

Request for transfer & Deaccession

Accession number(s)

LB528 Bamford swathe-turner (Loan out number.030)

Currently in the National Collections Centre, Wroughton (Science Museum ref: 1982-246).

Reason for Requested Disposal & Deaccession

The rural life collection of Olive Lloyd Baker was given to the Cotswold District Council in lieu of death duties in 1981. This was displayed to the public by Cotswold district Council as the Countryside Collection at the Old Prison, Northleach until around 2001. Most of the Lloyd Baker collection is now in store with larger items still on display in the Old Prison bays, currently on loan to the Friends of the Cotswolds. There is one item, an enormous swathe-turner, that the Science Museum has had on loan since 1981, not long after the Lloyd Baker archive was accepted by Cotswold District Council. The loan has been a rolling renewal since then. The swathe-turner has been on site at the Science Museum since 1981.

In late 2022, when seeking renewal, the Science Museum initially said they wanted to return it. After receiving the measurements, we realised that it would not fit through the doors of the Resource Centre and would have to sit in the carpark under a tarpaulin, leaving it subject to potential theft or vandalism and environmental degradation. The Science Museum registrar then came back to us this year and said the curator had decided that it was an important piece of agricultural history and requested that we transfer it to them permanently if we were able. From our perspective this would be the best solution, as it is too large to be stored in any of our buildings if it were returned (and, as mentioned, would have to live under tarpaulin) and, since the Countryside Collection is closed and we are predominantly an archaeological museum, it is an object much better placed with the Science Museum at their National Collection Centre at Wroughton.

We have sought Arts Council approval for a transfer as they administer the Acceptance in Lieu scheme, which the Lloyd Baker Collection falls under. Corinium Museum seeks Governing Body approval for the transfer to ensure that the owner of the collection, Cotswold District Council, agree that this is the best option for the future survival of the swathe-turner.



overall:
Height
1600 mm x
Depth
5280 mm x
Width 2600
mm,;

disposal information

- Exit number -
- Date of disposal -
- The method of disposal – transfer to Science Museum.
- Disposal authoriser -
- The date of the authorisation –
- Museum Director's signature -
- Other information – CDC meeting date and minute number

- Deaccession date -
- The name and contact details of the recipient of the disposed objects:
- Disposal recipient - Science Museum ANNIE BROOKE LANG ASSISTANT REGISTRAR +44 (0)20 7942 4399
- Address. – National Collections Centre, Wroughton, Swindon SN4 9LT



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