

# Loans from the HSM Collections

## 2023-2027

From 2023 to 2027, we are working on two major projects to improve access, display, and storage for our collections.

As a result, we are making some changes to our outgoing-loans request process during this period.

### 1. Live loans

We are open to renewing existing loan agreements.

If you currently have one or more objects on loan from us and would like to discuss renewal, please get in touch at [collections@hsm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:collections@hsm.ox.ac.uk).

### 2. Loan requests submitted by 31 October 2023

Up to 31 October 2023 we will process loan requests for any object in our collections in the usual way. You can find our [Loans Policy here](#) which explains how to make a loan application.

### 3. Loans-out Programme: 1 November 2023 onwards

While we are preparing for our refurbishment project, we will continue to make selected parts of our collection available to institutions for research and display.

We have published an [e-catalogue of items](#) which we will consider for outgoing loan requests received from 1 November 2023.

While collaborative exhibitions may take priority over one-off loans, we will, as standard, consider requests on a first-come, first-served basis. All loans will still be subject to:

- standard notice periods:
  - **International loans:** 9 months
  - **UK loans:** 6 months
- borrowing procedures
  - The Loans Committee meets once a month (with the exception of August) to review loan requests
  - All requests need final approval from our Governing Body
  - All loaned objects are subject to the terms and conditions in our [Loans Policy](#)

### 4. Loan requests made from the wider collection

We aim to resume these from approximately mid 2026. Once the refurbishment project progresses to a point where we can process loan requests again, we will:

- [add information to our website](#)
- post updates through [social media](#), our newsletter [HSM News](#) and the [Rete mailing list](#).

In the meantime, you can get in touch with us at [collections@hsm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:collections@hsm.ox.ac.uk).