



JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND OPEN AIR MUSEUM
21st September 2012

REPORT ON THE DE-ACCESSIONING OF ITEMS IN THE COLLECTIONS
Report of the Keeper of Social History & Collections Administration

1. Introduction

This report is to formally request the deaccessioning or transfer of items in the Museum Collections. Like any healthy museum, Beamish needs not only to continue to collect, but also to periodically review its holdings in light of future plans and developments, and the ongoing costs of collections care and management.

2. A Disposals Policy

The Museum operates within the strict policies and guidelines provided by the Museums Association. This includes the following pieces of information:

- i) The object is accurately identified
- ii) The original reason for collecting is identified
- iii) The original reason for collecting is no longer valid

Under the terms of our Museum Registration Accreditation Standard any item no longer required must be offered firstly, without charge, to other accredited museums.

3. Objects

1971-61 World War I Simplex Locomotive – Approval is sought to dispose of this locomotive and transfer it to the Imperial War Museum. It was placed on loan to the Imperial War Museum in 1981 for restoration and display as part of the Land Warfare Hall exhibition at Duxford. The locomotive has remained on indefinite loan there ever since and the IWM have requested transfer of title in order to plan for the long-term inclusion in a new display. The locomotive, originally a narrow gauge type, has no North East relevance and is also of a type unsuitable for any regular operation at Beamish. It is not of a type used in the region. Therefore, approval is sought to transfer these items to the Imperial War Museum.

1991-25 Gearing and Stones – Approval is sought to dispose of gearing and stones from Hessle Foreshore Mill. These items were transferred from Hull

Museum in 1991 for possible use within museum developments. These items are not suitable for the type of mill proposed within the Museum's Future Plan; and Hull Museums have requested the items are returned for use within their museum. As the mill was in the Hull area, and there is no plan to use them within Beamish, approval is sought to transfer ownership back to Hull Museums.

Domestic Items – Approval is sought to dispose of a collection of domestic items. These items have been on loan since 1983 to Bamburgh Castle. As the items are duplicates with numerous examples in better condition held in the museum's collection, approval is sought to transfer these items to Bamburgh Castle.

1967-408 B	Iron Cooking pan
1967-186.9	Meat Chopper
1964-213	Earthenware Crock
1965-98	Iron Kettle
1967-244.6 B	Pestle & Mortar
1970-80.2	Lemon Squeezer
1980-625	Wooden Potato Masher
1976-720	Steel Potato Masher
1961-45.94	Sugar Cutter

4. Approval Sought

The approval of the Joint Committee is sought to the deaccessioning and transfer or disposal of the listed items.

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Keeper of Social History and Collections Administration

20th August 2012