

Hertford Museum holds over 60,000 amazing historic objects in the collection that illustrate the story of our county town and the surrounding area. These have been collected from the 1880s onwards by the founders of the museum and a century of custodians and curators.

We have received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£985,000) to improve our services to the local community and part of this will be completely new, semi-permanent displays which will tell the story of the town. We have already selected the objects we would like to use, but many of them require some conservation work prior to going on display.

Our annual conservation budget is only £500 so we need YOUR help to conserve these fascinating objects, ranging from an Ice Age Mammoth tusk to Victorian Pub Signs.

Adopters will receive an adoption certificate, regular updates about the conservation of the item, invited to the formal opening of the museum, acknowledged in the display next to the object. Those who contribute in excess of £201 will also be invited to see the object prior to the new display and receive a tour of our stores. 'Adopt an Object' also makes a great gift!

The objects are listed by cost of conservation which has been quoted by a conservator. These quotes are correct at time of print.

Please note that adoption of an object in no way constitutes any legal claim to that object. All objects will remain the property of Hertford Museum Trust.

Objects with conservation costs up to £100

**Roman chopping knife
excavated from Foxholes
farm. Detached fragment
needs to be reattached.**

Cost £20

Ref: T34



**19th century Fan
Ribs require repair**

Cost £40

Ref: 2907.12



**19th century Fan
Two mother of pearl
ribs require repair.**

Cost £40

Ref: 2908.1



15th Century Jetton
used to tally accounts.
Removal of corrosion
and stabilisation required.
Cost £40
Ref: T30



19th century
Thatcher's Shears
Removal of corrosion
and stabilisation
required.
Cost £40
Ref: 1991.13.96



Roman fish spear
For large fish such as pike
or salmon, excavated at
Foxholes Farm. One of the
tines requires reattachment.
Cost £50
Ref: T40



**Circa 1850,
Daguerreotype of
Charles Bridgeman Stoddart.**
The Daguerreotype was the first successful photographic process, the discovery being announced on 7 January 1839. Requires surface clean and repair of case.

Cost £80

Ref: 1154.1



**Cigar matches
Made by Bryant & May,
19th century.**
The matchbox requires support.

Cost £80

Ref: 4630.1-9



Japanese mask
This painted wooden mask
requires specialist cleaning.

Cost £80

Ref: 5550.2



Nicholls Brewery barrel
Repair detached hoop.
Cost £80
Ref: NICHOLLS



**Objects with conservation costs of £101
- £200**

19th century Gas Lamp
**Requires cleaning and
stabilisation.**
Cost £120
Ref: 0386.1.1



Hoover advertising sign
**Requires cleaning and
repair to tear.**
Cost £120
Ref: 1989.24.28



Victorian wooden bath tub.

Reattach centre hoop and surface clean

Cost £120

Ref: 3565.1



Kings and Queens dissected puzzle

19th century

Requires repair to box.

Cost £120

Ref: 4099.1-3



Roman ploughing yoke pole shoe, which would have attached to the yoke used to connect cattle to the plough.

Excavated at Foxholes Farm.

Requires cleaning and stabilisation.

Cost £120

Ref: T33



Horned lizard
Requires a new box.
Cost £120
Ref: 3930.1



Part of the original
Clibbon's
Post, which marked the spot
on Bramfield Road where
Highwayman Walter Clibbon
was shot dead in 1782.
Requires cleaning.
Cost £120
Ref: 3788.1



River Scene by E.A. Brown,
oil on board, early 20th
century.
Requires acid free board,
mount and frame.
Cost £140
Ref: 1682.1



**Old Chestnut Tree,
Molewood,
by E.A. Brown, oil on board,
early 20th century.
Requires acid free board,
mount and frame.
Cost £140
Ref: 1688.1**



**Monday to Sunday Razor
Kit.
Early 20th century. Requires
cleaning and repair to box.
Cost £160
Ref: 3724.1**



**Medieval - Post Medieval
Shears, excavated at Honey
Lane. Require stabilising and
consolidation to prevent
flaking.
Cost £160
Ref: T4**



Medieval arrow head
Excavated from Honey Lane. Requires stabilising and consolidation to prevent flaking.
Cost £160
Ref: T82



Coiled grass basket and lid from Central Africa.
Paint requires consolidation and leather in need of repair.
Cost £160
Ref: 5182-3



Roman 2 link Horse bit
excavated from Foxholes Farm. Requires cleaning, treatment for corrosion and surface consolidation to prevent further flaking.
Cost £160
Ref: T35



Roman Spade iron - Roman spades were wooden with iron attachments like this.

Excavated at Foxholes

Farm. Requires cleaning.

Cost £160

Ref: T41



Camera Obscura.

