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## Visitors give Bognor's 'hidden gem' the stamp of excellence

Volunteers at Bognor Regis Museum are celebrating having being presented with a *Certificate of Excellence*, following the announcement that the West Street attraction has been ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 17 things to do in the town, according to international travel site, Trip Advisor.

The certificate is awarded to accommodation, eateries or attractions that consistently achieve outstanding traveller reviews on the TripAdvisor site.

Comments such as this one from are not untypical; *"Your small but perfectly local museum was quaint and friendly. There is absolutely nothing 'extraordinary' in there which is what makes it such a fascinating collection about 'how we used to live'. The kids can do a 'hunt the mice' by looking in the displays and my 3 year old really engaged with it. The mice hunt means you can basically go around quickly, then go around again! We enjoyed the old radios in the radio room and the dressing-up box provided entertainment for the little ones; hats and beads allowed for a little Charleston dancing to the wireless! Overall it was more active than I could have expected for a little museum trip...without attempting to be an interactive/modern museum that overcharges and fails. Because the installations are mainly behind glass, there wasn't a constant 'don't touch' factor... brilliant little place a few minutes from the seafront skatepark or 5 mins walk from the centre of town."*

Museum Curator Chris Burstow said "It is great to achieve such accreditation by a recognised travel website and what makes it particularly nice is that it is based on the views of real visitors. It certainly mirrors the views expressed in our own Visitor's Book, who often mention the standard of presentation, things for kids to do, the Radio Room and perhaps most importantly, the knowledge and friendliness of our volunteer staff."

The free attraction, operated by the town's Local History Society is open Tuesday to Sunday plus Bank Holiday Mondays, 10am-4pm.

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