

PRESTON PARK MUSEUM AND GROUNDS  Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL  Preston Park Museum & Grounds	
Topic	Disposals From Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Preston Park Museum
Overview	Preston Park Museum & Grounds shares the extraordinary stories of the people and history of Stockton-on-Tees through an eclectic collection consisting of 100,000 objects. In 2023, the Museum was awarded a National Heritage Lottery Fund grant to improve the management of its collections. The two-year rationalisation project will help reinterpret and bring new life to objects significant to the local area, whilst rehoming objects which no longer align with our current Collections Development Policy. The objects listed in this document includes school desks. They are of varying conditions and ages and have been stored at the Museum's off-site storage warehouse for a number of years.
Reasons	The Museum's criteria for disposal include but are not limited to the list below and are lifted from our Collections Development Policy. One or more of the following factors are applicable to each of the listed objects. • The object does not follow our collecting priorities. • The object does not help us to tell the story of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. • The object is of poor quality compared with other examples. • There are similar or duplicate objects at the museum. • Items which no longer meet the aims of the museum and would be best placed in another museums or organisation's collection. • Items which we are unable to care for adequately based on size, upkeep costs, hazardous contents, and conservation needs.
Available	<i>5th September-5th November 2025</i>
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Transfers from the Preston Park Museum Collection

Object Number	Description	Image
D1866/1971	Three wrought iron and oak double desk units. C19th L1015xH760xD700mm	 The image block contains two photographs of the desk units. The top photograph shows three units arranged in a row in a warehouse with a brick wall and an orange staircase in the background. One unit is partially covered by a white plastic sheet. The bottom photograph is a closer view of the same units, showing the wooden desks and benches and the wrought iron frames.