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## Museum visitors join the exhibits

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VISITORS and celebrities have joined the exhibition at Portland Museum by voting for their favourite artefact.

A photograph of every visitor was taken yesterday to put beside their top item and launch a new exhibition.

A straitjacket from the Portland prison ship, a mummified collection of cats and a fox, a stuffed puffer fish, fossils, an antique sewing machine and crafted stone rings are just some examples of Portland's rich history that were available for selection.



**SHARP CUSTOMER:** Nick Pilszak with the semi-tropical sea hedgehog found off Portland in 1927

Celebrities also voted by post after being sent a selection of photographs of popular artefacts by the museum management.

Community heritage development officer Trudie Cole said: "This year we have made a lot of changes to the museum and we want people to come in and choose their favourite artefact.

"We had an open day so that we could put people's pictures next to their favourite artefact and provide a shortlist, and we will have a running poll over the summer to find the favourite."

The poll will start from Good Friday, April 6, and visitors over the summer can vote from the chosen items.

Singer Billy Bragg chose a box of dominoes made by prisoners out of bone, MP Jim Knight chose a fishing net, Angelica Bell of CBBC chose a washbasin and TV archaeologist Julian Richards chose a quarry jack among others.

Ms Cole said museum staff predict the stuffed puffer fish or 'sea hedgehog' as favourite to win.

The improvements are all part of Portland Museum's move from **Weymouth and Portland Borough Council** to Trust management in September this year.

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