

**THE
ATKINSON**

**10th
Anniversary**

**July —
September
'23**

**Music
Theatre
Comedy
Exhibitions
Museum
Shop
Café
Library**

WELCOME

Located in the heart of Southport's iconic Lord Street, The Atkinson is Sefton's cultural hub. In 2023 we celebrate **ten years** since our multi-million-pound refurbishment. This handy brochure is your ultimate guide to the amazing events happening across the season and we guarantee you will find something that will ignite your imagination.

Families are at the heart of The Atkinson. **Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday** (11 Aug) promises to be a celebration for little ones and grown-ups alike whilst **The Bubble Show** (23 Sep) is an interactive, award-winning bubble extravaganza! For more hands-on fun, we have free **Make it!** craft workshops throughout the school holidays.

In our theatre Jane Austen's classic romantic tale **Sense & Sensibility** (5 Aug) is guaranteed to delight. All aboard our new **Murder Mystery** (16 Sep) production which invites you to join Captain Mendoza on his Mystery Cruise, putting you at the centre of the action!

Liverpool's vibrant music scene is one of the most legendary in the world. In September we welcome local legends to the stage including **The Christians** (15 Sep) and **China Crisis** (29 Sep), as well as **The Mersey Beatles** (2 Sep) with a tribute to the Fab Four.

Our galleries are bursting with exciting new exhibitions, featuring works by both local and internationally renowned artists. **The Story So Far** invites you to look at different forms of storytelling in the fine art collections of both The Atkinson and the Harris Art Gallery. Whilst our **Herbert Ponting** exhibition takes a closer look at the photographer's life and his work on Captain Scott's Terra Nova expedition.

The spectacular **Southport Flower Show** (17–20 Aug) takes place in Victoria Park again this summer. You can purchase tickets for the show at The Atkinson and if you visit our local history museum, **Between Land & Sea**, you will find a display on the history of the Flower Show featuring vintage posters and archive photographs. Also in our museum, visitors to **Southport Air Show** (9 – 10 Sep) will be able to discover more about local aviation history that was made on the long sandy beaches of Southport.

Whether you are a seasoned pro or a curious novice, there is always something new and exciting to discover at The Atkinson. We promise you won't be disappointed!



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Sarah & Duck's Big Top Birthday

Fri 11 Aug, 1.30pm & 4pm, All ages

You are invited to the ultimate circus soiree packed full of puppetry, storytelling and music.

MUSEUM



Free
Entry

Discover Ancient Egypt

Journey to Ancient Egypt and discover the rituals and beliefs that were at the heart of everyday life for rich and poor. Anne Goodison's personal and varied collection is presented in an interactive display.

Between Land & Sea

In our local history museum you can bring objects to life by scanning QR codes with your phone, send a digital postcard from Sunny Southport and take a selfie in a historic costume from the dressing up wall.



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GET INVOLVED



Young Curators Summer Sessions

Fri 4, Tue 8, Fri 11, Tue 15 Aug, 11am – 3pm
Age 14–18, Free, lunch included, book online

Are you interested in the arts? Would you like to work for a museum in the future? Then we want to hear from you! In these free summer sessions, you will work with industry professionals to develop your creative skills and understanding of museum collections.

EXHIBITIONS

Free
Entry

The Polish Heritage Flight

15 April – 30 September 2023

Through objects, stories and images learn a little more about those who once gave themselves for our freedom. Exhibition supported by the Polish Air Force Memorial Committee.

The Story So Far

27 May 2023 – 2 March 2024

Looking at the theme of storytelling, this exhibition includes highlights from The Atkinson's and the Harris Art Gallery's collections of narrative paintings.

Gordon Cheung: The Garden of Perfect Brightness

3 June – 9 September 2023

Constructed around the concept of a Chinese garden, paintings and sculptures contemplate the relationship between nature, culture, and power in the digital age.

