



There are lots of reasons why we like to collect things. Objects can be very special and remind us of things we've done or places we've been. At the museum we look after special things that have been donated by people from the Tees Valley. All these objects are important because they tell a story and help us understand the past.



We would love to see what you would put in your mini museum! Why not post a photo on our social media and tell us about it in a mini virtual tour?

For your Mini Museum you need to.....

Think of your theme

It could be anything you like such as shells, home comforts, treasures, your family or even your favourite colour!

Choose your special objects

About 6 to 8 is a good number. As it's a mini museum, try and stick with small objects that fit in your hand, however you can make it whatever you like!



Create your display

Lay your objects out and have a play about with how you want it to look. You could display them in a shoe box, tray or table. Or even get creative making stands out of small boxes and loo roll plinths!



Label the objects

Write labels for your objects. I wonder what your object would say if it could speak? Remember to add what it is, the date if you know it and why it's important to you.



Think of a title

Why not give your display a name? You could start with 'Mini Museum of... ' or make something up that fits your theme. Have some fun creating a colourful poster or sign.

Well done! Make sure you take some photographs of your work!

Extra Activity: it's hard not seeing all our friends and family at the moment. Why not invite them for a virtual grand opening and tour of your mini museum to celebrate your hard work?