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**Archive Alive!: Bringing history to life at The Folly**  
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A fascinating collection of local books and archives have been bought by The Museum of North Craven Life at The Folly in Settle thanks to a generous Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The grant will also pay for a member of staff to make the collections accessible to local people through a series of innovative workshops culminating in an exhibition. “We are delighted to be able to not only acquire this important collection of 19th and 20th century documents but also to employ someone to bring it to life!” said Anne Read, Honorary Curator. The collection represents communities from Bell Busk to Bentham and from Arncliffe to Tosside and includes posters, photographs, directories and guidebooks.

Local teacher and museum curator, Sue Mackay, has begun work to help community groups and school children to engage with the huge variety of material in the collection. “We have material covering every aspect of life and landscape in North Craven from geology, archaeology, plants and animals, poetry and prints to the history of churches, mills, schools and business – and much more!” said Sue, “I will be helping people to investigate and respond to the material, hopefully in some novel and exciting ways.

Sue will be approaching all sorts of groups across North Craven in the next twelve months to begin exploring the collection and organising a series of public drop in workshops for adults and children. She would love to hear from any groups who would like to access the material and work with her towards the final exhibition.

For more information see the museum’s website at [www.ncbpt.org.uk](http://www.ncbpt.org.uk), email Sue on [sue@ncbpt.org.uk](mailto:sue@ncbpt.org.uk) or ring: 0797 022 0979



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Notes:

Travel by bus... into the past!

The Folly's current exhibition invites you to discover the buildings and way of life of Farmsteads and Farms of the Forest of Bowland area. Why not make a day of it, visiting the museum and then travelling on the Bowland Transit bus (timetable available from the Tourist Information Centre) to Slaidburn? Slaidburn has a pub, shops and tearooms (more information in TIC)

Season tickets  
Bowland transit

The exhibition will be staged next spring, but before then you can visit The Folly on Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday until the end of October to see the beautiful 17th century building in which the museum is housed and two great current exhibitions – Farmsteads and Farming Life in the Forest of Bowland and the Horner Collection of early 19th and early 20th century local photographs.