

WINTER REFURBISHMENT OF HDS DIVING MUSEUM

JOBS TO DO IN THE MUSEUM

These may all need further explanation. Please ask if anything isn't clear. I am happy to do everything I can to help.

SMALL ROOM

Remove all items and take into New Gosport/Battery Room:

1. Tables and models.
2. 2 x crests and info panels.
3. Helium unscramblers, CD player and shelf.
4. Lectern
5. All Information posters

Remove large image from back wall.

If we can remove the large image on the back wall in one piece, that would be great. If impossible, we'll paint over it or cover it with a new image.

Paint floor with garage floor paint? (I think there is grey paint in the bunker. It is darker than the resin paint but it dries more quickly).

When paint is dry ...

Move new items into new room:

1. Russian bloke in orange suit in centre of arch.
2. One rebreather to right of orange bloke. (on the right when looking from the door). (Take other rebreather off the mannequin and mount it on wall beside rebreather on the model. Take cover off so people can see inside.) Leave room for info panel.
3. Hang helmet on left of the orange bloke. Either: Hang from counterweight so that kids can pull it down to put their heads in it? If this cannot be done so securely so that there is never any danger of it falling, then we must fix it permanently or put it on a seated model (which I'll have to buy). I have ordered another fibreglass helmet from America so we will have something kids can try on and we may put this in the 'Kids area'. So setting up the Russian hat for try it on might not be necessary.
4. In left hand corner as you enter the room, fit Sealab helmet to the wall in the corner.
5. Fit brass crest and info panels on wall beside it.

We have to think of some way of disguising the cupboard so that no-one will be tempted to open it. I'll dream up a relevant poster/image.

KIDS AREA

This area will become Famous Divers area with kids stuff in the middle.

TV

1. Cut hardboard off back of the top of the tall cupboard
2. Remove the TV brackets and refit slightly higher leaving just enough room for the heater below it.
3. Fit small wall heater on wall below the TV screen.
4. Hang TV in place and test to make sure it is working.

5. I have to label some of the items in the tall cupboard.

6. I have to find a secure cabinet for Syd Knowles' diving knife and medals. Can we dress a mannequin in the clothes Crabb and Knowles would have had to create a 3D display in this area?

7. Move digital screen stand (the one with the History of Diving on it). (Put it with the Newt Suit)

8. Move Tommo's small TV to Sat diving display. (not sure if this will fit – I'll work on it).

9. Remove Early diving table. (not sure where to put this yet – We may take the items out of the table and hang on the wall – place to be decided later).

10. Remove all the History of the Battery stuff to the New Room. I will make posters and signs and then we can work out where/how to exhibit the info.

PHOTOGRAPHY CABINET

1. Remove one camera from Nikonos cabinet.
2. Add new Calypsophot. (Ann to do new label)
3. Check lighting in the cabinets. They may need new light bulbs.

NAVY/COMMERCIAL SECTION

1. Tidy up the crests. They should all be mounted on the same board or in the same area.
2. Refit display board to the wall (where the suits are- they are going mouldy). Remove board. Batten wall and refit board to the wall to stop it going even mouldier.
3. Make handle to Newt suit secure so that visitors cannot pull the handle. Cable tie?
4. Get some of the big bottles from the bunker and put in the space under the air panel . Connect to air panel if possible.

5. Find place to display Coventry plate. I have an idea using a small chest of drawers. Working on it.
6. Possibly remove mannequin with 3 piece rubber suit. Can this mannequin be used in the Shifting Lobby display? I think I will need this area for the NewtSuit video.

STANDARD DIVING DISPLAY AREA

1. Remove Cox's Bolt gun plate (to bunker) to make room for more HMS Edinburgh stuff which has been donated to us.

NEW ROOM

This is going to be the GOSPORT ROOM

Things that can go in here are: (fit what we can)

1. History of the Battery
2. Gosport Diving History (RNPL/QinetiQ)
3. Deane and Abbinett (Deane helmet might be coming so secure display cabinet required)
4. Crabb and Knowles?

All work in here must be drilled into the mortar only.
No original woodwork to be damaged or restored. Leave as is.

Shifting Lobby:

1. Barry to make doors. Paint and Fit doors. (Make sure screws for hinges go into the same screw holes in the door frame)
2. Barry to make two shoe boxes. Paint and put in place.
3. Barry to make coat hooks. Fit as appropriate.
3. Replace hinge on gate. Stronger hinge required.
4. Cut hole in vertical board to make it easier to remove it? (not essential)
5. The gate is a bit sticky – the wood has swollen and the paint has made a tight fit. IF we have time, cut it down to make it a loose fit and then repaint.
6. Electrician to move light to this room.
7. Two rope barriers to be made and fitted to two doorways into the shifting lobby.

Magazine Room:

1. Electrician to fit lights and sockets.
Sockets needed for:
Touch screen or TV
Helium Unscramblers
Lights for Barry's models of the room
Wall heaters
Spare one for the vacuum cleaner

Lights needed to light up walls and in lantern openings so that we don't need to use oil lamps.

2. Fit mirror to back of the two lantern openings. I have the mirror (taken from the mirror M&S gave to John Dadd for use in the museum)
3. Batten wall where sign boards are going to be? I will try to avoid battening by using that plastic signboard that estate agents signs are made of. It is waterproof and does not need boarding.
4. Fit Helium unscrambler shelf to wall (please drill into mortar only).
5. Ann to make all the posters and find ways of fixing and displaying it.