

WELCOME TO SUNDERLAND WARD

This Ward is named after the Short Sunderland - the most famous of all British flying boats and an aviation icon.

The Sunderland entered service at RAF Pembroke Dock in 1938 and graced the Haven waters and Pembrokeshire skies for nearly 20 years, finally departing in 1957. It was retired by the RAF two years later.

During World War II Pembroke Dock became the largest flying boat station in the world, with nearly 100 aircraft - mostly Sunderlands - here in 1943. Personnel from many nations served at 'PD'.

In peacetime the Sunderlands had many roles, including supporting a scientific expedition to Greenland.



Hangar view of 230 Squadron Sunderland, early 1950s



Empire Air Day, May 1939

SUNDERLAND T9044

Historic connections between Pembroke Dock and Sunderlands remain very strong. Just three military Sunderlands survive in museums - but Pembrokeshire has a fourth, a unique wartime veteran which sank in a gale off Pembroke Dock in 1940.

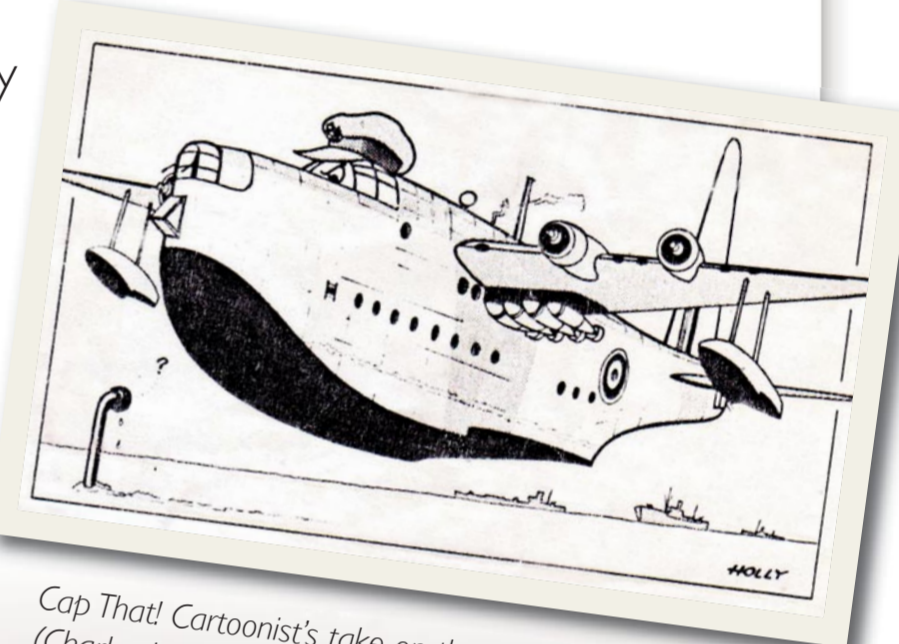
Many parts from Sunderland T9044 have been recovered by the Pembroke Dock Sunderland Trust and its Dive Group for conservation and display.

The Sunderland Trust is leading heritage plans in this community and has established a Flying Boat Workshop and the 'Fleets to Flying Boats' Visitor Centre, both near this hospital. Please visit to learn more of our special history.

** Sunderland items on display here have been generously donated by many patients and friends of this hospital and by Mr Howard Harrison, Mr Tony Jones and the Pembroke Dock Sunderland Trust.*



'Zebra' of 230 Squadron over Royal Yacht Britannia, 1950s



Cap That! Cartoonist's take on the Sunderland by Holly (Charles Hall)



201 Squadron's Sunderland salute, mid 1950s

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