

## Hornworking

**Image:** Showcase displaying the products of the local hornworking industry in Bewdley Museum.

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The showcase represents a reconstruction of the shop window of G J Humpherson and Son, Hornworker, Bewdley (established in 1749).

### Summary

Horn-made objects are no longer in daily use, but before the 20th century, they served many purposes. Cattle and deer horns were turned into a household items and products used in the textile industry. Horn working was one of many traditional crafts which operated in Bewdley for several centuries. The industry was even significant enough to experience a degree of mechanisation when the Snuff Mill outside of the town, was adapted to cut the teeth of combs. Like other local trades, horn working declined because of a fall in demand. The history of the trade is illustrated by photographs of artefacts and displays held at Bewdley Museum.