

Reminiscence and handling kits



Listed below is our wide range of themed kits covering topics such as childhood and tenement life. The kits contain some original objects, photographs and other material.

- **Animals of the World**
People place meaning in animals. They are a source of wonder, friendship, terror or superstition. Explore the diverse ways in which different cultures represent their relationships with other creatures. This box was developed to celebrate the 2014 Commonwealth Games.
- **Before Chinatown**
Explore memories of Chinese culture - including recipes, foods, smells and domestic objects - as Glasgow-based artist Pamela So takes us on a personal journey of her Chinese heritage.
- **Big Bugs**
A range of mini-beasts from our natural history collection. Comes with photographs and information notes.
- **Butter Hands**
Contains items that would have been familiar in many kitchens, including pastry cutters, measuring scales and weights, butter pats, and some favourite recipes.
- **Cafés**
Our Cafés Kit takes you on a delicious journey round Glasgow's Italian cafes past and present. The kit includes photographs, objects such as menus, chocolate boxes and ice-cream scoops and a trail map of old cafés that are still in business today.
- **Canals**
Delve into this box to discover how the Forth and Clyde canal has changed over the years and its important place in Glasgow life. Developed in collaboration with The Waterways Trust and Forth & Clyde Canal Society.
- **Charms and Amulets**
Charms and amulets to ward off bad luck, cure illness or bring good fortune are found around the world in all societies and throughout history. Almost anything can be used - a red string wound around the wrist, clothing, a lucky stone. Given their everyday and often personal nature, charms and amulets can be a window into people's lives. Do you have any lucky charms that you carry with you?
- **Childcare**
Objects associated with taking care of baby – a traditional Christening shawl, glass feeding bottle, castor oil, and archive photographs.

● **Childhood**

These kits contain items that people may remember from their childhood – a school slate, board games, storybooks, milk bottles, and archive photographs.

● **Cinemas**

What are your favourite memories of going to the pictures? This kit has a selection of objects from usher's torches to classic movies that stand the test of time along with photos from some of Glasgow's best known cinemas of the past.

● **Crofting Life**

A wonderful collection of objects once used in the day to day lives of Scottish crofters. Butter pats, spindles and bannock spathes will bring the past to life, inspiring the learning and sharing of stories. Contains a CD of traditional folk songs.

● **Curiosities**

Do you like a good mystery? Curious about what some objects are and what they do? If so, then our Curiosities kit is for you! A collection of mysterious but fascinating museum objects that will make you think, smile or scratch your head as you journey through the stories around these curiosities.

● **Crystals Kit**

Do you know which crystal smells like rotten eggs? Or which was thought to be an antidote for drunkenness? Discover the answers to these questions and lots of other interesting facts by handling (and even smelling!) the many beautiful crystal and mineral specimens contained within this kit.

● **Cycling**

Do you remember learning to ride a bicycle? Have you ever fixed a flat tyre or changed a greasy bike chain?! The cycling kit will conjure up memories of cycling, while exploring the role bicycles have played in our lives over the past 150 years.

● **Eighties**

Rubik's cubes, Maggie Thatcher and shell suits. Charles and Diana, bubble perms and Poll Tax strikes. It could only be the 80s!

● **Enigma**

Unusual objects designed to perplex and bewilder and spark debate.

● **Evacuee Suitcase**

A children's sized suitcase containing the bare essentials for evacuation, including pyjamas, a toothbrush and a change of clothes.

● **Fabric of Our Society**

This celebration of the universal culture of sewing, knitting, crochet and embroidery through the years was produced by Teresa Lakey. Includes samples and patterns that can be passed around a group to handle and reminisce.

● **Fifties**

This kit looks at a decade of change through fashion, product design and everyday objects from home and childhood. Also contains a fun quiz, radio excerpts, music of the time and photographs.

