

History is being brought to life in an exciting new augmented reality exhibition commemorating the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt.

Using the latest in digital technology, *Road To Agincourt – An Augmented Reality Exhibition* tells the story of Henry V's journey to the Battle of Agincourt and the impact it had on Hampshire both then and now.

Curated by Dr Cheryl Butler, Head of Culture at [Eastleigh Borough Council](#), the exhibition has been created by [Blue Donut Studios](#) in association with [University of Southampton](#), with the support of [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) and [Agincourt 600](#).

*Road To Agincourt – An Augmented Reality Exhibition* features 12 pop panels, each one charting a different event or aspect of the now legendary battle. From Medieval ship building in Hamble to The Southampton Plot, the exhibition examines life and experiences at the time of Henry V and the legacy that remains in the region some 600 years later. Using the latest technology, each interactive panel is brought to life with a click of a button from a smartphone. Historical images transform into animations before the viewers' eyes, arrows appear to fire out of the panels and tales from another age are revealed by characters from the past.

Speaking about the exhibition, Dr Butler said: *"To be able to bring history to life, to make it more appealing to a new audience is very exciting. The support from the Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled us to make our exhibition more innovative and interactive.*

*"Working with historians from the University of Southampton and one of our digital associates from Eastleigh Tec Hub, Blue Donut Studios, we have been able to create content that is both informative and imaginative.*

*"It has also enabled us to explore a range of techniques which we will be using in the future to create a virtual museum about Henry V and his Hampshire links."*

Founder of [Blue Donut Studios](#) Marcus Pullen who animated and augmented the exhibition

said: *“Developing the exhibition has been a real learning curve both in terms of a history lesson and in the adaptation of using Augmented Reality in the format of a pop-up exhibition. It’s great to be able to be part of this amazing project and at the end of it have been able to create something truly imaginative, creative and a useful educational project.”*

*Road To Agincourt – An Augmented Reality Exhibition* will travel with Road To Agincourt events including The Berry Theatre’s exciting new play by Ben Musgrave, *Across The Dark Water*, being performed at: Portchester Castle (July 21 to 23), Peartree Church (July 24 and 25), Royal Victoria Country Park (July 26), Hamble Priory Church (July 28 and 29) and St Julian’s Chapel (July 30 and 31 and August 1); as well as Living History family-fun weekend In Henry’s Footseps at Medieval Merchant’s House in Old Town Southampton (August 1 and 2).

For more events being staged to commemorate the Battle of Agincourt and facts about Agincourt, take a look around our site.