

Report for the Finance and General Services Committee on 2nd October 2025

The cabinet has been installed in the upper floor of the Abbey Museum, known as the 'barn'.

The new cabinet is LED lit with two lockable glass doors, glass panels and shelving and has a lockable cupboard at its base.



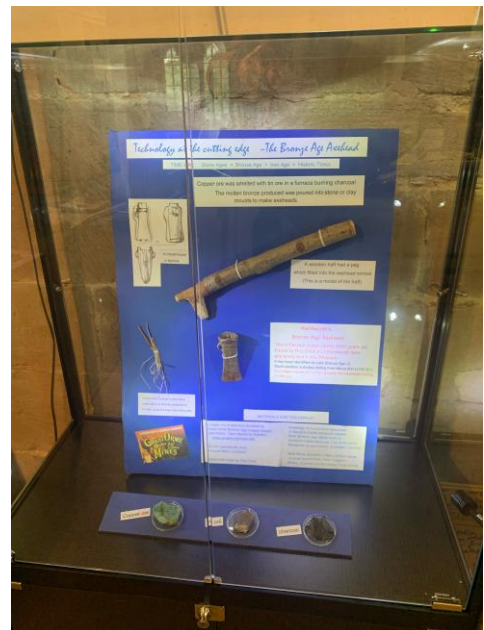
New cabinet in situ

The cabinet holds the local Bronze Age exhibits which include fragments of an urn and an axe head, both of which are on long-term loan from Warwick Museum. The cabinet displays these items more effectively and aesthetically. It is situated in a prominent position allowing it to be viewed by all who visit the upper floor of the museum. (photos below)

With the new cabinet we were able to update and reorganise our displays, including converting the old cabinet, which was damaged, to accommodate a trebuchet ball which we hope to loan from English Heritage once an effective alarm system is installed in the building by WDC.

Since installation, the museum has received 1,619 visitors, (1,259 adults and 360 children), many being local residents of Kenilworth as well as visitors to Kenilworth.

KHAS is grateful to Kenilworth Town Council for their generosity in funding the cabinet and are certain it will continue to benefit our visitors and residents for many years.



Bronze Age axe head

Remains of a Bronze Age vase

Tony Shakespeare

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