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Please send to: Abingdon Museum Friends, Abingdon County Hall Museum, The Market Place, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3HG

PRESERVE

THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

Abingdon County Hall completed in 1682 dominates the centre of this ancient town, once the county town of Berkshire. Its principal creator, Christopher Kempster, was one of Sir Christopher Wren's masons. The two men worked together on St Paul's Cathedral after the Great Fire of London.

Abingdon Museum since its inauguration in 1912 has been situated in the Sessions Hall, built to house the Berkshire Assize Courts (transferred to Reading in 1867). The County Hall was adapted and re-opened for the purpose of exhibiting a fine collection of antiquities, the historic core of the collections.

The Museum's Collection of history and archaeology includes fragments of vessels from Neolithic times and artefacts from every period thereafter, giving evidence of Abingdon as England's longest continuously occupied town.



The future of the past depends on the present

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**ABINGDON
COUNTY HALL
MUSEUM**



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‘Of the free standing town halls in England with open ground floors, this is probably the finest’

- *Nicholas Pevsner*

Extensive repairs and conservation are needed to preserve this 17th century, Grade 1 listed building, which houses the Abingdon Museum collection.

Plans for this purpose are underway, and also to upgrade facilities, redisplay the collection in enhanced conditions and improve accessibility.

This £3.5 million project has attracted funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and others, but a further £400,000 is needed.

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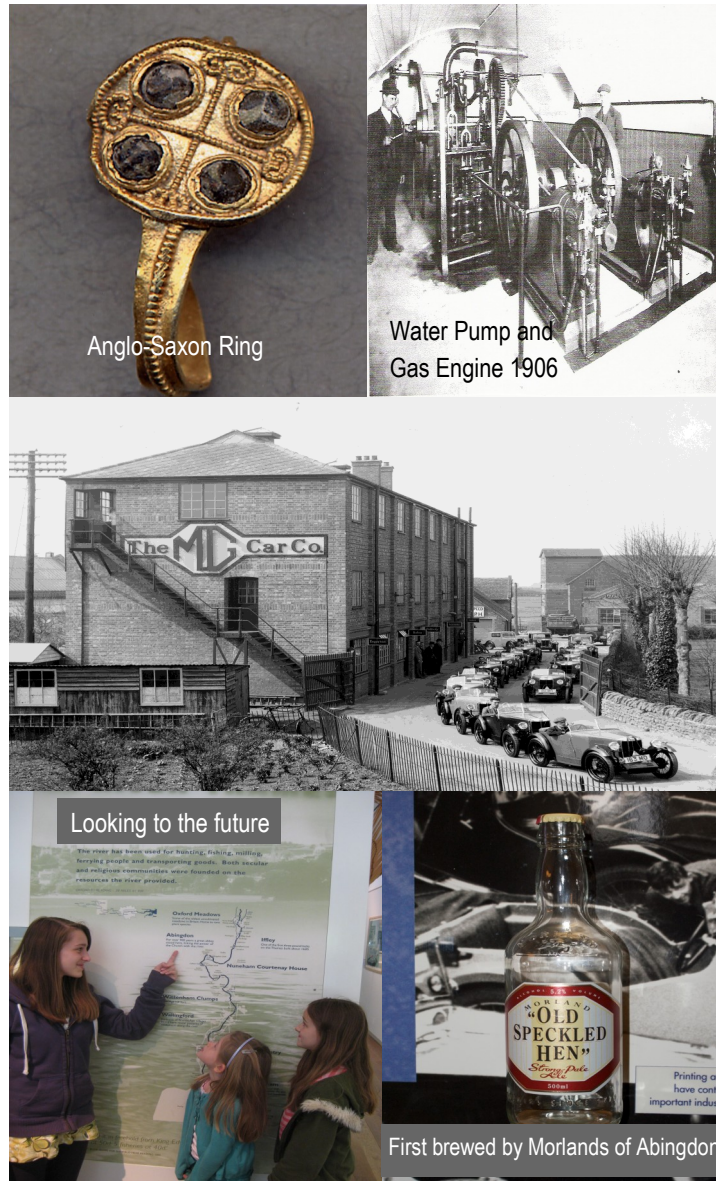
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TO MAKE A REALITY OF THE VISION

- A fully preserved building, secure and meeting all safety requirements
- Appropriate temperature control for the benefit of the collection and all who use the building
- Increased accessibility
- The cellar as a public community space, accessible to all, with coffee bar, shop and toilets, a room and facilities for community use and education, and a place where physically impaired visitors can access the collection using modern equipment
- The restored 1906 gas powered water pump on display
- The Sessions Gallery, permanently exhibiting Abingdon's history, plus interactive and sophisticated displays and temporary exhibitions
- The second floor housing an enlarged MG exhibition, the historic craft collection, the reserve collection, facilities for study, and a fully equipped office
- External uplighting both within and outside the arcade, and full CCTV
- Increased numbers of visitors and links to the local community

**We need your support
to raise £400,000**

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE