

Earlier this year the Museum Service was fortunate to receive grant-aid to buy a William Ratcliffe painting called *Reflections Ickleford*, which shows part of the now-demolished Hyde Mill, Ickleford.



Cas outside Ickleford School with the copy of the Ratcliffe painting we have given them (it's a photo on canvas, and came out really well)

Some of the generous Heritage Lottery funding was also for project work in Ickleford, to enable local residents to learn more about the history of their village, and particularly about Hyde Mill. Working with local volunteers, the Museum Service helped with displays in the church on the Open Village weekend, visited the school, and helped with the excavation of the mill site. The photos show some of the work which has taken place so far; watch this space for the rest of the project.



Display in the church on 23 June at Ickleford Open Village, showing the Hyde Mill pop-up panels.



Amanda helping young visitors at the Ickleford Open Village event



Looking at some of the excavated material from the Hyde Mill site



Jo Ward (seated), our Audience Development consultant, giving out her questionnaires at Ickleford Open Village



At Ickleford School last month, with our excellent pop-up panels (thanks to the HLF)



Back to Ickleford School to present the painting and a mounted Victorian map of the village

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