



## Southwold Museum

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# Suffolk Museum of the Year 2016

At an award ceremony in Ipswich on 10 October, the very best of the county's 52 museums competed for top honours, after being nominated for the shortlist by votes from the general public. Last year Southwold won a Special Award for our family friendly displays. This year, having completed the last phase of a major renovation programme, we waited with increasing nervousness as the other contenders (all of them excellent in different ways and one of them - Ipswich - the biggest and best funded in the county) received awards for different aspects of their work. And then, at the end, we listened with mounting excitement to a wonderful speech in praise of a small museum that had made the most of its tiny space to renew itself in exciting ways - and realised with pride and pleasure that we had won the top award of all

## Suffolk Museum of the Year

It is a wonderful tribute to our work, and to all our volunteers - and the best possible way to celebrate as I draw closer to my retirement as President.

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