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ABOUT POLSTORE

50 YEARS OF STORAGE EXPERTISE

Within the heritage sector, Polstore has been at the forefront of storage, retrieval and display solutions for over 50 years with a strong base of satisfied clients worldwide. We are committed to delivering intelligent solutions that are designed to meet your criteria and solve your storage issues.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT A POLSTORE FIT?

Our aim is to solve your storage challenges and help you preserve, conserve and display your collections for future generations. We have the resources to co-ordinate and project manage a full range of storage schemes, large or small, bespoke or standard. To enable you to get the best out of our service we will support you with free advice and consultation along the way.



PRACTICAL DESIGNS 'FIT FOR PURPOSE'

Working with you throughout the design process we will pinpoint the best and most cost-effective storage solution for your requirements.

WE NEVER COMPROMISE ON DETAIL

Our equipment is of the highest specification and of enduring quality giving you the confidence to focus on other project issues.



THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

"We have enjoyed being part of the team within the Natural History Museum, London, to produce a truly special scheme for this most prestigious of projects."

→ Alan Lawson
Polstore

THE PALAEOONTOLOGY PROJECT

Working with a clean sheet of paper, an empty room, an existing collection and an exacting, driven team from the Natural History Museum, we have enjoyed the challenge of producing a scheme of cabinets to suit their current and future needs.

Dealing directly with the team involved in the monumental task of moving and caring for this vast collection of specimens, has allowed us to gain a unique insight into their needs. Working closely with the Palaeontology team to draw up a list of their requirements, we established a basic cabinet unit size, which allowed the scheme to fit uniformly onto mobile bases. The mobile base layout was essential to condense the two separate collection locations into the same room for the first time. We then spent a great deal of time working with the team on the room layout and cabinet designs including racking and bespoke handles to suit a collection of this size.





PLAN CHESTS / DRAWERS / CABINETS

HIGH DENSITY STORAGE

Our conservation grade cabinet range is ideal for high-density storage of your valuable and fragile artefacts. The modular design allows you to create locations in an infinite variety of configurations within the drawers, ideal for immediate storage and retrieval of artefacts.

WIDE RANGE OF SIZES

A full portfolio of standard sizes and designs ensures we have all your requirements covered, with bespoke manufacturing taking care of any special requirements.



CABINETS IN
SERVICE FOR
OVER 40 YEARS



WE MEET THE GRADE

All Polstore plan chests and drawer cabinets are powder coated to conservation and museum grade standard. Our finish, inspection and delivery methods ensure you the highest of quality guaranteeing your long-term investment.



ART RACKING

SAFE GUARD YOUR COLLECTION

The safekeeping of artworks whilst in storage or on display is the priority for every art gallery, museum and private collection. Various options are available including static divider art racks, pull-out racks, slide-a-side racks, mobile base and wall mounted mesh picture racks.

INCREASE VISIBILITY

This a practical, safe and highly cost-effective system has the advantage of being able to view your collection at a moment's notice. Lateral or pull-out display features allow you to design a system precisely suited to your space and usage requirements.



EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Using advanced 3D modelling, a bespoke system can be designed to match the solution to your exact storage requirement and expectation.

**EACH PROJECT
IS INDIVIDUAL**





THE FUSILIER MUSEUM

"The visual impact of the store exceeds our expectations and all our visitors are rewarded with a stunning experience."

→ Helen Smith
Fusilier Museum



THE FUSILIER MUSEUM HAVE COMPLETED A SUPERB 1.4M NEW DEVELOPMENT TO BRING THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE BUILDING BACK INTO USE.

The vision was to create a new open store to display more of the museums vast collection and flexible events space. The museum staff, designers and contractors certainly have achieved this.

Polstore designed and supplied the museum display cupboards and visual browser drawer storage cabinets with glass inserts for medal storage throughout the first floor. Due to the wide range of items to store, flexibility was built in for hanging garments and objects - each unit can house hanging rails, adjustable shelves and pull out drawers.





