

# LANCASTER JUDGES' LODGINGS

## UPDATE

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### The Judges' Lodgings in April

Lynda reports –

There's lots of work going on onsite with repainting the railings and some smaller areas inside the building too. We were also successful in a small grant from Museum Development North West to get some children's activity bags to use around the museum – puppets, craft activities, sand-timers and some extra items that are useful for children with special educational needs. These will be available for May half term for all families to book.

For those of you on twitter, we have also recently changed the twitter handle so you can now follow us at @LancsMuseums.

We recently had some students on placement remotely from Lancaster University including Anna Hillis who has produced this interesting blog about the Hulton portraits at the museum <https://lancashiremuseumsstories.wordpress.com/2021/04/16/london-links-the-hulton-family-in-the-17th-century/>

Jenny (Site Manager) thanks everyone who has helped with the deep cleans and condition checks through the winter.

### How Does the Garden Grow?



We expect gardens to start looking beautiful in the spring, and the Judges' Lodgings Garden is no exception, with the bulbs which were planted last year showing splashes of colour, despite the chilly weather predominating during the month.



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paintings (30 years he revealed) he had never had to remove so much nicotine from one work. He calculated that he had spent 61 hours working on the painting, and the framer spent about 10 hours conserving the frame – but of course the work was spread out over several months, as the Conservation Studio could not be accessed between March and May of last year.

Both events were well attended by 20+ viewers. Phillip is agreeable to running his presentation again at a different time and day of the week – Saturday morning not being everybody's choice.

The painting is now hanging in the Welcome Gallery in the Judges' Lodgings and prints will be available from the shop once the Judges' Lodgings reopens – we are still looking at Friday 21 May for the doors to be flung open to the public, and hope to see you all there.

### **Volunteering at JL**

You can volunteer at JL through the LCC Volunteering Programme either to act as a Room Steward or to join the Gardening Team – follow the link

<https://lancsvp.org.uk/opportunities>

### **Join Us**

If you have not yet joined the Friends, or you have friends and neighbours who would be interested in supporting our work to ensure that Lancaster Judges' Lodgings remains open and accessible to the public, please contact me, and encourage them to do the same – [sue.widden@outlook.com](mailto:sue.widden@outlook.com) – and I'll send joining details.

Please feel free to forward these newsletters to your friends and relatives and encourage them to join us in our work.

Comments and ideas from everyone are always welcome and we are happy to share them widely. If you have a view or a comment to contribute to UPDATE, please email me at the address below.

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