

Introduction to Cleaning Collections – additional resources

The following list of resources was compiled in October 2021 to support the MDEM training film *Introduction to Cleaning Collections*:

The Association of Independent Museums (AIM) have a set of free downloadable ‘Success Guides’ on their [website](#) which include ‘Successful Collections Care’, ‘Successful Basic Interventive Conservation’ and ‘Successfully Managing Archives in Museums’

These two ‘how-to’ videos from South West Museum Development demonstrate [Cleaning: Dry Methods](#) and [Cleaning: Wet Methods](#)

The National Archives resource *Managing Mixed Collections for Archive Services* can be found [here](#). This includes guidance on how to clean specific types of collections.

The Preservation Advisory Centre at the British Library (now closed) produced a number of collections care advice sheets including this one on [cleaning books and documents](#)

The collections management department at National Museums Liverpool are responsible for the care, conservation and technical research of objects in the service’s collections. Their [website](#) is a wonderful source of useful information and you can also contact subject specialists with specific enquiries.

The Collections Trust [website](#) has a huge selection of free downloadable collections care resources

The Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) has a comprehensive set of free downloadable resources available on their [website](#)

SHARE Museums East provides Museum Development in the East of England and has a wide-ranging set of free downloadable collections care resources on their [website](#)

Museums Galleries Scotland have excellent collections care advice on their [website](#)

If you need to find a professional conservator to help you then look at ‘Find a Conservator...’ on the ICON website which provides a direct link to the [Conservation Register](#). You can then search for conservators by subject specialism or location.