

Regularly open from May to October / Sundays and public holidays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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Dear visitors,

Welcome on the website of the local museum
Oedelsheim!

We are pleased to meet you here and to present a
brief overview on the history of our museum:

Built in **1656**, this half-timbered building is typical for the region and is located in the centre of the village. Former inhabitants were mostly part-time farmers and part-time craftsmen: weavers, tailors, and blacksmiths, who had some farm animals and pieces of land for their daily subsistence.

This economic structure is visible in the museum's architecture:

- 1) A main building with 3 levels, previously used as residence and room for the harvest **[Today: exhibition rooms, kitchen, toilets, archive]**
- 2) A stable for cows, pigs, etc. **[Today: Room for meetings]**
- 3) A separate small cellar house **[Today: Storehouse]**
- 4) A separate bakehouse **[Today: Still a bakehouse in action!]**

This group of buildings has been bought by the municipality from the last inhabitant, Ulrike Henne, who agreed to repair, to restore, and to build up the rooms. The first idea was to set up a „meeting point“ for the locals, where history can be saved, told, and lived. But, after some time, various people were willing to donate the legacies of their grandparents and parents (mostly from agriculture), in order to ensure that these things find a safe place to stay. A great amount of objects found their way into the house so that plans changed and the idea for a local museum was born.

In **1996** the first exhibition has been opened, followed by a large number of 1-2 topical exhibitions as well as up to 3 festivals each year. On the backside of the main house, a spacious garden as well as a large barn with agricultural vehicles and devices completes this historic complex.

Today, the Museum Oedelsheim looks back on **25 active years**, supported by our guests, the local community, and lots of engaged helpers and creative minds!

Thanks to all of you!