

Dear Janet

I am writing on behalf of the Grosvenor Museum to thank the Chester Archaeological Society most sincerely for its extremely generous support for the Grosvenor Museum's exhibition *Memento Mori: Tombs and Memorials in Cheshire*.

The museum received 24,698 visitors during the nineteen-week run of the show, and the great majority of these people will have seen the exhibition. The show was very well received, as the attached comments from the visitors' book make clear. I also attach copies of the media coverage we gathered. 822 people attended the accompanying programme of 24 events for children and adults, many of them organised in conjunction with the concurrent exhibition *Dead Normal: Death in Everyday Life*.

Organised to coincide with the centenary of the end of the Great War, *Memento Mori* presented watercolours, drawings, prints and photographs showing how Cheshire has commemorated its dead from the Romans to the present day. With tombstones, tomb-chests and mural slabs, public sculptures, cenotaphs and a shrine, the imagery of commemoration ranged across the centuries with knights and their ladies, parents and their children, skeletons and skulls, heraldry, saints and angels.

We are truly grateful to the Chester Archaeological Society for its extremely generous support for this exhibition through the donation of its collection of Cheshire prints. We could not have created the exhibition without this support, which is enabling the public to understand and enjoy the riches of Cheshire's cultural heritage.

*Memento Mori: Tombs and Memorials in Cheshire* made an important contribution to Chester's commemoration of the centenary of the end of the Great War and, more generally, to the Grosvenor Museum's diverse programme of exhibitions and events. I am delighted that with the help of the Chester Archaeological Society we have been able to offer our visitors a detailed exploration of this richly rewarding subject.

Yours sincerely

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