The Camera Obscura (Latin for Dark room) was a dark box with a hole in one end. If the hole was small enough, an inverted image would be seen on the opposite wall. Such a principle was known by thinkers as early as Aristotle (c. 300 BC). This early 1800s model is extremely rare, only a few exist. Requires cleaning and repair to the lid.

Cost £200

Ref: 1148.1-4



Objects with conservation costs of £201 - £500

Medieval Shoe sole excavated from Millbridge.
Requires humidification, softening and a specialist mount to be constructed.
Cost £280
Temporary No. 25



Fossilised Crocodile skull
Loose teeth need securing and skull requires bespoke mount.
Cost £ 300
Ref: 2007.163



Tiger skull
requires bespoke mount to secure upper and lower jaws.
Cost £ 300
Ref: 5918.3.1



1940s Radiogram
Requires cleaning inside
and out and repair to
speaker fabric.
Cost £320
Ref: 1990.31



**Auction map of
building
plots for sale on
Port Hill Estate,
1888.**

Requires, flattening,
local repair and an
acid free mount.

Cost £340
Ref: 3806.127



**Hertford and District Bus
Timetable, 1915. Requires
surface cleaning, lining and
deacidification.**

Cost £350
Ref: 6238.85



**Bronze Age Cremation
Burial Urn from Foxholes
Farm. Requires
stabilisation and a custom
built mount.**

Cost £380

Ref: T67

*£100 has already been donated
to this – we still need £280.*



**Gilded harness fitting,
possibly Medieval,
excavated at
Millbridge.**

**Requires removal of
corrosion and
stabilisation.**

Cost £400

Ref: T73



Kakapo

**Rare example of this
flightless Australian
parrot. Requires
cleaning and a new case.**

Cost £400

Ref: 3982.1



North aspect of Hertford, an 18th century print of a drawing by John Drapentier. Requires stain removal , surface cleaning, repair and an acid free mount.



Cost £450

Ref: 2704.48

Pub sign from The Blackbirds Public House, Parliament Square, circa 1950-1960. Requires cleaning and stabilisation.

Cost £480

Ref: 1996.6.1



Print of Colonel Longmore, Hertfordshire Regt, circa First World War. Requires removal from mount and new acid free mount, surface cleaning and deacidification.



Cost £490, Ref: 6111.20

‘North Road Villas’
Sales advertisement for
new housing in North Road,
Hertford, 1930s. Requires
cleaning and acid free
mount.

Cost £500

Ref: NORTH ROAD



**Silk Playbill for the Excelsior
Theatre, Hertford, 1881.**

Requires new mount.

Cost £500

Ref: 5844.1



Objects with conservation costs of £501 - £1000

Hornbill

Hornbills are found in Africa, India and Malaysia. During the breeding season, females wall themselves into tree hollows, using leaves and dung, until their chick is old enough to come out. This can be for as long as 4 months. She relies on the male to feed her through a crack in the 'wall'. This



Hornbill requires cleaning and a new case.
Cost £750. Ref: 3983.1

Album of Photographs and newspaper cuttings relating to the Hertfordshire Regiment, early 20th century. Requires de-acidification, cleaning and reattachment of boards



Cost £770
Ref: 2006.5.1

Mammoth Tusk excavated at Water Hall Farm in 1936. Requires surface clean and consolidation to prevent further flaking.

Cost £800

Ref: TUSK



Objects with conservation costs of £1001 - £2000

Wax headed doll in the uniform of the 'Brown Coat School', Hertford School of Industry, which educated girls in preparation for work in service in the big houses of the town. The doll requires cleaning and repair to foot where stuffing is leaking.

Cost £1300

Ref: 2019.1.1-9



Victorian wax headed doll in red silk dress. Requires cleaning, support of costume and disentangling of the hair. Cost £1300. Ref: 2018.1-12



'Sadie'

ventriloquist's dummy, used by Kay 'The Wonder Girl Ventriloquist and Telepathist'. Local girl Kay, real name Pauline White, learnt the art of ventriloquism at the age of 7 and gave her first public appearance, with Sadie, just 2 years later in 1946. The pair are pictured here in 1951. Sadie's silk dress and painted wooden limbs and face need cleaning, her hair requires repair.

Cost £1300

Ref: 1992.3.1



**Double sided Turks Head
Pub Sign from the Inn at
42 Fore Street which
closed in 1824.**

**Requires surface clean
and infill of cracks and purpose
built double sided mount.**

Cost £1400

Ref: 6213.1



Objects with conservation costs in excess of £2000

Grey silk wedding dress, 19th century. Requires cleaning and mounting onto a customised mannequin.

Cost £3500

Ref: 0987.1



Victorian wax headed doll. Requires cleaning and Stabilisation.

Cost £5000

Ref: 2015.1-9

