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SPELTHORNE MUSEUM TO RELOCATE TO THE ELMSLEIGH CENTRE

Spelthorne Archaeology and Local History Group, the charity which runs Spelthorne Museum, is pleased to announce that the museum will be relocating to the former Decathlon store in the Elmsleigh Centre, Staines, in conjunction with the creation of a new library and community hub. The museum, currently located next to the current Staines library in Thames, Street, is expected to move the short distance to its new home by late 2024.

Chair of Museum Trustees Julia Gibbs commented “We are delighted by this exciting opportunity to move to a new site even more centrally located in Staines than our current home. The advantages of being within the Elmsleigh Centre and adjacent to the busy bus station will enable us to share the long history of the Spelthorne area with even more of the community. We are particularly pleased to be maintaining our valued relationship with Surrey Libraries which has allowed us to greatly extend our opening hours. The move will require us to obtain new funding and involve a substantial amount of work for our volunteer staff, but also offers the chance to design exciting and inclusive new displays. New volunteers are always welcome to get involved, and now is a particularly interesting time to do so.”

NOTES FOR EDITORS

Spelthorne Museum opened in the Old Fire Station in Staines in 1980, and has already moved once, to its present site, in 2005-06. It is run on an entirely voluntary basis with support from Spelthorne Council. Its collections tell the story of Spelthorne from prehistoric times to the present day, and admission has always been free. Family events focusing on different periods of history are held regularly as well as outreach at events such as the recent Staines upon Thames day.

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