

Bowes Museum

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The Bowes Museum reviewed their English furniture collections, revitalising the collection and creating relevant displays.

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We can see the Effective Collections project having a very positive effect on our stores and the museum, although these have not yet been realised. The project has been a very good learning experience and a good spur to us and to the trustees to address some of the issues facing the Museum.

It most definitely will have a legacy beyond the period of the project – the collection's review document will be an excellent working document for years to come and it will provide a methodology that we can apply to other collections. The rationalisation/disposal process will be an excellent model to demonstrate to the Museum's Trustees as an example of good practice. We will be able to use knowledge gained about the collections to develop interpretation and partnership projects.