

## New CEO for the Powell-Cotton Trust

The Powell-Cotton Trust (PCT) is excited to announce the appointment of Sarah Corn as the new Chief Executive Officer. Sarah will lead the trust at the start of a new phase of development and growth for the charity.

A passionate advocate of the museums sector, Sarah has almost 20 years of industry experience and joins the museum from her current role as Director of The Old Operating Theatre in London. Sarah brings proven experience in leading museums through periods of change and helping them to grow and develop based on sound strategic planning and engagement.

Clare Valentine, Chair of Trustees, said:

"We are delighted to have found someone of Sarah's quality and calibre to lead the trust and implement our new and exciting strategy which will lay the foundations for our next 100 years."

Sarah Corn said:

"I'm very excited to be joining the Powell-Cotton Trust at such a significant point in the museum's journey. As a resident of Margate, I have fond memories of visiting the museum over the years and know what an important role it plays in our community. I look forward to working with the team, partners, neighbours and visitors to help the Trust achieve its ambitions for the future."

Sarah will begin her new role on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

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*Figure 1 Sarah Corn, New CEO for the Powell-Cotton Trust*

**Museum Opening Times:**

Museum and Gardens: Weekends and Bank Holidays. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb-March, 11-3pm, April-August, 11-4pm, September-1<sup>st</sup> November, 11-3pm.

Access to Quex House is by free guided tour with standard entry for the museum. Tours will take place throughout the day. Please note Quex House is occasionally closed on wedding days. See website for dates.

Pre-booked school and group visits are available seven day a week.

**Prices:**

Adult: £4.00

Concession: £3.50

Child (4-16): £3.00

Infant (0-3): Free



**Notes to Editors:**

- **The Powell-Cotton Museum** is home to some of the worlds' oldest intact habitat dioramas, the oldest of which (the Kashmir Diorama) was completed in 1910. Today, the Museum's collection includes over 20,000 world culture objects; 6500 mammal specimens; fine and decorative arts from across Asia; approximately 8,000 archaeological finds from the Thanet coastline, and an archive of supportive material including over 30,000 photographs and 40,000 documents.
- **The Powell-Cotton Museum** supports and welcomes the use of its collections for research purposes. Please contact [collections@powell-cottonmuseum.org](mailto:collections@powell-cottonmuseum.org) to enquire.
- **Opening Times and Admission** The Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex House and Gardens are seasonally open on weekends and bank holidays until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024.
- **Access** The Museum, Gardens and ground floor of the house are wheelchair and pushchair friendly, with one accessible toilet. Complimentary on-site parking is available for visitors, including two dedicated disabled bays.  
<https://www.accessibilityguides.org/content/powell-cotton-museum-house-and-gardens>
- **Travel** Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex Park, Park Lane, Birchington-on-Sea, Kent CT7 0BH  
It can be reached easily by train from London St Pancras or London Victoria to Birchington-On-Sea.  
Thanet's number 8 bus serves Birchington Square. The walk along Park Lane and into Quex Park takes under 10 minutes.  
From London take the M2, or from Canterbury the A28, and follow the signs for 'Margate' and then local signs to 'Quex Park'.
- Please direct general press enquires FAO: Lyndsay Ridley, Head of Operations at the Powell-Cotton Museum. [lyndsay.ridley@powell-cottonmuseum.org](mailto:lyndsay.ridley@powell-cottonmuseum.org)

