

# Egyptian Objects

North Hertfordshire Museum has some objects from Egypt. Let's look at at these objects: beads, two amulets and a household God. Go onto Ehive ([www.ehive.com](http://www.ehive.com)) and look for them. Type in **the number and click on the result for the whole entry.**

Beads 1976.1695 these are made out of faïence. This is a mixture of glass and clay, and has strong colours (usually bluey green, but red is also found) and stays shiny for thousands of years. These have a lucky charm of a scarab on them. These are called amulets and they were worn for luck and protection. Today we might wear a St Christopher, a symbol of our religion or a birthstone.

Bes 1976.1653 Bes was a god of the home and happiness. He brought good luck and this is an amulet to be worn on a bracelet or necklace.

Wadjet Eye 1976.1650 This is the lucky eye which was worn to keep off bad luck. If you read the story you can see how it became such a popular good luck charm that eyes are still painted on boats in the Mediterranean thousands of years later.

Osiris 1934.1653 This Egyptian god was found near Weston. It was a god that belonged to a person living here in Roman times. It may be that this was the personal family god of a Roman who had lived in Egypt for a while. Then later, they or their descendants moved to Hertfordshire, bringing the Egyptian god with them.

- If you were travelling a long way across the world what would you wear to bring you luck?
- What object would you bring to remind you of your family?
- If you are religious would you bring a book or an object with you? What would you choose?
- Draw your favourite of these objects. Then draw what you might have today next to it

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