

Exhibition of Previously Unseen Police Artefacts

The city's most inaccessible museum must surely be The Crime Museum, a macabre collection of evidence and criminal tales which was created in 1875 but has only ever been open to police professionals and invited guests. Now we can all get a glimpse of the gory details, though, as its most fascinating exhibits will be on display at the Museum of London. This exhibition reveals previously unseen details and secrets from real-life high profile crimes such as the Acid Bath Murderer, the Great Train Robbery and the Millennium Dome Diamond Heist. Visitors will also find out more about the challenges the police face while trying to keep London legal.

The exhibition's curators have successfully avoided sensationalism and the exhibition's methodical design is excellent, inviting you to focus carefully on each of more than 20 individual cases as well as themed sections on topics including terrorism, counterfeiting, espionage, and the challenge of distinguishing a real firearm from a replica. But the relentless succession of sad stories and objects used to cause harm is quite hard to take. <u>39</u>, these are all cases the Met¹⁾ has successfully solved and many have triggered an important development in policing the capital or the detection of crime.

There's a particularly imaginative programme of themed events to accompany the exhibition's run; places are bound to go fast so it's worth booking early.

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