

## Heritage Lottery Fund visits site of new museum

In 2011 the Museum Service was successful in gaining a Stage 1 bid from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards our new museum project. Last November we submitted our Stage 2 bid, to take the grant up to £1million. We will hear whether we have been successful or not later next month, but as part of the assessment process three HLF representatives came to North Herts. on Wednesday, to ask questions about the new museum, and to see the site. Luckily the rain had stopped, so we were able to show exactly where the new entrance will be, the site of the museum and new exhibition gallery, and we had a look what will become a large basement store. We also saw



Site visit by John Robinson, Sandra Hirons (HLF officer), Ros Allwood, Philip Venning (HLF East of England Committee) and Sophia Mirchandani (HLF External Assessor)

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the Mountford Hall and Lucas Room. With a little imagination it is easy to forget the mud and earth-moving equipment currently on site, and visualise our wonderful new museum; now that it is actually happening, it is very exciting.

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