

## Agricultural and industrial items

### SECTION 1

#### 1.1 Description of Object/Objects

A collection of mainly agricultural and industrial items which have been stored in Butterworths Yard or the Cart Hovel at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life. The items are in poor condition, many beyond conservation work, and none have been displayed in the last ten years. There is little or no documentation relating to the 78 items and only 5 have been positively identified as having accessioned status.

(Please see table at end of report.)

#### 1.2 Reason for Disposal

It is recommended that these 78 items are disposed of for the following reasons:

- The majority of these items are not made by Lincolnshire manufacturers and have little connection to the county, thereby falling outside Lincolnshire County Council's current Collections Development Strategy.
- Some of the items duplicate accessioned material already in the collection. These accessioned examples are in better condition, have documentation and provenance and are usually locally made.
- The items have not been on display, used, or assisted in helping with public enquiries or research in the last 10 years. They are under-used items.
- The items are in poor/very poor condition. They have been stored outside and the Service is unable to provide adequate care for them. They have been damaged beyond the Service's ability to conserve or repair them.
- Only 5 of the items have an accession number. Despite extensive research, it has not been possible to confirm accessioned status to the remaining items - there is no history or provenance attached to these items.
- Knowledgeable and experienced external stakeholders (former curators and subject specialists) have visited the site to help staff identify and assess these items. This survey led to the attached list of proposed disposals being drawn up.

#### 1.3 Suggested Means of Disposal & Reason

It is recommended that the items are offered to other Accredited museums as a gift or transfer. For those items not required by another museum, another appropriate home should be found within the public domain, e.g. school or university. However, due to the poor condition of the items it is likely that many of the objects may only be required for spare parts or may only be suitable for disposal by destruction.

Notes have been made on the attached survey with reference to specific items, in light of expert feedback from external stakeholders. It is hoped that this will aid the Panel's discussions and recommendations.

## 1.4 Impact Statement

**1.4.1 Potential Risks** – Because the majority of the objects do not appear to be accessioned and no provenance or documentation can be found, there is a risk that a potentially significant or rare item is disposed of. For the same reasons it is possible that an item not belonging to the museum, e.g. on loan, is disposed of. As most of the items are undocumented it is impossible to contact the donor to notify them of the potential disposal. The risk has been reduced by consulting with former curators and subject specialists, but not removed.

**1.4.2 Potential Benefits** – Improved core collections as non-relevant and deteriorating items are removed; and improved care for remaining collection. Improved appearance of Butterworths Yard. Improved storage capacity, in and around the Butterworths store and Cart Hovel area – increasingly important with respect to Service developments and priorities.

## 1.5 Other Considerations

Any items not transferred to another Accredited museum or public institution may have to be disposed of by destruction. This may require the hiring of skips or a specialist contractor.

## 1.6 Recommendation

To deaccession and dispose of the items only after careful consideration of the potential risks.

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## **SECTION 2**

(to be completed by Disposal Panel)

### 2.1 Panel Decision

Fully agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation

Agree with Disposal Report Section 1 recommendation, with additional requirements/ comment (section 2.2)

Disagree with Disposal Report recommendation for reasons given below (section 2.2)

### 2.2 Additional Comments

*Caveats/questions regarding disposal; reasons for disagreeing with recommendation; raise points requiring further clarification, for inclusion in Exec. Cllr. Report or resolution prior to submitting this report..*

The panel went through the list of items and identified that a number of items (4 out of 78) should be offered to specific, identified Heritage organisations.

