



THE STORY OF THE PEN AND POCKET KNIFE

Hawley Gallery at Kelham Island Museum

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This new Hawley Collection temporary exhibition, part of the Lottery Heritage Funded project -Sheffield Treasure: Celebrating 200 years of excellence in cutlery making - tells the story of the evolution of the folding knife through time.

It showcases some of the vast array of different types of pen and pocket knives manufactured in Sheffield and highlights the great amount of skill of the craftspeople who made them.

In the 1700 and 1800s Sheffield built a reputation as being one of the major centres in the world for the production of pen and pocket knives. Many were made in large companies but some by individual 'little mesters'.