Slough Fort 2023 summary

Merry Christmas to all





July 2023 **Graffiti at the fort**

Unfortunately, one Sunday we came in to find silver graffiti sprayed all over the front of the Fort. This was very disheartening to all of us after the many hours put in to restore the Victorian Fort.

The volunteers managed to remove all the paint with chemicals donated to us.

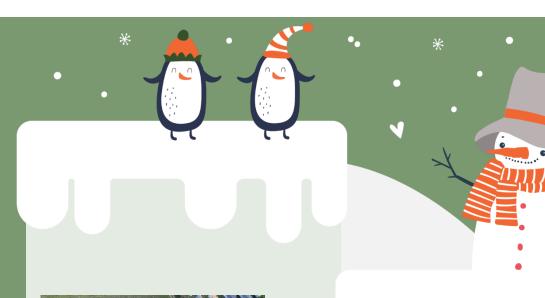
We have now updated our CCTV system to take in a larger coverage of the Fort and grounds



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We held our open day in June 2023, again attended by the Sheppy Pirates and members of the 42nd Black watch. This is what happened when one of our volunteers asked too many questions of them.

Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2024 from all at Slough Fort





August 2023
We were lucky to have some drone pictures taken of the fort and grounds



August 2023



Concrete retaining wall is complete



More work begins at the western gun position, September 23

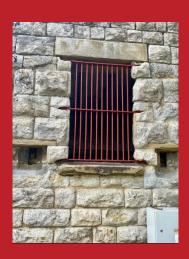




September 2023 work commences to reveal what is left of the western Moncrieff gun position



The gun pit and traversing ring revealed



October work begins to repair broken window bars



A replica $\operatorname{\mathsf{Gyn}}$ lift is constructed complete with tackle



New window bars are made where required



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As you can see it has been a busy year at the Fort.

The Trustees and Volunteers at Slough Fort would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





November 23 4 sets of windows and bars have now been installed to weatherproof more rooms to enable restoration to continue during the winter months.

In the background the Trustees continue to work towards our Lottery grant application, to be submitted next year.

Drawings have to be done, estimates requested, and planning permissions/consents gained. This is a very long procedure and the aim is to install a café into two casemates, toilet facilities in the old washroom areas and to turn the east wing magazine into a heritage centre plus working example of how the magazine would have been when it was built.

This will make (if we are successful) Slough Fort a much more sustainable project and a tourist destination within the Hoo Peninsula.

The total value of this project is £282,000.

Fingers crossed.