



Portsmouth Historic Quarter

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☰ Unity Full
Height, Vepps,
Solid Surface
Washtroughs
& Baby change
vanity units

The project.

Portsmouth Historic Quarter required new washroom facilities to improve the overall customer experience, as the current arrangement left guests having to use the restaurant washrooms situated away from the port's entrance.

The project involved a complete construction of a new toilet block, consisting of male, female and baby changing facilities that needed to encompass the feel of the historic grounds while being inclusive of all ages and guests' needs.

The challenge.

The trust set out with the objective of showcasing the local history throughout the facilities in a unique way. They wanted to turn the walls of the washroom into a historic celebration of the local history as a unique display visitors can 'stumble' across in the unofficially most visited facilities on the grounds. We worked alongside Portsmouth Royal Dockyard Historical Trust to fulfil the project requirements outlined in the brief and bring their vision to life with family-friendly, durable yet stylish washroom solutions.

The solution.

Each area was carefully specified to ensure the historic quarter's washroom systems would withstand high footfall levels and provide all necessary amenities for families, including a welcoming baby change area.

The washrooms were specified with our Unity Full Height cubicle for optimum privacy for guests, thanks to its 50mm floor clearance and 20mm ceiling clearance. The cubicles were specified in Solid Grade Laminate (SGL) to ensure a robust, easy to clean finish, thanks to its non-porous, impact-resistant qualities.



Situated behind the cubicles, our integrated plumbing system, Vepps, was installed in the washrooms at a 50% faster installation rate compared to plain panel alternatives to ensure the washroom facilities could reopen as quickly as possible.

The client opted for a colour palette that reflected the historic grounds, with our pre-plumbed panelling, Vepps specified in our 'Teal' laminate representing the hues of the sea, blended with our 'Dark Walnut' laminate for the cubicles, which embodies the deep walnut tones that have a long-standing association with boats.

The handwashing facilities needed to ensure a regulated traffic flow was achieved to prevent users from waiting to wash their hands. Our WT2 Solid Surface washtroughs in 'Alabaster' were specified in a custom length to fit the designated area perfectly, maximising the total amount of taps to allow multiple users at one time. Underpanels were also specified in 'Teal' to keep duct spaces secure and prevent vandalism.

This washroom completion demonstrates how considered product specification and sensitive design can enhance visitor facilities within a historic setting.