

# Update25 – Help us to bring our history to life

## The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum redevelopment project

The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum is home to over 250 years of military heritage, service and stories, from the Regiments of Foot to The Royal Berkshire and The Wiltshire Regiments, The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire) The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment and on to the modern-day Rifles. We preserve the memories of the people who have served in, and with, our regular and reserve battalions, through operations and conflicts across the globe. For over 40 years we have kept our stories alive in the minds of visitors from all over the world. To secure our future into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we need to keep up with the changing expectations of museums.



Between November 2024 and March 2025, the museum will undergo an exciting major redevelopment to enable us to continue to capture the public imagination with our stories of **'Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage.'**



**This is your story.** Update25 will bring our history, to life, redeveloping all our display areas and using the best modern and interactive methods. Our new displays will be themed, educational, full of light, sounds and movement, engaging and immersive. We will showcase our history, interwoven with personal stories of service, battles, courage, military equipment, and the changing nature of conflict. In this way we will put the visitor into our old boots!

### The Supporters Wall will bring our history to life by connecting visitors to your story of service.

This prominent display will feature real life profiles sealed on wooden tiles which rotate to reveal a summary of service. Visitors can interact with the wall and access more pictures and life and service details. Your photographs and history can be part of this wall and also be recorded in our 'Supporters Book' and on-line archives. You'll receive a copy of the book and two VIP tickets to the re-opening event, planned for Spring 2025. **This is a unique and enduring opportunity to be a visible part of our history and support us in bringing it to life.** All who have served or been attached to our regular and reserve regiments (including 'in memoriam') have the opportunity to be featured on the wall, in return for a donation of £499.

Due to space limitations, there are only 62 tiles available.

**Over 30 have already been individually reserved. To secure your place, complete the application form and send your deposit.**

### In addition to individual tiles we have created the opportunity for 'group tiles'. Team up and share the donation. Some ideas might be:

**Then and now** – two pictures, past and present



**Father and Son(s)**

Separate photos or a family group. Could be Grandad or Uncles too!

**Brothers in Arms** – You and your brother(s) or cousins



**Band of Brothers** – Your first brick or Fire Team

Tiles will be larger but the donation the same!

The only 'rules' are design constraints (no more than four people on a tile) and Regimental links - at least one person on the tile has served with us and links together the

other(s). If you have questions, then email us at [Update25@thewardrobe.org.uk](mailto:Update25@thewardrobe.org.uk)