

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 21st century, we need to keep up with the changing expectations of museums. So, 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.'**



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This is your story. Update25 will bring our history, to life, redeveloping all our display areas and using the best modern and interactive technology. 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 look through a manuscript which has a full page for each person, with more pictures and life and service details. Your photographs and history can also be recorded in our on-line archives.

As well as being featured in the manuscript and the wall, you'll receive two VIP tickets to the re-opening event, planned for Spring 2025, and a personal copy of the full manuscript. **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 99 tiles available. To secure your place, complete the attached application form and send your deposit. If you have questions, then email Update25@thewardrobe.org.uk



Nigel Walker was commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment in August 1972, stationed in Berlin.

He served in mainland UK and Northern Ireland, including a tour with the Airborne Forces, and overseas in Germany, Cyprus, Hong Kong, and the USA.

Enlisted: September 1970

Retired: May 2012 in the rank of Major

