



Falconer Museum & Store Report

4th May 2023

Attendee: Richard Aitken

Absentee: Jeanette Pearson

Jeanette to attend on the 1st June 2023

FALCONER MUSEUM

Environmental data: The Tiny Tags have been repositioned;

Museum Store

- Museum store ground floor.
- Museum store first floor 6.3.2 by the archaeological collections.

Falconers Museum

- Mezzanine at the post office sorting stand.
- Archaeological collection re:sword exhibition cabinet.

Data download data and readings taken using the conservation thermohygrometer, see environmental monitoring report and data download.

Ground Floor Displays

- The 19th century wooden church collection box has been taken out of the freezer and positioned back in the display case.
- The area has been dusted of any historical debris before putting the 19th century wooden church collection box back in position.

Mezzanine Displays

- No pest activity was noted in the museum. However, the blunder trap under the window and next to the Archaeology case did show 4 woodlice. Not a museum pest but a possible sign of damp conditions, however the environmental readings do not suggest the museum is damp.
- However there was a water leak stain under the window behind the Archaeology case and another under the window behind the taxidermy case. These should be checked when possible.
- Tiny tag downloaded from the Archaeological case – see environmental report.
- All museums case contents and open display items were visually checked for change or damage, none was noted all appear stable.

ACTION: Next visit

- None to report

Museum Store

GROUND FLOOR

Please see the attached environmental report all tiny tags were downloaded and the data analysed. Blunder trap found 7 silverfish and one woodlouse. Nothing to be concerned about, will continue to monitor.

Current visit: Geology / palaeontology is not my specialism, so will wait for Jeanette's next visit:

ACTION: Next visit

- Continue cleaning the trays to remove insect debris
- Add silica gel sachets to the pyrite affected specimens
- Add softening to reduce physical damage where necessary

FIRST FLOOR STORE

Insect Trap Check

Moth lures all clean, no evidence of flying clothes moths.

Blunder traps are located the radiators at front and rear of store – all clean and replaced with new traps.

A walk-through visual check was made for all the shelving bays.

Some of the shelving was cleaned of dust as part of housekeeping measures to remove historical debris.

9.3.1 Coopered milk / butter churn removed from freezer and positioned back on the shelf.

15.4.1 Loose hair on deer head, cleaned away loose hair and placed a blunder trap on the shelf.

Art Racks: The racks were pulled out and the frames/artworks checked. No new damage noted.

Bay 6: Partially saturated silica gel for the Archaeological metalwork was changed for new dry silica gel to maintain 30-40% RH within the sealed boxes containing the archaeological metalwork.

ACTION: Next visit

- Check 15.4.1 loose hair and any insect activity.
- Check 13.7.1 Cased bird diorama for any moth activity.
- Specimens and shelving require basic housekeeping measures to remove dust accumulations.

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