

Adopt  
An Object  
At Reading  
Museum

# Adopt an Object and become a Super-friend!



You can now help Reading Museum to care for its unique collection by adopting one of our objects for a year – for yourself, or as an unusual gift. Read this document to find out more about the benefits, terms and conditions and adoption fees.

This new scheme is run in partnership with the Friends of Reading Museum.

## What you get

- Membership of the Friends of Reading Museums for one year, if you are not already a member, and free admission to the Friends Christmas party (for the benefits of Friends membership pick up a leaflet or visit the website at [www.readingmuseum.org.uk/get-involved/friends](http://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/get-involved/friends)).
- A certificate. Certificates will be presented to adopters at the Christmas party, although you can opt to receive an electronic copy instead.
- Your name will appear on the object's label from December to December the following year (unless you have opted to remain anonymous).

You can adopt an object for somebody else – give us their name and details on the application form and tell us what message you would like on the certificate.

An object can be adopted by an organisation – corporate rates apply. The corporate rate entitles your organisation to two free tickets to the Friends Christmas party, or you can have your certificate sent to you.

- Corporate adopters can also have their logo on the object label, but it should be a monochrome version and the size will be limited by the standard label sizes.

## How it works

- There are fifty objects available to adopt, chosen from across all the Museum's collections. The Adoption Objects List is on the Museum website at [www.readingmuseum.org.uk/get-involved/friends](http://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/get-involved/friends).
- There is also an application form on the website. You will need to print this off and send it to:

Friends of Reading Museum, Adopt an Object  
c/o Reading Museum & Town Hall  
Blagrave Street  
Reading  
RG1 1QH

- Each object may only be adopted by one person. The application form allows you to name your second and third choices, in case your first choice has already been adopted.
- It may be possible to adopt an object that is not on the Adoption Objects List, but the Museum will decide on a case by case basis whether the proposed object can be adopted. If it is allowed, the adoption will cost more (see Adoption Fees below).
  - Objects that are not on display are not eligible for adoption.
  - All objects on display are stars, but ‘megastar’ objects, such as the Bayeux Tapestry or the Silchester Eagle, are currently excluded from the scheme.
- The Museum may alter the Adoption Objects List at any time. (If objects are removed from the list, existing adopters may still be able to renew their adoption if they wish, depending on the reason for removal.)
- Adopting an object will not give you any rights over the object itself or images of it.
- Occasionally the Museum may, for essential operational, health and safety or conservation reasons, need to remove an adopted object from display either temporarily or permanently. In the case of temporary removal, adopters will not be notified. You should always call us to check if you are travelling to see the object.
- Adoption is for one year. Existing adopters will be invited to renew their adoption at the end of the year. If they do not respond within three months, the object will become available for someone else to adopt.

### **Adoption Fees**

- Standard rate, individual - £50
- Standard rate, corporate - £125
- Adopting an object not on the list, individual - £75
- Adopting an object not on the list, corporate - £150

The money raised by the Adopt an Object scheme will be collected by the Friends of Reading Museums. This will help the Friends to purchase objects and fund events, and there will be a special cheque presentation to the Museum at the Friends Christmas party, to support the Museum’s exhibition and education work.

