



Heugh Battery defended the port of Hartlepool for almost a hundred years during which time it's guns ranged from smooth bore cannon to advanced radar controlled weapons that could hit a target 14 miles away. But this is not just a story of steel and concrete, this is the story of the only coast guns to fire in anger, and of the men who fought and died here.



The Heugh Battery has now been restored to show how it would have appeared in the First and Second World Wars. There is also a comprehensive collection of British artillery which includes naval, field and anti aircraft guns. Restoration of these weapons is ongoing and visitors are welcome to visit our workshops and discuss the latest work.

Other collections tell the story of Hartlepool during the wars and of what faced the men who went 'to do their bit'.

And when you've seen it all and are footsore and weary, you're welcome to visit our highly rated coffee shop. Rather better than the original, we're sure you will agree!



Opening Times for Tours and Site visits.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 10 am to 4 pm
Last admission 3.30 pm all times
Venue available for private hire and school visits

The Heugh Battery site and museum located at;

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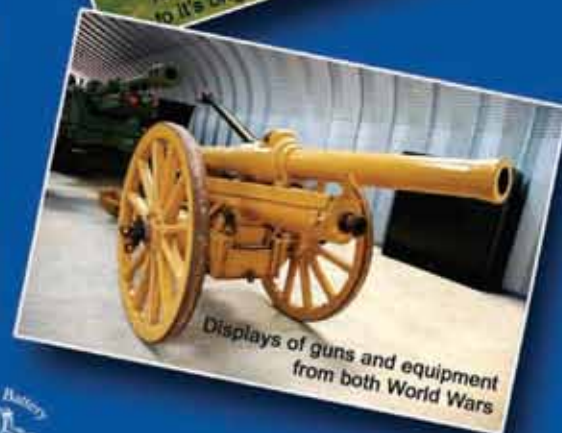
Just before Christmas 1914 Britain had her first taste of Total War. Three German Battle cruisers emerged from the dawn mist to 'screw forth their venom' on the people of Hartlepool. Over a thousand shells were fired killing 114 men, women and children. For 45 minutes the volunteer gunners of the Heugh Battery fought back.



16th December 1914 in Hartlepool's Bombardment
The Heugh Gun Battery guns 'Fire back in Anger'



Today the WW1 'Operations Tower' is restored to its original status with completed interior



Displays of guns and equipment from both World Wars

The Heugh Battery



Museum and displays



Workshop Gun Restoration

25 Pounder Field Gun



Bofors Gun

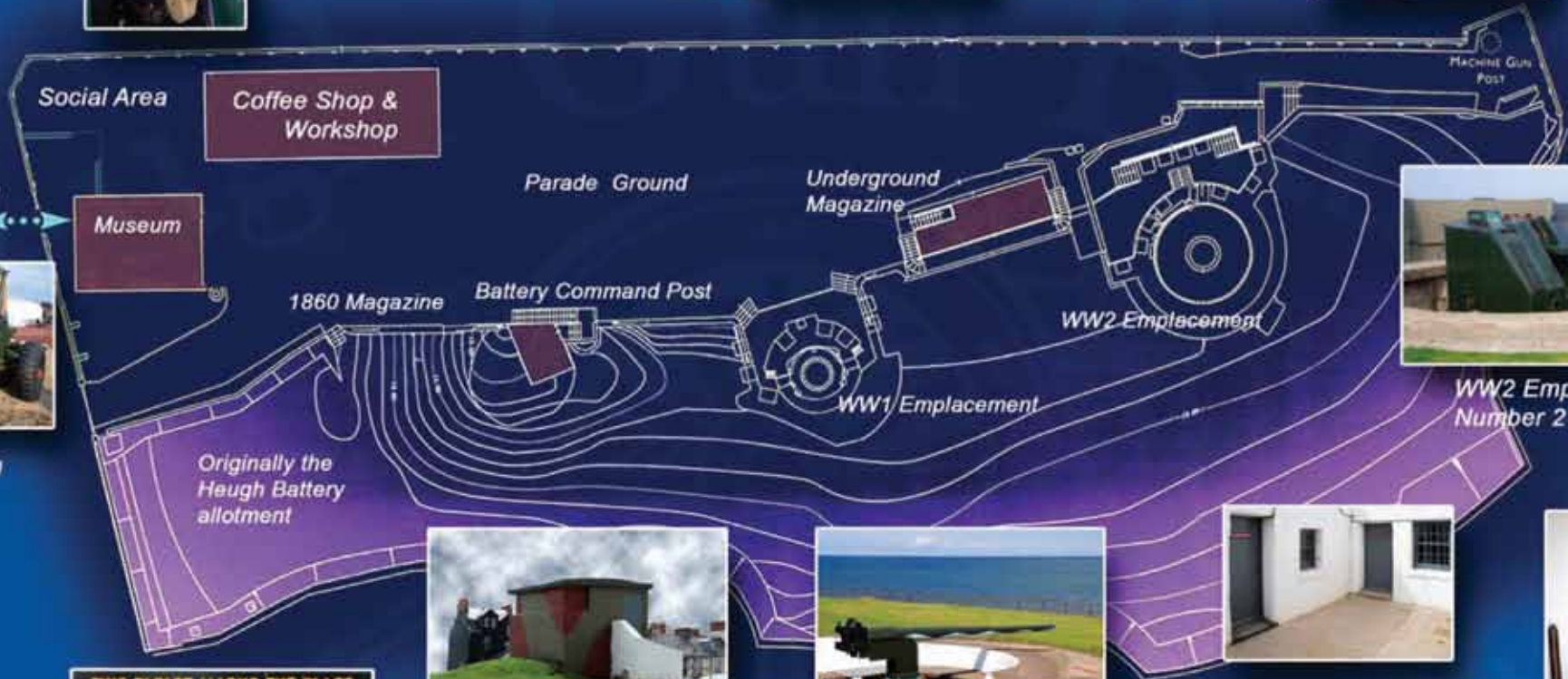
3.7 inch Malta Gun



Howitzer Gun



WW2 Emplacement Number 2 Gun



THIS TABLET MARKS THE PLACE WHERE THE FIRST SHELL FROM THE LEADING GERMAN BATTLE CRUISER STRUCK AT 9:10 A.M. ON THE 16TH OF DECEMBER 1914 AND ALSO RECORDS THE PLACE WHERE (DURING THE BOMBARDMENT) THE FIRST SOLDIER WAS KILLED ON BRITISH SOIL BY ENEMY ACTION IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Battery Command Post and rangefinder



WW1 Emplacement Number 1 Gun



Underground Magazines and Stores

Used to store over 1 000 shells and cartridges for the powerful 6 inch guns



Timeline

