

Shotyard Battery

<p>Commenced 1871 Completed 1874 Cost £ 1,864 Map Reference TR 328 417 Position Dover Castle</p> <p>Type Coast Defence Battery Ditch None Guns 2 Barrack Accom. None Present use Derelict</p> <p>History Coast defence battery</p> <p>Disposal English Heritage Condition Fair Access None yet <small>Coad & Lewis, The Later Fortifications of Dover;</small></p> <p>Sources <small>Precis of Correspondence Dover.</small></p>	<p>Armament</p> <p>1886 2 x 10-inch RMLs 1892 Mounted 2 x 10inch RMLs Proposed 2 x10inch for Long Range 1893 2 x 10inch RMLs 1895 2 x 10inch RMLs 1898 2 x 10inch RMLs 1910 No armament</p>
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History and Description

The battery was built 1871 to 74. In 1886 the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers Works Committee recommended that the carriages should be adapted for high-angle fire, but this work had still not been carried out in 1893, nor had any provision for it been made although it was then proposed that the new long range mounts be used.

All the Dover RML batteries were rendered obsolete and unnecessary by the BL batteries built at the Citadel and Langdon Cliffs at the turn of the century.

The battery is now in quite good repair. English Heritage have cleared most of the undergrowth and the battery can be seen from outside its enclosing fence.

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