● **50s Music**

From fashions, songbooks, instruments, and a 1950's radio to photographs of music stars and Glasgow nightlife from the 50s, this kit looks at the story of 50s Music, helping you relive those Rock 'n' Roll years! Includes quiz and CD of 50s Music.

● **Folk and Folklore**

Just what was the purpose of a carved stone ball dating from 4,000BC? No one knows, but there are many suggestions, and in this kit you will be able to add your own ideas! The stone carved ball is just one of an astonishing array of objects relating to Scottish folklore and pastimes, including an ancient quaich, prehistoric hammer head, and charm stone.

● **Football**

Remember when Scotland used to be in the world cup? We didn't either until this collection of football artefacts was assembled! Comprising of world cup memorabilia, jerseys, programmes and a leather T-Ball, the football kit is guaranteed to provoke conversation amongst those not even slightly interested in our National game. Includes quiz and video.

● **Games of the World**

Skipping, aiming, puzzling – games are played all over the world by young and old. Discover your competitive side with this fun kit containing everything from a Warri board to a 32 sided dice. This box was developed to celebrate the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

● **General Life**

Familiar household objects – a stone pig, flat iron, darning mushroom, souvenir tea caddy, plus archive photographs.

● **Glasgow Coat of Arms**

Follow the story of St Mungo and trace the amazing history of Glasgow and its Coat of Arms, with objects from a stained glass bird, a working bell, a ceramic fish and a robin specimen, along with Coat of Arms souvenirs, drawings and photographs.

● **Golden Oldies**

Take a trip down memory lane with our working gramophone and a selection of classic gramophone records to choose from.

● **Holidays**

Everything needed for a visit to the seaside – a bucket and spade, camera, beach ball, postcards, and archive photographs.

● **Life Celebrations**

In life there are many occasions that we all share in common. This kit explores three of these - Birth, Marriage and Death. Explore the objects, learn about traditions from around the world, and share your own stories of how we each mark these life events within our families, communities and cultures. This box was developed in collaboration with ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students from across Glasgow as part of Glasgow Museums' Curious project.

● **Life Landmarks**

This box has souvenirs from a century of landmarks – season passes, tea caddies and tankards from the Empire Exhibition of 1888 to the Glasgow Garden Festival of 1988.

● **Looking Good**

Hair tongs, a brush and mirror set, fancy fur collar, hip flask and grooming products – everything you would need to make you look and feel good.

● **Medicine Chest**

Traditional remedies from the chemist – Bile Salts, Epsom Salts, Elastoplasts, plus archive photographs.

● **A Night Out**

A fox fur, evening gloves, driver's licence, tram tickets, cigarettes, chocolates, plus archive photographs of favourite places to spend your night out.

● **Our Story Scotland – LGBT Kit**

Created in partnership with Our Story Scotland, this kit holds a fantastic collection of archival and heritage items that share with us a story of the changing trends, experiences and representations of Scotland's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual Community over the past four decades. For more information on Our Story Scotland please visit their website at www.ourstoryscotland.org.uk

● **Pakistan**

A personal selection of objects that remind Glasgow-based artist Sadia Gul Ibrahim of home in Pakistan. Includes domestic artefacts, ornaments, photograph, decorative head-dress and objects that have nostalgic elements for those far from home.

● **Parks of Glasgow**

Whether with family or friends, at an event or concert, or just spending time outdoors, use this kit to help conjure memories of times spent out in Glasgow's Parks. With objects and photographs from the incredible diverse parks of the city, explore *Our Dear Green Place*.

● **Pub Culture**

A look at the history of pub culture. The kit comes complete with pint glass, dominoes, archive photographs, oral histories and 'smelling boxes' (authentic whisky, brewery and tobacco aromas).

● **Schools Then and Now**

Created in partnership with Temple After School Care group, this kit contains school-related objects and photographs, together with the opinions and memories of Scottish primary school children past and present.

● **Seventies**

From dungarees to the Damned, and Smash to Star Wars, everything about one of the defining periods in modern history is included here. Includes clothes, quizzes, fact sheets, a video on Glam rock and even a CD of seventies' hits. Tiger Feet dancing lessons not included!

