

We have 4 main collections which you may wish to offer a donation to:

Accessioned objects

These are on display or kept in our store

Library

Accessioned books relating to, and aiding, local history or West of England cloth research

Photograph Archive

Accessioned photographs relating to Trowbridge or our collecting area

Handling Collection

Non-accessioned objects used by our Learning & Outreach team



**Trowbridge
MUSEUM**

Collections & Exhibitions officer

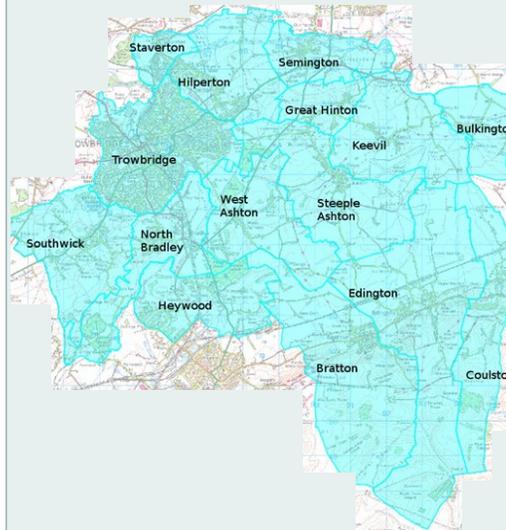
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Our Collecting Area



This information relates to all donations being offered to our accessioned objects collections. For handling object donations please contact our Learning & Outreach team.



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Managing our Collections



Offering a donation to our collection

Our Collection

We are an accredited Museum, dedicated to the history of Trowbridge and the story of West of England cloth production.

The Museum

Accreditation scheme is the UK industry standard for museums and galleries.

This Ensures we are doing the right things to help people to engage with our collection and protect them for the future.

We currently hold nearly 25,000 objects and are dedicated to the conservation and care given to each of them.

We aim to rotate the objects on display when and where possible, so that you can enjoy our collection with us, and to give us an opportunity to assess their condition regularly.

What can we accept?

We exist to help tell the story of life in the communities which make up our Collecting Area. Donations must illustrate the economic, political, social and cultural history of our Collecting Area and its people or have connections to the West of England woollen cloth industry.

Closed Collections

We have particularly strong holdings in the following and are unlikely to accept objects relating to:

- *Pitman Collection
- *Ushers Collection
- *Bowyers Collection
- *Haden's Collection
- *Taylor's Collection

We do not collect

- *Items beyond our capabilities to house adequately or conserve
- *Natural history or geological material
- *Large textile machines
- *Business and Family archives

Donating an Object

We are always seeking to expand our collection, however we regret that we are unable to accept everything offered to us.

If you are considering making a donation to the museum, we kindly ask that you speak to a member of staff before bringing it in. Volunteers can help you fill out an enquiry form and a member of staff will be in touch as soon as possible.

All offers are discussed monthly at our staff collections meetings. The decision is made as a group, not by any individual.

We appreciate it can be difficult if your donation is not accepted and we will gladly speak to you about the reasons behind our decisions.

We seek to acquire items and legally own them.