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### RESTORATION OF RED PLAQUES

Around Gibraltar are about 50 red plaques which mark historical landmarks, monuments and artefacts, such as the one on the depression carriage at Casemates. However, many of these plaques are becoming eyesores rather than attractive reflections of Gibraltar's cultural and natural heritage. They were put in position during the 1970's and 1980's, so they are historical in their own right but they have not been maintained or restored for many years leading to the deterioration in their appearance.

The Heritage Department is about to restore 18 of the plaques, mostly in the Upper Rock/Town area. Then, over the next two years, the remaining 30 or so will be refurbished, after which an ongoing maintenance plan will be implemented. This maintenance plan will benefit from the fact that many of the installations in the Upper Rock are currently being given a facelift by the Gibraltar Tourist Board and, in the future, the plaques on the Upper Rock will be part of this ongoing work. It is hoped to integrate the plaques into a trail which will also incorporate the new street signs recently erected by the Ministry for Transport, Traffic and Technical Services.

The restoration work will be carried out by Mr Roy Potter who last restored of a number of plaques about 10 years ago. The plaques are very heavy so the work will be carried out *in situ* and thus, there will be an opportunity to see Mr. Potter at work.

The work is starting in mid-March and it is hoped it will be finished in May.

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