

## North Herts. Museum update: Objects on the Move

It's exciting to see the new museum taking shape, as contractors install cases and measure objects ready for mounting. As part of the work to get the new displays ready, museum staff have been busy putting the finishing touches to labels, and moving some of the larger objects on to site.

This week, the large Lucas painting that hung on the stairs at Hitchin Museum was taken down and moved, ready to be mounted in its new display position early next year.



Hitchin Marketplace, oil on canvas, Samuel Lucas Snr  
(1805-1870), 1840

Some of the other things we moved included a wheel pattern, a mangle, a Polyphon, a door, a 'Penny farthing' bicycle and a large dolls' house.



Dolls' house, 1860-1880

The old display galleries at both of the former museums are now full of boxes of packed objects as we continue to pack the stored collections ready to move, and staff have recently been packing boxes of books and files from the offices of each museum. At the new museum, objects and graphic panels are starting to go into cases, and everything is taking shape. We can't wait to welcome the public into the amazing new museum when it's finished!

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at North Hertfordshire Museum!



A romantic view of eighteenth century Hitchin by F.L. Griggs

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