

Horsham Museum Community Collection

Horsham Museum is launching an exhibition in January 2026 to explore the idea of the earliest museums which developed from Cabinets of Curiosity. The exhibition will display rarely seen items from our stores, uncovering new stories and examining the what and why of how we decide what to preserve in museums.

One section of the display will be dedicated to showcasing objects belonging to members



Entry details

All submissions must be made by email to museum@horsham.gov.uk. This should include a picture of the object, its dimensions and a short (maximum 50 word) summary of why you think the object should be selected. An entry form can be downloaded from the museum website: horshammuseum.org

The deadline for submissions will be Wednesday 31 December and we will be in contact by the Saturday 10 January 2026 to confirm if your item has been selected. We may not be able to include all objects in the final display so cannot guarantee that your item will be included.

Objects included within the display will be on temporary loan to the museum and will be returned at the end of the exhibition.

of the community. The aim of this section is that these are not necessarily valuable or historic objects, but personal artefacts which people feel represent their own experiences of living and working locally.

We are inviting people, groups, clubs and societies to submit objects for consideration to be included in the exhibition.

There are few limits to what can be submitted for consideration. For example, an item could be:

- a beloved childhood toy
- a copy of a book which reminds you of Horsham
- A key from your first home here
- A pair of shoes which were worn out exploring the town's streets

Please note we will not be able to include items that are directly promotional for a business or person



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