

# Hampshire SHOWCASE

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Aldershot celebrates  
local hero

1998 - a European  
Year for Archaeology  
Collection

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Literacy Strategy

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Reminiscence sessions piloted in Gosport



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### *Literacy Hour at the Allen*

Schools in the Alton area have had an intriguing alternative to the classroom, in which to hold their Literacy Hours this term. Since the National Literacy Strategy was implemented in September, over 800 pupils aged between 7 and 11 years have been creating exciting stories based on ceramic objects in the Allen Gallery.

Southampton storyteller Mike O'Leary has been leading a series of workshops designed to stimulate the children's imagination by

selecting single items from the thousands on display in the Gallery and weaving stories around each one. The chosen objects have included money boxes, wall tiles and chamber pots.



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