

Annex 1: National Football Museum collections

Collections

- **The FIFA-Langton Collection** – the finest single collection of football artefacts in the world, over 4,000 items, dating back to the very early history of the game and also containing material related to the history of the World Cup, including the only surviving version of the most famous trophy in the world, the Jules Rimet trophy. The collection also includes the FIFA Book Collection, over 1,200 historic football books, dating back to 1867, part purchased for NFM by FIFA. This collection has contributed to over 50 exhibitions around the world since it came to NFM.
- **The Harry Langton Collection** – a further 200 objects from the man who assembled the FIFA-Langton Collection, purchased with the assistance of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund; this significant collection adds to the FIFA-Langton Collection themes, covering the early history of football and its social history aspects and covers objects from fine and decorative art, ceramics, equipment, toys and games and ephemera.
- **The UEFA Library Collection** - Over 8,500 items comprising books, brochures, reports, posters and DVDs all relating to European Championships and the history of UEFA, the governing body of European football. The museum holds and updates this archive on behalf of UEFA and will add to it on a regular basis with recent publications.
- **The Football Association Collection** – the nationally significant collection of historic items and archive part-donated and part-loaned by the world's oldest Football Association, covering the history from its foundation in 1863 until the present day; it comprises approximately 1,000 objects, including ephemera, minute books and documents and a huge range of international gifts and pennants from around the world. As part of the Football Heritage Collection, the 'Magna Carta' was loaned to NFM in 2021 by The FA which is the 1863 Minute Book that features the 13 original Laws of association football, which were written by Ebenezer Cobb Morley, the first secretary of The FA.
- **The Football League Collection** – historic material and archive on loan from the world's oldest Football League, from 1888 to the present day; this nationally significant collection contains about 1,400 objects including handbooks, transfer lists, attendance records, programmes, a range of books and a large range of trophies no longer used by the Football League.
- **Homes of Football Collection** – Photography collection on loan by acclaimed photographer Stuart Roy Clarke containing over 100,000 negatives and prints. Through the lens of his camera Clarke captures the human side of the game's greatest asset, its fans. His photography shows the atmosphere and emotion of fans up and down the country and at all levels of the game.

- **The People's Collection** – an amazingly rich and diverse collection of objects and ephemera related to the game, donated and loaned to the museum by members of the public, footballers and their families and others.
- **The Football Clubs Collection** – This collection relates in particular to the two Football League founder members - Bolton Wanderers and Preston North End. Among the loaned items from Bolton are early trophies, season tickets, items relating to the 1923 and 1926 FA Cup finals and a model of Burnden Park. The donated PNE collection consists of over 2,000 items reflecting all aspects of the club's history from the 1870s onwards, including trophies, medals, caps, jerseys, archive material and supporters' memorabilia.
- **The Priory Collection** – around 250 objects on loan from one of the finest sporting collections in the country, including outstanding artworks on a football theme and objects relating to world famous players and legendary matches.
- **The Neville Evans Collection** - the finest privately-owned collection on loan to the museum of match shirts and medals relating to famous footballers from the English and Welsh game.
- **The Littlewoods Collection** – objects on loan relating to the history of the leading football pools company, who have played a major role in the development of the game. This rich archive of social history objects contains winners' photographs, celebrities from the world of sport, film and television, Littlewoods pools coupons, advertising leaflets and correspondence.
- **The Sir Stanley Matthews Collection** – items relating to the career of one of the greatest players of all time, purchased with the assistance of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The collection includes correspondence, ephemera, playing kit and items relating to the retirement of Matthews, and it represents a collection of a significant English footballer, who was the first footballer to be knighted as well as being the first European Footballer of the Year and the first Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year.
- **The Wray Vamplew Collection** – over 3,000 books and journals covering sports and sports history, accumulated and donated by leading sports academic Professor Wray Vamplew.
- **The Chris Unger History of Women's Football Collection** – over 2,500 objects relating to the history of the women's game put together by Chris Unger, purchased with the assistance of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The collection consists of ephemera, equipment and kit, medals and awards, photographs, film and art from the end of the 19th century through to the 21st century.

Key objects

- The FA Minute book
- 1966 World Cup Final ball
- Jules Rimet trophy

- Roger Hunt 1966 cap
- Geoff Hurst's 1966 Final Shirt
- 1930 World Cup ball
- Stanley Matthews 1953 FA cup kit
- Maradona 1986 World Cup shirt, Hand of God shirt
- Picasso ceramic sculpture, Footballeur (1986)
- Championship trophy 'The Lady', 1890
- 1872 FA Cup winner's medal
- George Best's Ballon d'Or, private letters written home to his family, his last mini car
- Alex Stepney 1968 European Cup shirt
- 1909 Manchester United FA Cup shirt
- Pele 1962 World Cup medal and passport and national shirt from his first World Cup
- 1896 FA Cup
- Donald Bell VC medal
- 1930 World Cup gold, silver and bronze medals
- Matchball from 2002 World Cup England – Argentina (Beckham ball)
- 1908 Olympic football gold medal
- Drums from 17th Service Battalion of the Middlesex regiment better known as the Football Battalion from WW1
- Tom Finney Football Writers' Footballer of the year trophy
- Lawrence Toynebee painting Midweek training at Stamford Bridge
- Karel Lek painting Football supporters in the rain., 1952
- Don McCullen photography – Fisherman laying on their lunch break, Scarborough Yorkshire 1967
- Lily Parr statue created by Hannah Stewart