

## The new interpretation

**At Sutton House in Hackney**, three *interactive treasure chests* have been created for historic rooms throughout the house. Each chest focuses on a key character from the house's 500 year history and signifies aspects of their lives: including their families, jobs, obsessions and hobbies. The boxes contain games, puzzles, soft sculptures, costume, sound and tactile handling objects for families to play with and enjoy together.

**'There's so much variety here now!'**  
Visitor, Sutton House

**'It's really great when people come to the house now to have something of such quality to offer them.'**

Assistant Custodian, Sutton House



**At Morden Hall Park in Merton**, a *15ft carved wooden story boat* has been created. The boat forms the centre piece of a refurbished family friendly play area in the park. The carvings on the boat and other smaller wooden sculptures around it tell stories from the fascinating industrial and natural history of the River Wandle that runs through the Park. The wooden sculptures around the boat form the basis of a game, 'Eels out' that anyone can play.

**'It's great. We've all really enjoyed ourselves. It made for a relaxed and easy visit – we can be in the park in a different way here – the game around the boat is brilliant!'**  
Visitor, Morden Hall Park

**'A highlight of the whole project for me is the development of the Story Boat.'**

Property Manager, Morden Hall Park



**At Osterley Park and House in Hounslow**, a *tactile compass* has been created so that families can navigate the historic rooms. Osterley's interior features extravagant 18th century designs, and, using the compass, families can discover mythical beasts hiding in the least likely places.

**'We talked about what we had to find each time and looked together. It helps the kids get around the house when there's something exciting to look for.'**

Visitor, Osterley Park & House



**'Isn't this compass fantastic? I want one! I think every house should have one!'**

Volunteer, Osterley Park & House



**At Ham House and Garden in Richmond**, a new *Discovery Room* has been created containing a range of hands on exhibits. These include an interactive merchant ship and a magnetic house. A *voyages map* has also been created for families to hunt for treasured items in the collection that come from all over the world. Families can plot historic voyages on the map with stickers and discover the excitement and dangers of sea faring in the 17th century.

**'It helps get parents talking to the kids and interacting during a visit.'**

Visitor, Ham House



**'A lovely and very interesting Discovery Map. I will love handing it out at the desk ,'**

Volunteer Ham House