Signed: Jonathan Platt (Chair of Disposal Panel)

Date: 11/1/11

### **SECTION 3**

(to be completed by Collections Officer)

**3.1 Exec Report No** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.2 Exec Decision No** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.3 Action / Date Completed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Ensure a copy of the Authority deaccession/disposal form is attached to this sheet*

**3.4 Name, Contact Details & Status of Recipient**

*Accredited museum, private museum etc.*

**3.5 New Location and Number of Object**

*For future access, should enquiries come in.*

**3.6 Benefits Achieved for the Service/Object:**

*Short summary tying back to section 1.4*

ACC. NO.	SIMPLE NAME	INSCRIPTION	NOTES	LOCATION	REASON FOR DISPOSAL	NOTES
<b>Accessioned Items</b>						
1982/579 (2)	Grass reaper & binder pole	Deering	Blackstone seat later addition?	Butterworths Yard	No local provenance	Accessioned example in store in better condition and made by local manufacturer, but loan item
1971/878	Grass reaper	Harrison McGregor Ltd Leigh		Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	Accessioned example in store in better condition and made by local manufacturer, but loan item
1982/5014	Pea harvester/windrower		Manufactured in Ipswich	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	
1971/877	Turnip drill		Manufacturer: Bushell, York	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	Accessioned example in store in better condition and made by local manufacturer
1969/141	Sail Reaper	A C Bamlett, Thirsk, 1898	Item on loan and accessioned in error - requires deaccessioning to either return to owner or dispose of with owner's permission	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	Three accessioned examples in store in better condition and made by local manufacturers

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<b>Lincolnshire Material and in Poor Condition</b>						
?	Remains of cart wheels (8)	Two marked 'Foster + Co. Lincoln'	Retain Foster's hubs as rare	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
<b>Items with no Proven Lincolnshire Provenance</b>						
?	Lifting beams (2)	For military use'		Butterworths Yard	No provenance	
?	Tanker (ag.)			Butterworths Yard	No local provenance	
?	Building ties (4)	JF 1855	From warehouse - retain one example?	Butterworths Yard	Dispose of three only	
?	Bricks and stone			Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
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?	Stone		Retain 1807 rain hopper	Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
?	Stone			Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
?	Chimney			Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	Retaining similar example
?	Chimney			Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
?	Architectural stone		Retain clock weights	Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
?	Slates and tiles			Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
?	Plough	Ransomes		Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material/no local provenance	

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<b>Items with no Proven Lincolnshire Provenance and in Poor Condition</b>						
?	Pump set			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Hoe			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Clod crusher		Some parts (roll) in cart hovel - Threlkeld Museum would like to have this transferred to them	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Horse drawn hoe			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Unidentified object			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Band saw			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Car steering part		Potential transfer to Lincoln Vintage Vehicle Society	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Metal fencing		Possibly not collection but from site	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Pipe?			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Grinding wheel			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Bicycle			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Blacksmiths equipment			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Unidentified object	L. Garvin + Co., Isleworth		Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	
?	Unidentified object			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Iron wheel & axle			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	

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?	Trolley	Francis Theakston Gas Ltd.		Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	
?	Crusher/grinder			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Trolley			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Line marker			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Scarifier			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Potato riddle			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Rods from pumping equipment		Swallow pump in cart hovel - Catherine Wilson would like to check this before final decision is made	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Milling item?		Check with Jon Sass	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Unidentified object - boiler from engine?			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Cast iron fence poles			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Air raid siren		Possible transfer to Thorpe Camp?	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Fire grate			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	School benches and desks			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Metal hoops (3) from cart wheels?			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Restrainer for International Tractor? (2)			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	
?	Unidentified object			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Lamp bracket			Cart Hovel	Poor condition/duplicate material	

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?	Lamp		Not related to the above item	Cart Hovel	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Railway trolley		A railway museum may be interested in acquiring this	Cart Hovel	Poor condition	
?	1930s Fireplace			Cart Hovel	Poor condition	
?	Potato riddle	Gooch + Sons,	Northampton	Cart Hovel	Poor condition/no local provenance	
?	Invalid carriage			Cart Hovel	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Mill stone		Further milling items in undergrowth inaccessible due to unstable wall	Butterworths Yard	Duplicate material	
?	Miscellaneous parts (industrial)		Chris Page suggests some items could be retained for spares	Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Cake breaker			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Cake breaker			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Unidentified			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition	
?	Hoe			Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/duplicate material	
?	Seed winnower	Boby of Bury St. Edmunds		Butterworths Yard	Poor condition/no local provenance	
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