● **Shipbuilding**

All the tools of the trade, plus identity cards, archive photographs, ship model, and tea flask.

● **Shopping**

From Oxo Cubes to Zebo polish, this kit includes pre-decimal coins, a carrier bag, and tram tickets for buying the weekly shop.

● **Snap! Photography**

Whether a budding holiday snapper, or a photographer with a real eye for a photo this kit will guide you through memories of the cameras and photographic techniques of yesteryear!

● **Sports**

Looks at a wide range of popular sports enjoyed through the years by the old, the young, the fit and the not-so-fit!

● **Storyteller's Luggage**

Developed in partnership with the Glasgow Storyteller's this is a fantastic collection of objects that will definitely inspire and stir a story or two. With items from all around the world including a 17th Century Toddy Ladle and a key to Duke Street Prison there are plenty of stories to discover and share. To learn more about Glasgow Storytellers please visit www.glasgowstorytellers.org.uk

● **Swimming**

What are your favourite memories of going to the swimming baths? Explore objects associated with swimming in our handling kit. Reminiscence and start conversations about visiting the different pools in Glasgow.

● **Taste of Asia**

Celebrate and explore South Asia with this kit containing domestic objects from West Bengal and Punjab with recipes and smells that will immerse you in the food of Asia. Share stories, memories and recipes with this tasty kit.

● **Tenement Life**

Objects typically found in tenement houses from a wally dug to pipe clay for the close and many archive photographs.

● **That 60s Kit**

Take a trip back in time to the Sixties with objects like a burger maker and classic radio plus headline stories from the decade and a quiz to challenge your memory.

● **Toy Town**

What if toys are just reflection of the world around us? Toy Town is a sideways look at old toys and how they are inspired by the places we live in, the objects we use and the pastimes we create for ourselves. From model cars and trains, to dolls, soldiers, household objects and miniature football sets, Toy Town is a journey through a miniature world inspired by the things we use in everyday life.

● **Transport**

Tram tickets, bus routes, train plates and Waverley memorabilia are included in this kit which will take you back to hearing the clippie cry 'C'mon get aff!' or the annual trip to Rothesay and Dunoon referred to as going 'doon the watter'.

● **Travel**

Fancy going sightseeing? The Statue of Liberty, Concorde and familiar souvenirs are among the items in this intriguing box designed to remind you of those trips abroad. Includes laminated satellite view quiz.

● **Up in Smoke**

Attitudes to smoking have changed a great deal over the past 50 years, from the Marlboro cowboy to a UK wide ban of smoking in public places. What do you think? Up in smoke contains artefacts that will inspire both stories and debate.

● **Visual-eyes**

Re-imagine your memories of school, work or home, but with one difference – you can't see. Explore the objects, listen to the memories and opinions of people living with a visual impairment and as a result touch, hear and view the world in a different way. Created in partnership with Visibility, the local sight loss charity for the west of Scotland. For more information please visit <http://www.visibility.org.uk>

● **Washday**

All you need for washday – a basin, washboard, carbolic soap, a pinny, and pegs to hang your washing out with.

● **World Spices**

This delicious box contains spices from around the world. Their different aromas will bring your taste buds to life, while you discover their histories, share recipes and handle objects from across the globe.

● **World War 1**

A fascinating insight into World War 1 (1914-1918) using various museum objects from Glasgow Museums' collection. Themes include life on the frontline, charms, working life, life at home and more. Objects include tools and armaments, first aid, medals, newspapers, toys to name but a few.

● **World War 2**

A look at the history of WW2 and the impact it had on both soldiers and civilians here in Scotland and around the world. Objects in the kit include medals, ration books, a Hitler youth card, shrapnel, soldier's equipment, newspapers and various ARP material. The kit explores themes around women, the home front, the frontlines, propaganda and the blackout.

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