



## Shadow Dreams

Interested in electronics from a young age, John Logie Baird's dream was to be an inventor. Baird's experiments in Hastings, nearly one hundred years ago, led to the transmission of the first true television image and the development of the first television system.

**It is time for you to get creative!**

During September 2021, we are asking members of the community (of any age) to create a **shadow puppet** which represents their dream; and then transmit an image of it to us!

Hastings Museum & Art Gallery hosts an important archive of Baird's letters and documents, as well as a number of objects relating to early television history.

Our resource pack contains a look back on Baird's life; a focus on Dreams and Ambitions; step-by-step instructions on how to make a shadow puppet; a template page for design ideas and the final design; and some shadow puppet examples to practise with.



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# Looking back on the life of Baird

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Why not visit us at the Museum to see them up close?



John Logie Baird, aged 21 (HMAG collection)



21 Linton Crescent (HMAG collection)

Scottish inventor, John Logie Baird, moved to Hastings in early 1923. It was at 21 Linton Crescent where the first television signal transmitting equipment was constructed.

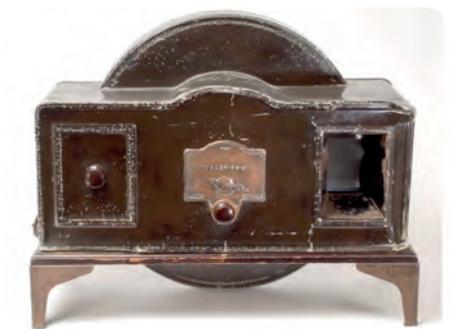
Baird's experiments in Hastings between February 1923 and November 1924 led to the transmission of the first true television image.



St Johns Ambulance medal (HMAG collection)

The St Johns Ambulance medal, which was lent to Baird by Dr George Lock in 1924, is held within our collection. The shiny enamel surface of the medal, with its distinctive outline proved more effective in Baird's experiments.

On 6 August 1924 Baird wrote from Hastings to his first financial backer Will Day in London. He told Mr Day that *"I have been experimenting with the machine... and can get moving shadows through..."*



The Televisor, 1930 (HMAG collection)

The first working television system was demonstrated by Baird in 1926.

The Televisor was the first commercial television receiving set produced by the Baird Company in 1929. The Televisor in the image on the left was issued in 1930 and originally cost 29 guineas (about £1,100 in today's money).