

# Hidden history is revealed



A century-old brewer's dray, which for more than 70 years has been hidden in a Hampshire garden, is on its way to Hampshire Museums Service headquarters at Winchester.

The dray, built in the 1880s in Basingstoke, was converted into a living wagon after the Great War and

used by Mrs Sybil Compton's father in 1921 while he built his bungalow at Martin Lane, Chilbolton.

Mr Compton erected a shed around the dray in order to hide it from view, as caravans were not permitted on the site. And the dray remained in the shed ever since.

This week, his daughter and her son and daughter-in-law, John and Jackie—all pictured above—watched as museum staff carefully dismantled the shed before taking the dray to Winchester for safe keeping. Mrs Compton has donated it to the county's Social History collection.