Five things you probably didn’t know about the



Her Majesty the Queen views her uniform, worn as an Honorary Brigadier in the Women's Royal Army Corps, in the National Army Museum National Army Museum

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This week, the National Army Museum opens to the public, following a £23m redevelopment, including £11.5m National Lottery funding.

The dramatic transformation of the West London museum includes four permanent thematic galleries, a temporary exhibition space and a number of tools to maximize access and engagement with the extensive collection. Among these is a digital screen which will display visitors’ answers to questions about defense and security in real time.

The National Army Museum’s collection includes over a million objects and artifacts, and with such a large collection comes a lot to unearth. Here are some facts and stats about the new museum:

1. It’s been opened by the Queen … THREE TIMES

Yes, not once, not twice, but thrice. The most recent of these came at the new buildings unveiling earlier this month. It's the only National Museum to have a royal charter.

2. The heaviest object going on display is a pig

Humber Pig, that is. The armoured vehicle comes in at a whopping 6,800kg and had to be lifted in on a crane.

3. The whole battle of Waterloo is on display.

In model form – William Siborne's intricate creation is the largest object on display in the museum, measuring at 6.5mx6m

4. It's a place for LEGO fans

The newest item on display in the museum is 12 LEGO mini figures from 2015.

5. The oldest object on display is 375 years old

A warrant, signed by King Charles I, which effectively started the English Civil War.

The National Army Museum reopens to the public on Thursday 30 March 2017. For more information, visit the National Army Museum website.