MOBILE STORAGE

SPACE SAVING BENEFITS

Storage systems on mobile bases provide huge space saving benefits, along with ease of installation and the ability to relocate, if required. By eliminating the need for several access aisles, in most instances a mobile shelving storage system will increase storage capacity by up to 60%.

INCREASE EFFICIENCY

Our relatively maintenance free mobile storage systems, help reduce retrieval times, improving productivity and workflow. Polstore mobile bases can accommodate an infinite and versatile range of shelving, racking and drawer cabinet solutions, all of which come in a range of standard sizes to accommodate light, medium or high-density storage requirements.



**INCREASE CAPACITY
BY UP TO 60%**

CHOOSE YOUR DRIVE SYSTEM

Our mobile systems are available with simple hand pull systems, mechanically driven carriages operated by hand wheels or electric motors with push button control.





SHELVING & RACKING

ARCHIVE STORAGE SOLUTIONS

Polstore offers a wide range of shelving and racking systems to suit all archival storage applications, offering solutions to the unique challenges faced in the museum and heritage sector. When bringing hidden collections alive and offering public accessibility, our shelving systems and designs create the optimum storage facility.

TAILORED FOR EACH APPLICATION

Our first objective is always to understand your collection requirements. Whether you require single skin or double skin shelving, wide or long span, mobile shelving or pallet racking, Polstore will have a tailored solution for you.

MAXIMISE YOUR SPACE

We understand space is a premium, so increasing your capacity or reducing your space requirement, without compromising on access, safety and security, should be a key objective in the project plan. With our clear and detailed proposals, we assure you meet that goal.



**CONFORMS TO
BS 4971:2017
CONSERVATION AND
CARE OF ARCHIVE AND
LIBRARY COLLECTIONS**



THE PITT RIVERS MUSEUM

"We originally selected Polstore in the early 1990s due to the high specifications needed for photographic storage, and we have continued over the years to value the quality of Polstore for this type of material."

→ Christopher Morton
Curator of Photograph
& Manuscript Collections



STORING THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

The Museum was looking for improvement in the storage of the collection. The static shelving capacity had been reached with existing collections and the Museum also wanted a significant increase in shelving capacity to allow room for future collection growth, and a better and safer working environment.

A mobile shelving system was considered to be the best solution to increase shelving capacity in the store room and so the Museum commissioned Polstore to install a roller racking system for manuscript collections, to replace the static shelving.





STORAGE CABINETS / CUPBOARDS

SECURE, VISIBLE AND VERSATILE

Polstore excels in the supply and manufacture of storage cabinets and cupboards for the heritage sector. Our range provides secure, visible and versatile storage to suit your exact requirements.

SAFE AND SEALED

Creating a dust free, insect proof and humidity-controlled environment can be a key criteria to preserving your collection. Our range of door options include glass, solid steel, roller shutter, air-tight sealed and clear plexiglass.

INTERNAL FEATURES TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

Our museum cabinet supports a wide range of storage solutions with pull out trays, drawers and shelves to suit your specific requirements. Utilising full height standard fixing positions units can be configured to produce the exact layout for your needs, with the flexibility to adapt the system as your collection grows.



**ELECTRONIC SMART
KEY SOLUTION
NOW AVAILABLE**





DISPLAY STORAGE

PROTECT AND DISPLAY

Protect and display valuable artefacts with our versatile range of museum display cases and showcases. Manufactured to order, in a size and configuration to suit your unique requirement sealed to museum standards. Completely secure and internal automated dimmer-controlled LED lighting, our museum display cabinets can offer climate control, toughened glass, illumination and much more.

VISUAL BROWSER UNITS

Manufactured as a standalone unit or to complement our display cases, the visual browser cabinets, enable perfect public viewing. Each viewable drawer is fitted with a removable steel chamber covered with lockable toughened glass lid. This provides a secure, tamper proof, clean and dust free environment for your display collection.

CHANGE YOUR CONTENT WITH EASE

Our display systems are designed with the added benefit of being able to update or change the content with ease.

