

<b>FORMAT</b>		
1. Name of resource	<b>National Archives 'Handling Historic Collections: The Gloves Are Still Off'</b>	
2. Location	<a href="https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/handling-historic-collections-the-gloves-are-still-off/">https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/handling-historic-collections-the-gloves-are-still-off/</a>	
3. Alternative location		
4. Author[s]	A. Sampson	
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8. Languages in which available	English	
9. Geographic area resource relates to	UK, but with wider relevance	
10. Does the resource relate to a specific time frame?		
11. Type	Report	
	Toolkit/Framework/Roadmap	
	Sign-post to other resource (database)	
	Case studies	
	Other	Blog post
12. If this is part of an initiative, what is the initiative?		
<b>COLLECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS-BASED INSTITUTIONS</b>		
13. Explicit links to collections	Yes	
14. Explicit links to museums/libraries/archives	Yes	
15. Types of institutions the resource covers	Museums	X
	Archives	X
	Libraries	X
	Other	X
16. Does the resource relate to specific disciplines?	Arts, humanities and social sciences: philosophy, psychology, religion, social sciences, law, politics, language, arts and recreation, architecture,	X

	literature, history, geography and ethnology, anthropology, archaeology	
	Science, natural history, technology, medicine, engineering, manufacturing	X
17. If no explicit links to collections, justification for inclusion		
<b>HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>18. Collections-related activities the resource relates to (mark all that apply)</b>		
<b>Develop collections to protect and safeguard wider cultural and natural heritage more effectively</b> , for example by targeting collecting to threatened forms of heritage in strategic ways		
<b>Use collections to promote learning and educational opportunities that contribute to sustainable development more effectively</b> , for example education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development and/or skills development relating to collections		
<b>Use collections to promote cultural participation/social inclusion more effectively</b> , for example by reducing barriers to participation, to ensure no-one is 'left behind'		
<b>Use collections to promote sustainable tourism more effectively</b> , for example by developing new products based on local cultural heritage, and/or considering the rights of stakeholder groups in relation to collections		
<b>Use collections to support research that contributes to sustainable development</b> (including all forms of personal and self-directed research at all levels that make use of stored collections) more effectively, for example by providing effective facilities, collections and information to meet researchers' needs		
<b>Make decisions around collections that contribute to sustainable development more effectively</b>		
i. employment (recruiting, staff training, staff safety)		
ii. energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, reduction, monitoring and reporting		
iii. waste management and reduction of waste		X
iv. transport (forms of transport, energy use)		
v. commercial activities including copyright and IP		
vi. governance and management		X
vii. security, disaster preparedness and risk reduction		

<b>Direct external leadership, partnerships and collaborations towards sustainable development more effectively</b> , for example by developing impactful partnerships	
<b>19. Does the resource relate clearly to any international conventions (mark all that apply)?</b>	
Culture conventions:	
1952, 71 Protection of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	
1954 Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
1970 Fighting Against the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property	
1972 Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	
2001 Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage	
2003 Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	
2005 Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions	
Rio Conventions:	
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	
<b>AIMS AND CONTENT</b>	
<b>20. What issues does the resource aim to address?</b>	<p><b>“The use of gloves in handling historic collections is a question that arises frequently, and certainly divides opinion. In 2013, we published the gloves are off, a blog that outlined our rationale for no longer requiring the wearing of gloves during document handling, something we follow today. Ten years on, we thought it would be useful to outline our approach again.</b></p> <p><b>We received a large response to the change in practice in 2013. Commenters recognising the importance of our historic collections were concerned that by dispensing with gloves, we were putting documents at unnecessary risk. As custodians of more than 1,000 years of history, preservation is at the forefront of what we do. However, preservation is all about balancing risk and so we took this decision based on several things...”</b></p>
21. Intended audience of resource	Archivists and others working with public access to collections
22. Process of development	Authored blog post
23. Organisation/structure/contents	[Introduction] 1. Our Collection 2. Gloves Aren’t Straightforward 3. Risk Assessment 4. Handling Unhoused Photographic Material 5. Where a Barrier May Be Necessary

