

**MUSEUM OF LONDON**

## Specialist Services Conservation

Specialist Services offers a wide variety of services for museums and historic collections, archaeological units and private individuals. Based in the conservation laboratories at the Museum of London, Specialist Services conservators have extensive experience in conservation and collections care



Enquiries about other artefacts or projects are always welcome. If we cannot help, we will try to pass you on to someone who can

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## conservation for museums, historic collections and private individuals

**historic objects in all materials** Condition assessments, storage advice and packing, preparation for loans, conservation treatment, reconstruction and mounting for display

**condition surveys** On-site surveys of collections to assess their condition using computer databases to collect and analyse results

**preventive conservation, collections care advice and assistance** Environmental monitoring and preventive conservation advice for museum stores, galleries and historic houses



**display materials testing** 'Oddly' testing and advice on fabrics, coatings and props to be used for display cases

**replica making** Small-scale replica making for museum handling collections or exhibitions

**X-radiography** To clarify corroded metalwork, composite objects, inner mechanical workings, time capsules etc.

**training** Training in all aspects of collections care for staff and volunteers and talks for groups and societies

## conservation for archaeology

**conservation support for excavations** Stabilisation of archaeological artefacts in all materials, both individual objects and site projects. Reconstruction and mount-making for display. Experienced in developer funded work for archaeological units and societies

**on-site work** On-site conservation and emergency lifting.

**X-radiography** To identify and clarify corroded metalwork, eg to show makers' marks, secondary metals, inlays & plating with minimum intervention, and to record condition

**waterlogged material** Advice and stabilisation of waterlogged wood, leather, textile, and other waterlogged organic objects, including freeze-drying services and archaeological timber treatment

**assessment reports** Preparation of post-excavation assessments and specialist conservation reports for archive and publication

**post-excavation packing for archive, investigative and analytical work** Investigative conservation, pigment analysis, fibre identification, technical reports for publication, archive standard packaging and records

**displays and public workshops** Advice on case materials, environmental conditions, monitoring and mount-making. Public workshops and displays on-site with video microscope and reference objects

**associated expertise** Specialist Services conservators can also draw on advice from specialists working in associated fields such as human and animal bone, ceramics and building materials, botanists, geologists, archaeological scientists, photographers and mount-makers