

ROLLER RACKING SYSTEM  
TO REPLACE STATIC  
SHELVING SYSTEM FOR  
STORAGE OF MANUSCRIPT  
COLLECTIONS.



## PITT RIVERS MUSEUM: STORING THE MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

The Pitt Rivers Museum cares for the University of Oxford's collection of anthropology and world archaeology. The Museum's Manuscript Collections include the papers of notable early anthropologists and curators associated with the Museum, items relating to the Museum's foundation and early history, historical documents and correspondence relating to the Museum's collections and special collections of field notes.

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.

Christopher Morton, the Collections Curator, had positive things to say about Polstore's team and the way they carried out the installation. "I was particularly impressed by the pre-installation preparations, help with bespoke design options, discussion about our needs, and the passion for helping us find a solution to our needs. The team were responsive and highly skilled, and sensitive to working in the secure environment of a museum".

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→ CHRISTOPHER MORTON  
CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPH  
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