

# Annex 1

## HMS Warrior – Guiding Principles of Interpretation

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### **Preamble**

These Guiding Principles relate to the display and interpretation of HMS Warrior. They are derived from the Guiding Principles of Presentation, which form part of the legal agreement between WPT and NMRN.

These principles are subordinate to the legal agreement and intended to set clear guidelines for the development of an interpretation strategy and provide a robust and rigorous framework for the presentation of *Warrior* to the public.

### **Principles**

HMS Warrior was the first seagoing iron-hulled armoured warship and is a unique historical artefact with the ability to educate and inform a vast audience.

The guiding principles by which the display and interpretation of *Warrior* should be formed are:

1. Display and interpretation must give an accurate and authentic impression of life on board circa 1861-64.
2. Interpretation should establish a strong narrative that clarifies the different themes and supporting topics.
3. Display and interpretation must focus upon the ship's strengths – that it is a real, unique and authentic artefact.

### **Approach**

1. HMS Warrior is an artefact of international importance, equal in stature to a World Heritage Site. The approach to the ship's display and interpretation should reflect that status.
2. The experience should be of a ship in being, not a museum, as if most of the ship's company were temporarily absent.
3. The interpretation and display of HMS Warrior must support the Conservation Management Plan.
4. All interpretation and display should be based on credible, accurate research.
5. Visitors should have the freedom to explore the ship unguided with a sense of discovery; that freedom should be nurtured and expanded where possible.