhibition

Open Tue – Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm

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