Herbert Ponting: Explorer and Photographer

10 June – 2 September 2023

An incredible life story told through photographs on loan from Scott's Polar Research Institute and research carried out by biographer Anne Strathie.

Blue and White Pottery: From China to The Willow Pattern and Beyond

17 June – 28 October 2023

This exhibition presents historic and contemporary pottery from The Atkinson's collection, alongside works on loan from Victoria Gallery & Museum and private collectors.

Ali Barker

24 June – 22 July 2023

Paintings inspired by personal experience of sound-colour synaesthesia. Selected artworks are available to purchase.

Carole Dawber: Colourscape

29 July – 23 September 2023

The multi-disciplinary artist creates colourful and abstract landscapes inspired by the Sefton coastline.

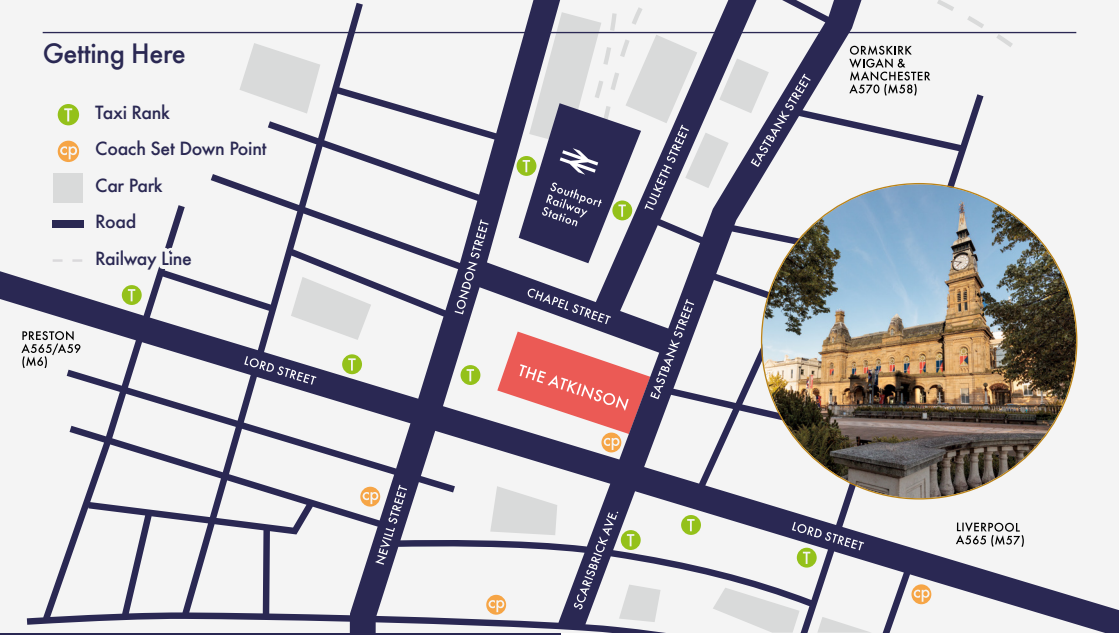
Kevin Laycock & Christopher Harris

9 September – 9 December 2023

Historic quilts from Gawthorpe Textiles Collection in Lancashire provide inspiration for contemporary works exploring pattern and abstraction.

Getting Here

-  Taxi Rank
-  Coach Set Down Point
-  Car Park
-  Road
-  Railway Line



HELPFUL INFO

Opening Hours

Box Office

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm
(Open one hour before performance start times)

Museum, Gallery & Shop

Monday – Saturday 10am – 4pm

A Great Little Place Café

Monday – Friday 10am – 4.30pm
Saturday 10am – 4pm

Southport Library

Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 2pm

The Atkinson is closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
Please check opening hours before visiting.

General Information

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Accessibility

-  Wheelchair spaces are available, please call the Box Office on 01704 533 333
-  Changing Places toilet facility
-  Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of the venue
-  Lift access to all areas of the venue
-  Induction Loop available for any space in the venue

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