

Reminiscence and handling kits

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



- **Animals of the World**

People assign meaning to animals. They are a source of wonder, friendship, terror and 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.

- **Bug Box**

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, 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 made to ward off bad luck, cure illness or bring good fortune can be 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?

● **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 learning and the sharing of stories. Contains a CD of traditional folk songs.

● **Curiosities**

Do you like a good mystery? 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? Our 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, 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 throughout the years was produced by Teresa Lakey. Includes samples and patterns that can be passed around a group to handle and reminisce.
- **The 50s**
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 fashion, songbooks, instruments, and a 1950s radio, to photographs of musicians and Glasgow nightlife from the period, this kit looks at the story of 50s music, helping you relive those rock 'n' roll years! Includes a quiz and CD.
- **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 with this kit you will be able to come up with 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**
Celebrate Scotland's first World Cup tournament appearance in 28 years with our football kit, comprising of memorabilia, jerseys, programmes, and a leather T-Ball. It's guaranteed to provoke conversation amongst those not even slightly interested in our national game!
- **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 to 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 a number of occasions that we all experience in some way or another. This kit explores three of them - birth, marriage and death. 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 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, drivers' licence, tram tickets, cigarettes, chocolates, plus archive photographs of favourite places to spend your night out.

- **Pakistan**

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

- **Parks of Glasgow**

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

- **Pub Culture**

Last orders at the bar! Enjoy a nostalgic look at the history of pub culture with this kit that comes complete with pint glass, dominoes, archive photographs, oral histories, and smelling boxes.

- **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.

- **The Seventies**

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

- **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 experienced photographer, this kit will guide you through memories of the cameras and photographic techniques of yesteryear!

- **Sports**

This kit looks at a wide range of popular sports enjoyed across the years by the old, the young, the fit and the not-so-fit!

- **Swimming**

What are your favourite memories of going to the swimming baths? Explore objects associated with going for a dip through this handling kit that allows you to reminisce about visiting Glasgow's different pools.

- **Taste of Asia**

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

● **Tenement Life**

Objects typically found in tenement houses, from a wally dug to pipe clay, along with 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 a 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 about transport that takes you back to hearing the clippie cry “C’m on 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 a variety of familiar souvenirs are among the items in this intriguing box designed to remind you of a trip 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 smoking ban in public places. What do you think? Up in Smoke contains artefacts that will inspire both stories and debate.

● **Washday**

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

● **World Spices**

This aromatic box contains spices from around the world. Their different scents provide a sensory experience that will bring your taste buds to life, while you discover culinary histories, share recipes, and handle objects from across the globe.

● **World War 1**

A fascinating insight into World War 1 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 and 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.

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