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Tenement House spruced up for spring

The National Trust for Scotland's Tenement House has enjoyed a spruce up in time for the new season.

A new retail space has been created in what was once the exhibition area and the old gift shop has been turned into an improved exhibition space with an engaging approach to interpretation. There are interactive exhibits which include a type writer just like the one Miss Toward (past occupier of the Tenement House) used to use, costumes and props for the perfect selfie and a wide selection of handling objects from the period, including 1930s board games!

The Tenement House provides an authentic time capsule of life in early 20th-century Glasgow and inspiration for the retail area was taken from the museum itself – the collection of which includes a dressmaker's dummy, suitcases, wrought iron bed and baking scales. Modern shop fittings have been combined with old-fashioned period objects including a mangle, metal irons and scales - all helping to bring the space to life.

Visitors to the museum can take home a unique souvenir with the gift shop now boasting products from local suppliers, including Glasgow made cards as well as a new range by local artist Libby Walker featuring Glasgow's landmarks and tenements. There's also the opportunity to purchase products crafted by the Tenement House volunteers themselves - proceeds of which will go towards the house.

Ana Sanchez, Visitor Services Supervisor, said: "The idea behind the refurbishment was to improve the visitor experience. Our museum is full of quirky items and we wanted to recreate that vibe in our new and improved visitor areas. We're very proud of our new spaces and we're looking forward to sharing them with visitors as our season progresses."

As well as its refurbishment, the Tenement House has also extended its opening times. Visitors can now visit the house between 10am - 5pm daily until November and Saturday - Monday 11am - 5pm from November-March.

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