FRAMEWORKS	
24. Framework structure	The resource may be considered as a framework: [Introduction] 1. Our Collection 2. Gloves Aren't Straightforward 3. Risk Assessment 4. Handling Unhoused Photographic Material 5. Where a Barrier May Be Necessary
25. Relevant policy considerations	Yes
26. Resources for implementation identified	Yes
27. Specific assessment points/indicators/milestones/action plan for monitoring	No
28. ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
People (social sustainability)	
Planet (environmental sustainability)	X
Prosperity (economic sustainability)	
Peace	
Partnerships	
29. CROSS-CUTTING CONSIDERATIONS COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
Gender perspectives	
North and South perspectives	
HOW THE RESOURCE CONTRIBUTES TO AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs	
HOW AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs FEATURE IN THE RESOURCE	
30. SDGs and Agenda 2030 specifically mentioned?	No
31. SDGs specifically mentioned?	No
32. SDG targets specifically mentioned?	No
33. SDG indicators specifically mentioned?	No
SDGs AND SDG TARGETS AND LINKAGES	
34. Comments on SDG linkages	The resource can help support SDGs relating to protection and safeguarding of cultural heritage (SDG 11.4), as well as

	<p>targets relating to the adoption of sustainable practices (SDG 12.6) and reducing the production of waste (SDG 12.5). Ensuring policies contribute to sustainable development supports SDG 17.14 (policy coherence for sustainable development). Retraining staff to use gloves when needed could support SDG 4.4 (staff skills).</p>
<p><b>35. SDGs and SDG targets the resource helps advance</b></p>	
<p><b>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</b> 4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Number of young people and adults in skills-development activities and programmes drawing on collections, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship</p> <p>Increase in number of young people and adults in such programmes</p> <p>Number and proportion of staff who have received training in the last year, to better support their contribution to the SDGs.</p> <p>Programs and processes in place to ensure the availability of a skilled workforce.</p>
<p><b>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</b> 11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage</p>	<p><b><i>11.4.1 Total expenditure (public and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by type of heritage</i></b></p> <p>Plans, policies and procedures in place for the safe use of collections for a variety of purposes, protecting and safeguarding both collections and those who use them.</p> <p>Plans, policies and procedures in place for the identification, safeguarding and protection of cultural and natural heritage at risk.</p> <p>Collecting programmes in place to protect, safeguard and make use of cultural and natural heritage, addressing the needs of communities and stakeholders, and ensuring that collections can be an effective resource for sustainable development.</p> <p>Number and diversity of educational, awareness-raising, research programmes, and partnerships that aim to strengthen protection of cultural and natural heritage.</p>

<p><b>SDG 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</b> 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse</p>	<p>Quantity and reductions in quantity of waste of all kinds, including avoidance/prevention of waste production, reuse, and recycling. Quantity of material recycled in comparison with quantity sent to landfill. Increases in recycling rate in comparison with landfill.</p>				
<p><b>SDG 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</b> 12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle</p>	<p>Clear visions, strategies and plans in place for all aspects of sustainability – environmental, social and economic (people, planet, prosperity)- across all areas of activity.</p> <p>Visions, strategies and plans relating to sustainability to be publicly available and incorporated into planning documents.</p> <p>Commitments to be in line with local, regional, national and/or international targets and ambitions.</p> <p>Incorporation of sustainability into reporting for funders and other stakeholders, including the public. Reporting to include commitments and progress towards targets.</p>				
<p><b>SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals</b> 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development</p>	<p>Proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, linking to SDGs and targets.</p> <p>Incorporation of policy considerations from outside the collections sector into policies of collections-based institutions, to facilitate partnerships and effectiveness.</p>				
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