



# Conservation Planning and Collections Management About Us



A Centre of  
Excellence

Conservation Planning and Collections Management are provided by specialists within the Conservation Teams of Birmingham Museums. With 800,000 objects, in nine venues, most are designated as being of national importance and many are world class. Hence its reputation as a centre of excellence across a wide spectrum of objects, and materials.

So, with this range of excellence, experience and expertise we can provide the help that you need for an individual Object, an Exhibition, a Collection, or a whole Museum project.

## Conservation Planning

We can help you to formulate, write, implement and monitor your:

- Strategic and Business plans
- Emergency plans
- Collections Development policies
- Documentation policies, plans and procedures
- Benchmarking
- Cataloguing
- Photographic and documentation reports
- Compliance with national and local standards

## Collections Care

We offer surveys of your collections with:

- recommendations for object treatment
- 'urgent' to 'low' priority classifications for each object
- suggested environmental conditions
- storage recommendations
- steps to achieve Accredited Museum Status

## Environmental Analysis, Health and Safety

*Are you safe?*

*Are you meeting legal requirements?*

We offer advice on setting up monitoring programmes, collecting and interpreting data relating to your environment, with recommendations in line with current best practice. The Team can assist you in identifying potential hazards and how to mitigate the risks.

For example:

- hazardous materials
- asbestos
- radioactive materials
- mould

## Loans and Exhibitions

Birmingham Museums was entrusted with the analysis, care and conservation of the Staffordshire Hoard – the world's largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold.

Hence the Team has major experience in national and international loans and exhibitions and can provide advice including:

- Designing and producing professional, accessible displays
- Labelling and marking museum objects
- Packing and handling
- The conservation and display of objects
- Advice on and specifications for object mounting

## Training and Advice

We run a range of standard courses, covering all aspects of Conservation, IPM and Collections Care. We can also create bespoke courses to fit your exact requirements, as well as CPD. Courses can be run at your site or at Birmingham Museums.

Courses include:

- Basic Conservation – An Introduction
- Modern Materials
- Conservation Ethics
- Emergency Planning and Recovery
- Collections Storage
- Loans
- Packing & Handling
- The Museum Environment
- Benchmarks in Collections Care
- Risk Assessment and Hazards
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Stop the Rot – An Introduction to Collections Care

## Health Checks

*Are you fit for purpose? Are you safe?*

We can offer a comprehensive review of your museum or collections, with recommendations to ensure that they are safe and comply with all necessary regulations.

