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Visit to Withington and Cirencester Saturday 15th August 2026

Programme

11.00–12.30 Visit to Withington Roman Villa site

The visit will be led by the current excavators, Sarah Leppard and Simon Greenslade. Their work has included re-excavation of portions that were uncovered by Samuel Lysons, so this will be an exciting opportunity to see some of the mosaics that he meticulously recorded in a series of engravings, and to hear about emerging deeper interpretations.

Folding chairs are advised if a long period of standing is challenging.

The site is around 10 miles north of Cirencester. There is car parking inside the site entrance off Chedworth Road, Withington (location using What3Words: buzzing/blogging/vowing).

12.30 Gathering at The Mill Inn, Withington GL54 4BE

If you would like to have lunch, the pub would like us to order food in advance – please see the booking form on the next page (pay individually in the pub).

1500 Visit to the Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester GL7 2BX

A tour will be conducted by Museum Director Emma Stuart. This will be an opportunity to view the fragments of the Withington Orpheus mosaic on temporary loan from the Bristol Museum and the British Museum and brought together for the first time since they were lifted by Samuel Lysons 200 years ago. Among the other highlights that Emma will present are the Hare and Dyer Street mosaics.

Admission to the Corinium Museum is £8.70 (payable on entry; concessions available, including a discount for car-free travel; free for members of the ARA, Museums Association or Art Fund).

Parking in Cirencester

The nearest car parks to the Corinium Museum are the Old Station Car Park, Tetbury Road (GL7 1US) and Sheep Street Car Park, Sheep Street (GL7 1QW), on the west side of town near the large Waitrose, but there are several others. Charges apply between 8 am and 6 pm on Saturdays (£3.80 for 2 hours, £4.90 for 3 hours). No cash, but card or mobile payments accepted.

Blue Badge: There is a clearly marked bay for Blue Badge holders at the museum. On the approach on the one-way system along Park Street, it is the first bay in front of the museum, the other being a loading bay. There is capacity for two cars. Blue badge bays are also available in local car parks – check to see if charges apply.

Booking

Please book by **31st July**. Please return this form to the Hon. Secretary, Norman Taylor:

Email: honsec@asprom.org

Please note that there is no charge for the day, but an admission charge is payable at the Corinium Museum (free for members of the ARA, Museums Association or Art Fund).

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

I/We wish to attend the site visit at Withington (please indicate numbers):

I/We wish to book lunch at the Mill Inn (please indicate numbers):

Menu choices – see <https://mill-inn-withington.co.uk/menus/> (N.B. you don't need to have all 3 courses!):

Starter/Small plates:

Main course/Larger plates:

Dessert:

I/We wish to attend the tour of the Corinium Museum (please indicate numbers):

Car share match-maker

If you would like to go green and join others travelling by car from the same area if possible, please indicate below and we will try to put you together. We may also be able to arrange lifts from nearby railway stations.

I/we can offer (insert number) car share place(s) from to visit Withington, travel to Cirencester and return if required.

I/we would appreciate a lift for (insert number) people for the journeys as above, starting from