

# SHOREHAM FORT



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## Future plans

### Coast Guard Tower

The former coast guard tower has been out of use for several years and as you can see is in a very poor state. The top has already been removed for safety reasons and it is now the intention to demolish the rest of it. Funding for the cost of the works has been secured by the 'Friends of Shoreham Fort' from Adur District Council's 'Pot of Gold Fund' and matched by Shoreham Port. The work now needs approval from English Heritage before it can take place.

The tower will have to be taken down very carefully to protect the brickwork of the original ammunition magazine beneath which is similar to the one on the north eastern corner of the fort. Once the tower has gone, the magazine area can be renovated and a useful space created for the Friends to use as an exhibition area.

### Site Improvements

Shoreham Port and Adur District Council are also considering how the rest of the site can be improved, such as marking out where the barrack block once stood, better signage and pathways, upgrading the car park and toilet block and introducing information boards about the local area (for instance on the history of the film industry on Shoreham Beach, the importance of the port today and on the wildlife that can be seen in the local area).



## Further Information:

Friends of Shoreham Fort: [www.shorehamfort.co.uk](http://www.shorehamfort.co.uk)

Shoreham Port: [www.shoreham-port.co.uk](http://www.shoreham-port.co.uk)

Shoreham Harbour Regeneration:

[www.shorehamharbour.com](http://www.shorehamharbour.com)

## Repairs to Old Fort

Work has started on the first major phase of a renovation programme to protect Shoreham Fort and improve the surrounding area. The repairs are essential if we are to preserve the fabric of the fort and maintain it as a highly valued popular amenity space for the local community.

The work is being funded by English Heritage and Shoreham Port and is being carried out by a specialist firm, The Flintman of Lewes, with additional help by volunteers from the 'Friends of Shoreham Fort'. This first phase of repairs involves repairing the most damaged areas of the brickwork and flint walls, resetting the granite sett steps and repairs to scoured areas of earth embankments. It is hoped to undertake further phases of repair and improvements to the fort in future years.

## Background Information

The fort was completed in 1857 by the Palmerston Government as part of our defences against a potential invasion by Emperor Napoleon III of France. It is now designated as an ancient monument and there are strict rules on what can be done to it. The former Coastguard tower was added in two phases in the 1960's and 70's.

The smaller watch tower to the east of the Fort was renovated in 2009 and is now used by the National Coastwatch Institution and staffed by volunteers who provide a valuable watch service. The fort is owned by Shoreham Port Authority and the car park and toilets are owned and managed by Adur District Council.

The restoration of the fort is part of the Port Masterplan and also part of the wider Shoreham

Harbour Regeneration Project being delivered jointly by Adur District Council, Brighton & Hove City Council, West Sussex County Council and Shoreham Port Authority.

