

The Meaning of Things

The museum previously ran this conversation project exploring what museums do in 2019-2020. The Meaning of things asked the questions:

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

Over 4 sessions we discussed 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 were also opportunities to get to know some of the museum's objects and collections.



This project was an opportunity to learn, reflect and connect with others in a safe environment. Participants could also choose to take part in an object story audio recording session to preserve their thoughts on the meaning of *their* things for our community collection.

Who was this project for?

This project was for groups of people who had never been to The Salisbury Museum or hadn't visited a museum for a long time.

We offered the project to groups run or supported by charities, residents' associations, care settings and volunteer-led groups out in the community. We worked with groups such as The Friary Lunch Club, Richmond Fellowship, Alzheimer's Society and Laverstock Memory Support Group. We were successfully able to transition elements of this project online during the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you are interested in learning more about The Meaning of Things or would like to discuss a similar project for your group, please contact our Community Curator, Amy:

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