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HAT WORKS MUSEUM

KING AND COUNTRY ARRIVE AT HAT WORKS

Stockport's Hat Works Museum, the UK's only museum dedicated to the hatting industry and headwear, will be unveiling a new display on Saturday 25th October showcasing a fascinating range of military headwear.

The display, called 'For King and Country', will show hats worn by a variety of different sections of the British Army, Navy and Air Force.

Many of the hats are new acquisitions for the museum and have been donated by local ex-service people and cadets.

The collection also includes a hat reputed to belong to the Duke of Wellington. Could it be the hat that was used to declare victory at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815? Visitors can see the hat, read the research, and decide for themselves!

Councillor Shan Alexander, Executive Member for Leisure, at Stockport Council, said: "For King and Country is an intriguing display which explores military history from a new and interesting angle. I would like to thank all the members of the community who donated headwear, photographs and time to making it a success."

The For King and Country launch event will take place from 3pm - 4.30pm on Saturday 25th October. It will be officially opened by Colonel Geoffrey Sparrow, whose father was a distinguished soldier in the Cheshire Yeomanry. Colonel Sparrow Senior's historical hat will be on display as part of the exhibition.

For King and Country will join the permanent displays at Hat Works, Wellington Mill, Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK3 0EU.
Admission is FREE.

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