



August 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Ann,

We are writing to confirm the good news that the Mary Rose and the National Museum of the Royal Navy are launching a new collaboration at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

The two organisations have spent the past year planning the long term collaboration, which enables visitors to explore all of the Dockyard's extraordinary ships, galleries and experiences on one combined '*Ultimate Explorer*' ticket. Visitors will be welcomed at a single combined Visitor Centre and teams from both organisations will be involved in welcoming visitors, selling and marketing the new offer, taking joint decisions and benefitting from each other's skills and experience.

Planning for this new approach has been underway for 12 months and tickets will be on sale from 6<sup>th</sup> August, with public opening scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> August.

This new alliance gives a huge boost to NMRN and Mary Rose, with both charities having experienced devastating financial losses due to the COVID-19 closures. The new joined up offer will present visitors with an easy to visit and compelling proposition and will create the basis for coordinating future improvements, at the same time as enabling both charities to manage their running costs. The new ticketing offer, along with the brand new '*Walk Under Victory*' experience that launches in August will give Portsmouth great profile at a time when we are seeking to entice visitors back to the city.

Clearly, in common with other organisations, the Dockyard will be re-opening with new social distancing measures in place. These include all visitors needing to pre-book a time slot, even if they already have a ticket, to enable us to manage visitor numbers and maintain social distancing. The Dockyard route and individual attractions will be one way, with enhanced cleaning procedures, protective screens and cashless transactions in place to protect visitors and staff alike.

We are delighted to be able to confirm this news and are looking forward to getting back to the business of delivering extraordinary maritime experiences.

Yours sincerely,

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