

## The Meaning of Things

A conversation project that explores what museums do by asking the questions:

- What do we keep?
- Why do we keep things?

Over 4 sessions we discuss what museums do and what we think they can and should do by exploring and sharing the role of treasured objects in our own lives. There will also be opportunities to get to know some of the museum's objects and collections.



This project is an opportunity to learn, reflect and connect with others in a safe environment. We encourage anyone participating, if they are comfortable, to take part in an object story audio recording session to preserve your thoughts on the meaning of *your* things for our community collection.

### Who is this project for?

This project is for groups of people who may have never been to The Salisbury Museum or haven't visited a museum for a long time.

We offer the project to groups run or supported by charities, residents' associations, care settings and volunteer-led groups out in the community. We have worked with groups such as Salisbury City Community Team, Richmond Fellowship, Alzheimer's Society and Laverstock Memory Support Group.

### Information and Booking

To receive an information pack or to book a group onto The Meaning of Things contact our Community Curator, Sarah: [sarahgregson@salisburymuseum.org.uk](mailto:sarahgregson@salisburymuseum.org.uk)

### COVID-19

Due to the current social distancing guidance and shielding measures, we understand that many groups may not currently be meeting, may not wish to have visits from external facilitators or visit new locations for safety reasons. However, we are still able to:

- Offer these sessions by Zoom video conferencing in partnership with organisations that are already supporting a group remotely.
- Take expressions of interest in The Meaning of Things and work with you to set up sessions at a time and in a way that best suits your group.