

Our archive collections

Send and Ripley History Society have a collection of over 7000 artefacts, paintings, drawings, records and photographs - all associated with Send and Ripley in one way or another. They range from archaeological items, such worked flints found locally, through early photographs (eg 1930s), up to the modern day, such as a Send Help 25th anniversary mug. These are available, for research purposes, to Society members and to accredited members of the public. They are also a valuable resource for the exhibitions regularly displayed in our museum and put together by Clare McCann, our Museum Curator.

All 7000+ items have to be recorded, stored, and preserved. There is a dedicated team of Society archivists who undertake these tasks, thereby maintaining our collection for future members. It also aids the Society maintain our accreditation with Arts Council England, a national scheme to ensure museums are sustainable, focused and trusted.

Over the last 3 months of 2023 an audit of our collection storage and maintenance procedures was undertaken by a qualified conservator, funded by a grant from the Association of Independent Museums <https://aim-museums.co.uk/> (of which the Society is a member). It showed the society was broadly compliant with the necessary standard albeit with some improvements being required. These will be addressed over the coming year. The audit results will also be fed into plans for any future Museum refurbishment.



Worked flints



Ryde House School, Ripley High Street
(circa 1930's)