

‘Our Vision’

‘The Salisbury Plain Heritage Centre: Home of the Royal Artillery Collection’ will tell two interwoven stories: the 300-year history of the Royal Artillery, and the archeology, ecology, military and social history of Salisbury Plain – the home of the ‘Gunners’.

The board of Royal Artillery Museums Ltd believes that this project offers a unique opportunity to link the strong heritage, economic and ecological elements in the area and establish an inspiring centre which will connect the local population. It will weave together the story of the development of artillery across the world with the internationally recognised Royal Artillery Collection and the story of the regiment and its overseas counterparts, and place it in context alongside the rich heritage of the Salisbury Plain.

The broad appeal and a wide-ranging programme of events will provide an engaging and informative visit for people of all ages and backgrounds, whether civilian or military, and it will deliver tailored packages for schools and larger group activities. The project will boost the local economy both through increasing the number of visitors to Wiltshire and the provision of employment, learning, volunteering and participation which will in turn foster the already strong relationships between the military and civilian communities in the Salisbury Plain area.

The project will provide a lasting legacy not only for the ‘Gunners’ and the wider community on Salisbury Plain, but for all those who have shared in its history and, of course, those that will shape in its future.

