

## Membership application

I/We wish to re-join/join The Friends of the Higgins Bedford as:

Individual member, £35    Joint member, £50    Student member, £20

Please pay by bank transfer or fill out the adjacent standing order form plus this part of the form, and send to membership Secretary, The Friends of The Higgins, c/o Windmill House, Windmill Hill, Biddenham, Bedford, MK40 4AG - membership year commences from 1st September.

### Your data

We will process your personal data on a contract basis, as the purchase of membership sets up a contract between The Friends of The Higgins and you. Your personal data will be used by us to comply with obligations under that contract. We will also process your data on the basis of our legitimate interest to send you communications which we believe are beneficial to you and The Higgins. These will keep you informed about, and promote, the exclusive membership events programme and wider benefits that membership brings. You can opt out at any time by contacting us via the details at [annayres@me.com](mailto:annayres@me.com).

Title ..... First name .....

Surname .....

Email .....

If you do not wish us to send you emails which keep you informed about, and promote, the exclusive membership events programme as well as the wider benefits that membership brings, please tick this box. Please note if you tick this box we will continue to send you administrative emails about our membership.

Address: .....

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Post code ..... Country .....

Tel .....

## Paying by standing order

PLEASE PAY: National Westminster Bank,  
81 High Street, Bedford, MK40 1YN  
ACCOUNT NAME: Friends of The Higgins,  
Bedford, SORT CODE: 600213, ACCOUNT  
NUMBER: 51215969

The amount of £ ....., due now and renewable on 1st September each following year.

Signature: .....

Print name: .....

Date: .....

### YOUR BANK DETAILS:

Bank name: .....

Address: .....

..... Post code: .....

Sort code: .....

Account number: .....

Account name: .....

## Paying by bank transfer or standing order

Please transfer funds to: ACCOUNT NAME:  
Friends of the Higgins, Bedford, SORT CODE:  
60-02-13, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 51215969  
Please email us to let us know that you have paid: [annayres@me.com](mailto:annayres@me.com).

Make your membership go further at no extra cost to you.

If you are a UK taxpayer, using Gift Aid means that for every £1 you give, we can claim an extra 25p from HM Revenue and Customs.

Tick to Gift Aid your subscriptions and/or donations.

I confirm I want to to Gift Aid my subscriptions and/or donation made on ...../...../..... and any qualifying donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to The Friends of the Higgins Bedford. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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The Higgins Bedford**

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# About The Higgins Bedford



The Higgins Bedford is an outstanding small museum which displays an exceptional range of works of art and artefacts and holds exhibitions of regional and national significance. The Higgins Bedford offers comprehensive permanent displays, temporary shows and learning programmes, lots of activities for children and adults, and a shop and café.

Two formerly separate collections, those of the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery and the Bedford Museum, were brought together in 2013 to form the heart of the new Higgins. Housed in redeveloped buildings, the complementary collections are on view together and visitors can enjoy many previously unseen treasures, as well as lots of familiar favourites; local archaeological finds, ethnography collected by notable Bedfordians, works by the artist and illustrator Edward Bawden and furniture by the 19th-century medievalist William Burges are just some of the highlights. Visit [www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk](http://www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk) for further information.



**If you have any questions, please contact  
Ann Ayres (Membership Secretary) on 01234 359 558**

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Edward Bawden (1903 - 1989) detail from Fortnum & Mason's 1956 Christmas Catalogue, 1956

## Joining the Friends of The Higgins Bedford

The Friends organisation plays an important part in the life of The Higgins Bedford, and individual members enjoy an excellent range of benefits; joining the Friends will put you at the heart of activities at the museum.

### How the Friends support The Higgins Bedford

- by contributing funds to support the work of The Higgins Bedford
- by fostering general interest in The Higgins Bedford

### Membership rates and how to join

- £35 annual individual membership
- £50 annual joint membership
- £20 annual student membership

To become a member of the Friends, please complete and return the form overleaf, and either fill out the standing order form, or pay by bank transfer. The subscription year runs from 1st September.

### Benefits of joining the Friends

- 50% off ticket prices for all charging exhibitions at The Higgins Bedford
- invitations to Friends' Private Views of major exhibitions
- annual programme of Friends' lectures. These may take place at the Gallery or online via Zoom. Recordings of Zoom lectures will also be available to Friends.
- summer outings to historic houses and gardens (for which small charges are payable)
- invitations to an annual Friends' party and other fundraising events
- concessionary rates for lectures and talks organised by The Higgins Bedford
- subscription to the Friends' newsletter
- copies of The Higgins Bedford's 'What's On' newsletter emailed to you
- your membership entitles you to a 15% discount before 6pm at The Higgins Pantry, Thali Tandoor, Baja, and Quay\*.
- For further details please visit [www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/join\\_in](http://www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/join_in)
- your membership entitles you to a 10% discount on selected products in The Higgins Bedford shop\*. Please refer to shop staff for details.

\* Please note that these discounts are offered at the discretion of the Higgins Shop and Pantry and the proprietors of other local businesses and may be subject to change.