

National Award for Museum Curator Philip Magrath

by Dorothy Bone



Philip Magrath pictured at Fort Nelson with his Royal Regiment of Artillery Award. Congratulations, Phil, from the Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust

In July Emsworth Museum Volunteer Curator, Philip Magrath, was honoured with an award from the Royal Regiment of Artillery for the contribution and assistance he has given as their Curator Emeritus. Phil is a fulltime Curator of Artillery for the Royal Armouries artillery collection housed at Fort Nelson near Portsmouth.

The award was introduced to acknowledge the exceptional contributions made by non-military personnel.

Phil is a non-executive member of the Royal Artillery Historical Trust. During the past three years he has provided support, specialist subject knowledge and guidance in the transfer of the museum's collection from the Firepower museum to a number of storage locations, pending the construction of a new regimental museum.

He has also been a member of the Royal Artillery Static Display Artillery Equipment Working Group since 2014. Phil has been instrumental in developing methods to process the considerable number of withdrawn pieces of artillery returning to Larkhill from Royal Artillery regiments based overseas. Many are now used as static displays on plinths, or as gate guardians, near the entrance to a military base.

On receiving the trophy, Phil said, *"I am delighted to receive this award. To work collaboratively with the Royal Regiment in the interests of the preservation of military equipment and memorabilia for the enjoyment of present and future generations has been an honour"*.

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