

Highlights of the Philpot Museum in 1939

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Philpot Museum – In the collection, the following may be especially noted:

- A large collection of fossils, including a fine specimen of the Ichthyosaurus.
- A fine series of ancient documents, so mounted as to be easily read, from the Borough Archives, selected and arranged by Mr Cyril Wanklyn. These include one with the signature of Samuel Pepys and two with that of Henry Fielding, the novelist.
- A picture gallery, with paintings, engravings and photographs of old Lyme and some of the more eminent personages who have had associations with the town. The inception of this gallery is also due to Mr Wanklyn who has contributed a large proportion of the pictures.
- The Old Town Stocks with accommodation for four occupants; this type of stocks is extremely rare.
- An Aumbry & wood tracery from the 13th century chapel on the Buddle Bridge.
- The Town Fire Engine of the 18th century (in an adjacent building).
- A nearly complete collection of British Land & Freshwater shells.
- A small library of geological books, maps & plans of the local strata, and of works relating to local natural history and to the history & antiquities of Lyme Regis & Dorset. Books can be borrowed on application to the Hon Curator.
- During the spring & summer months there is an exhibition of local wild flowers.
- Admission is free, but there is a box in which visitors may place any contribution towards the upkeep of the Museum.