

Object disposal

In order to ensure that our collections are properly managed and made accessible, we take an active approach to the disposal of objects which are no longer appropriate for the National Collection.

We can consider objects for disposal if they fall into any of the following categories:

- The object is more suitable for another museum or gallery
- The object does not fit into the Museum's Collecting Policy
- The object is a duplicate of another inventoried object in the collection
- The object has deteriorated
- The object is hazardous

Recommendations for disposal have to be approved by a 'Board of Survey' held at the individual museum sites, then the Collections & Research Trustee Sub-committee, followed by the Science Museum Board of Trustees. In the case of railway items opinion is also sought from the SMG Railway Heritage Designation Advisory Board.

When objects are approved for disposal we will always aim to keep them in the public domain. Priority will be given to National and accredited museums. We will not gift items to private individuals. Where a more suitable home in the public domain has not been found objects may be offered for sale. In this instance the Museums Association will be contacted to provide guidance.

Below is a list of objects which have been fully approved for disposal and are currently available.

We endeavour to maintain the list of objects that are available for disposal. However we cannot guarantee that the list is fully updated at all times. Objects are advertised for a limited period so early applications are recommended. The closing dates for applications are given next to the objects in the list above.

If you would like more information or are interesting in acquiring an object from the list please email collections.information@sciencemuseum.ac.uk and include the following information:

- The object number and description
- A description of how you intend to use the object(s)
- The organisation that you are representing
- Full contact details

Please note all registered interest will be considered so that the object will be given to the most suitable home. The chosen recipient of the object(s) will be asked to sign our transfer paperwork in order to transfer legal ownership. The transfer of ownership is completed at the point of collection of the object(s) and not when the paperwork is signed. The recipient of the object(s) is responsible for the arrangement and cost of collection of the object(s) from a site specified by the Science Museum Group.

Our procedures are guided by the Museums Association's [Code of Ethics](#) and [Disposal Toolkit](#)

DISPOSAL ITEMS

Objects for Disposal September 2013

NUMBER	CLOSING DATE	DESCRIPTION
2002-8494	15/09/2013	NRM - Signalling & Telecommunications Signal lever frame, 26 lever, McKenzie & Holland, No 21, duplex, ex Norwich Goods Yard, Great Eastern Railway, dismantled.
809/51	15/09/2013	NRM - Pictorial Collection (Railway) Engraving of Dawly in the County of Middlesex, the seat of the Rt. Hon. Charles Lord Ossulstone. Engraving 19" x 12 3/4"
1985-7055	15/09/2013	NRM - Locomotives and Rolling Stock Track Recording Trolley, British Railways, "Neptune" track recorder no. DX50002 of 1957 ex Civil Engineers' Department, British Rail (Scottish Region).
E2011.79.848	15/09/2013	NRM - Signalling & Telecommunications Block instrument: non-tapping blockbell. Tyer and Co. Ltd.
E2011.79.404	15/09/2013	NRM - Signalling & Telecommunications Double Transmitter instrument, London & North Eastern Railway, dynatape-plated, "UP SOUTH TO WAVERLEY WEST", Siemens and General Electric Railway Signal Company Limited
140/74	15/09/2013	NRM - Signalling & Telecommunications Signalling instrument, Welwyn block release switch, SGE pattern.
1978-7336	15/09/2013	NRM Departure Indicator. Ex-Waterloo Station. On one pallet and in a specially built cradle. Dimensions 155"x79". Installed by the London & South Western Railway in 1921, Southern Railway from 1923, BR(S) from 1948 and withdrawn 1977. Comprises right-hand end three columns, railing and operator's box.
5993/57	15/09/2013	NRM Print (tinted) Goodwych Pier
4271/57	15/09/2013	NRM Engraving "Remains of Tavestock Priory, Devonshire" 1829. Drawn and engraved by John Coney. London published, 23 Dec 1820. 13 1/2" x 20".
1732/52	15/09/2013	NRM Woodcut, 'A view of the Town and Port of Folkestone from the South East'. Woodcut 21 3/4" X 12 3/4"
1752/52	15/09/2013	NRM Engraving entitled 'The North East Prospect of the City of Salisbury' with a key to the chief places of interest. Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, del et sculp. 1734
759/51	15/09/2013	NRM Print of the East Prospect of Derby by S&N Buck Engraving of The East Prospect of Derby with footnotes on Derby and numbered key to places of interest. Engraving 28 1/4 x 10 1/4". S & N Buck, delin. and sculp.
761/51	15/09/2013	NRM Print SW Prospect of Liverpool by S&N Buck 1728BTC Engraving of the South West Prospect of Liverpool in the County Palatine of Lancaster with historical footnotes and numbered key to places of interest. Engraving 28 1/4" x 10 1/4"
1985-7144	15/09/2013	NRM Draughtsman's Desk, GER, Comprising 4 drawers at one side and 5 drawers and a cupboard at other, ex British Rail Temple Mills

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NUMBER	CLOSING DATE	DESCRIPTION
1980-7020	20/10/2013	NRM - Railway Infrastructure Twenty banister rail supports, cast iron, from the main staircase, Station Hotel, Holyhead. Originally intended to be donated with oak handrail, approximately 12 feet in length, but which is now unlocated.
E2011.79.801	15/09/2013	NRM Telegraph cabinet, for a Bright's telegraph instrument, missing most of the internal mechanism
BTC 3172/64	15/09/2013	NRM Print of engraving 'The NW prospect of the city of Bristol'
1988-7586	20/10/2013	NRM - Railway Timepieces Clocking-in clock, Great Eastern Railway, clocking-in clock from Rope and Sheet Factory, Gidea Park, consists of large dial with pegged numbers and clock mechanism attached to wheel.