SECURELY STORING AND VISUALLY DISPLAYING YOUR EXHIBITS





WINCHESTER COLLEGE

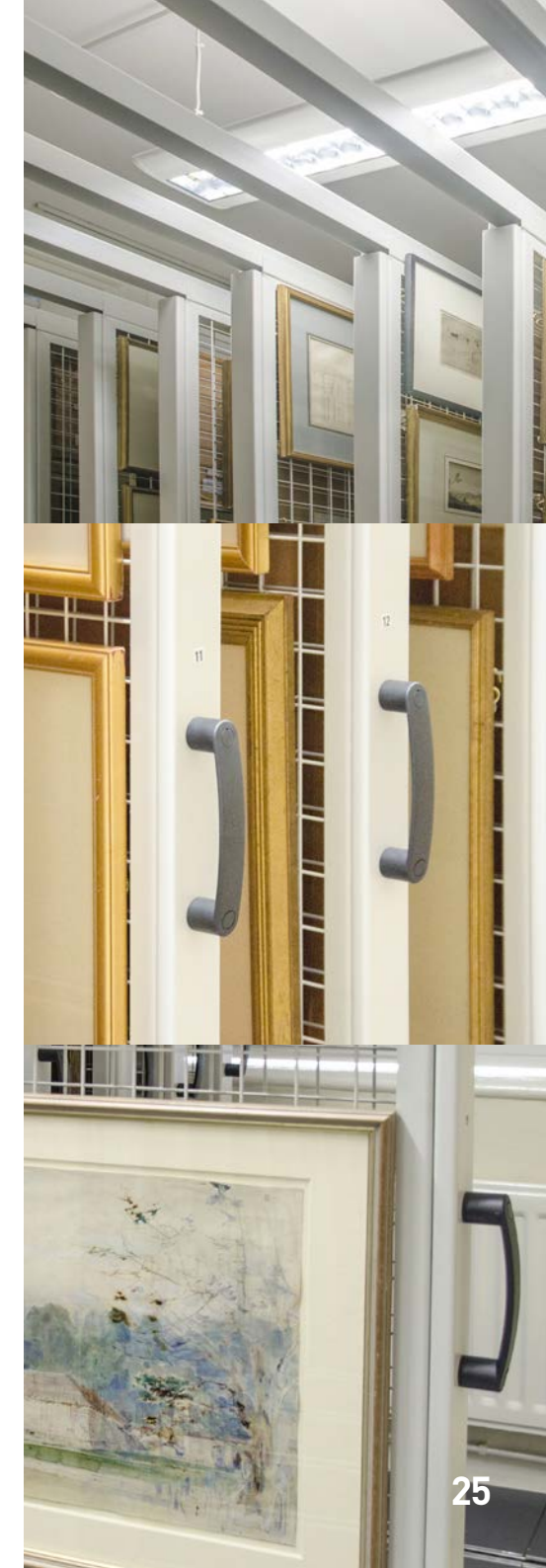
“They took the time to understand our slightly unusual brief, carefully explained all the options and didn’t mind making a couple of changes. Snagging was done quickly and efficiently and their follow up has been good.”

→ Rachel Wragg
Museum Development
Manager

NEW MUSEUM PROJECT

Winchester College was opening a new public access museum of the decorative arts in autumn 2014, owning a significant collection of some 360 watercolours representing the main English watercolourists of the 18th and 19th centuries, the result of three major donations, they were all given as a teaching resource for the school. Previously their housing was secure, but very inaccessible for pupils and curator alike, making it difficult to select works for hanging or monitor conditions.

Polstore took the time to understand the slightly unusual brief, carefully explaining all the options and winning the pitch. The benefits of the new picture racks have been immense, the collection is accessible, visible and secure enabling the School to manage it much more efficiently to modern museum and gallery standards. Study access for the boys is much improved. Polstore helped to maximise storage capacity within the room whilst maintaining sufficient space for the presence of a study group.





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