

HMS Warrior 1860 at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

Pride of Queen Victoria’s notorious Black Battle fleet to be restored.

In 1860, HMS Warrior was the one of the most influential warships ever built. A Victorian powerhouse, she was the pride of Queen Victoria’s notorious Black Battle fleet and the world’s first iron-hulled, armoured warship.

She was the largest, the fastest and most powerful ship of her day, and instantly rendered every other warship afloat instantly obsolete.

Sadly, time has it taken its toll and today she is in a fragile state. Berthed at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, her bulwarks and water bar that serve to make watertight the junction between her deck and iron hull have failed and are deteriorating to a point which places her at significant risk.

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However, there is good news ahoy. Lottery funding is enabling essential conservation works to be carried out over the next two years, safeguarding both the ship and ensuring visitors can continue to step aboard to explore her rich history.

Carole Souter, Chief Executive of HLF, said: “When she was built, HMS Warrior was at the forefront of marine technology, a symbol of the UK’s immense naval prowess. This Lottery grant will ensure she is safeguarded for future

generations to explore and will give today’s visitors the opportunity to better understand her role in our rich naval heritage.”

Find out more about HMS Warrior 1860 at the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard website.



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Lottery cash to secure future of historic Navy warship, HMS Warrior 1860