

The History of Tudor House



Tudor House is one of Southampton's most important historic buildings, encompassing over 800 years of history on one site. Repairs completed in 2011, the house was refurbished

to the highest standards, the house has revealed secrets which have lain uncovered for centuries. On your visit you can explore the house's fascinating history and find out how it has changed and developed over the years.

Discover more about the people who have lived and worked here. Built in 1492 by John Dawtrey on the site of earlier medieval properties, the house has also been home to characters such as eminent Tudor lawyer, Lord Lister, artist George Rogers, and Victorian bonnet-maker, Eliza Simmonds. A museum since 1912, the house has welcomed many generations of visitors.



A variety of displays help tell the house's story. They include interesting and unusual items from the museum collections, brought to life through audio guides and an evocative sound and light show.



The Tudor knot garden provides a peaceful haven within a busy city centre, and offers fine views across Southampton Water. Beyond the garden lies King John's Palace, the remains of an impressive stone-built merchant's house, built in the 1200s and later made part of the medieval town walls.

Facilities

CAFÉ

For food, tea and coffee visit the café which overlooks the tranquil garden. Try a range of tasty sandwiches, hot snacks or cakes.

GIFT SHOP

Visit our shop in the reception area for a wide selection of souvenirs and gifts. From mead to mugs, Tudor teddies to tea towels, books and postcards.

EXPLORER ROOM

If you are visiting with young children, stop by the Explorer Room for a range of fun activities and resources.

TOILETS AND BABY CHANGING

Toilets are marked out on the map overleaf. We have baby changing facilities in both disabled toilets.

DISABLED ACCESS AND LIFTS

There is a lift in the centre of the building to provide level access to the first floor. Please ask a member of staff if you need to use it. There is no level access to the basement or attic. These areas can be explored through a 3D computer model in the Explorer Room. A level route around the garden is provided.

Please be aware of uneven floors, steep steps and low ceilings.

VISITOR GUIDE

TUDOR HOUSE & GARDEN



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Exploring Tudor House

Not just a Tudor house...! There is much to discover. Here are some highlights you shouldn't miss.

1. INTRODUCTORY SHOW

Experience an exciting multi-media show introducing the fascinating history of the house.



2. OLD TOWN MODEL

See and touch a scale model of Southampton's Old Town. Find Tudor House within the medieval town walls.



3. GUIDA ROTATE

Reveal the layers of Tudor House's rich history using state of the art technology.



4. STOCKS AND PILLORY

Find out what it's like to be put in the stocks!



5. SHIP GRAFFITI

Discover engravings made on the walls between 1570 and 1620. Explore them in more detail on interactive touchscreens.



When refurbishing Tudor House we have tried to keep as many of the original features as possible. Please be aware of uneven floors, steep steps and low ceilings.