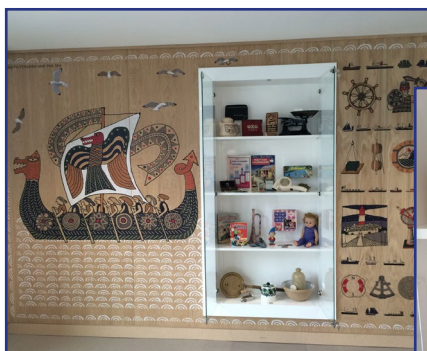


# South Shields

## Museum & Art Gallery



### News Release

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Haven Court, South Tyneside's new centre providing integrated care and support for older people and their families, has teamed up with Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums to provide reminiscence objects for display.

The aim of the partnership was to bring local and historical inspiration into the design of the £9 million state-of-the-art facility, which opened in August in the grounds of South Tyneside District Hospital. Haven Court offers a wide range of high quality support and services, including residential, day and respite care, and rehabilitation for older people, particularly those with dementia. The emphasis is on helping older people to live as independently as possible, with a high quality rehabilitation and therapeutic service available to enable them to return to their own homes.

The memorabilia featured are either de-accessioned objects from South Shields Museum & Art Gallery, duplicates in the collections or items bought from vintage fairs and auctions.

The objects include everything from an old Shields Ferry ticket, postcards and a Wrights biscuit coaster to a Be-Ro recipe book and a Bakelite radio.

Joanne Charlton, who works for Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums on the Platinum Programme for people over 55, said:

"As well as local objects, I set out to find ones that I knew would bring back memories. There is an old rotary dial telephone, for example. Young people try to press dial-like buttons and don't understand it, while people who can remember such telephones like the sound and action of something that was once so familiar."

Lesley Dawson, Care Manager at Haven Court, which is run by South Tyneside Integrated Care Limited, said: "Activities for people with dementia which focus on reminiscence can help improve mood and general wellbeing and help them to stay connected with those around them.

"The displays look amazing. There have been so many positive comments already and they have sparked a great deal of conversation among our service users."

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### Notes to Editors

**South Shields Museum & Art Gallery** is managed by Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums on behalf of South Tyneside Council.

**Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM)** is a major regional museum, art gallery and archives service. We manage a collection of nine museums and galleries across Tyneside and the Archives for Tyne and Wear.

Haven Court was built by South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust on behalf of South Tyneside Council and is run by South Tyneside Integrated Care Limited.

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