

Gosport Waterfront and Town Centre SPD comments form

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Dear Sir or Madam

This is a proposal for Gosport Waterfront which is based on a little-known but internationally important part of Gosport's heritage.

I have donated to Gosport Discovery Centre a Royal Collection publication called "A Royal Baby Book" from 2013 which includes a reproduction of a receipt from Thomas Walton Naval Outfitters in High Street, Gosport. This receipt was from 1846 and showed the first ever childrens sailor suit was made for the then Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) and was supplied in Gosport. It was requested by Queen Victoria for a cruise in September 1846 off the Channel Islands.

A painting of the Prince of Wales was made by Franz Winterhalter and this promoted a fashion trend which went international and still exists today.

I propose a statue or some such commemoration based on the Winterhalter painting is created for the waterfront. I am sure the Royal Collection would provide more detail about the receipt and this could also inspire an artistic installation.

If circumstances were agreeable, you could ask if Prince George unveils it as he is a similar age to his great great great great Grandfather when he wore the suit.

I can provide more information if required.

Good luck

With thanks

Simon Hart

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