



## Educational Trail: Information for Teachers

### How to use the Newhaven Fort Educational Trail

#### Introduction

- We have created this trail to help you explore Newhaven Fort with your pupils and to provide some structure to your self-directed visit.
- This trail is for use by small groups (up to 10) of Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils with their teachers and adult helpers but could be used by Language Schools as well.
- Allow 1-1.5 hours to complete including a visit to the *Theatre* (12-minute introductory film)
- There is no writing required – the trail includes suggestions for your pupils to look for, think about and imagine.
- The things to think about are intended to be prompts for discussion – there are not necessarily any right or wrong answers.
- You might want to record each trail stop with your pupils using a digital camera or a phone.
- The trail questions should be read aloud by either a pupil, teacher or adult helper.
- There is no specific order around the site using the trail (it might be weather dependent as some of the parts will take you on to the ramparts).
- Try and take a different route to the other groups in your class and think about overcrowding in the Home Front exhibition (sample route suggested below).
- However, we recommend starting in the Parade Ground, with a visit to the *Theatre* and then taking a quick look at the *Fort and Newhaven* exhibition (there is a useful model / diorama of the Fort) before moving out into the wider site.
- Please print the trail and bring it with you. Binoculars to help you look out at the views will be available from the Activity Centre at the start of your visit.
- To print out the trail in booklet form, select double-sided and set the pages to flip up.
- There are 7 stops on the trail:
  - Fort and Newhaven (inside and outside)
  - Battery Observation Post (outside)
  - Home Front (inside)
  - Dieppe and D-Day (inside)
  - Sussex Sea and Air (inside)
  - The First World War (inside)
  - Caponier (inside)



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### Trail stops

- **The Fort and Newhaven**

Newhaven Fort is the largest work of defence ever built in Sussex and was the last of the many defences that have been built here since pre-Roman times. In this exhibition you can discover how the present Fort was built, who built it and how it was armed. Learn how the Fort became part of a wider scheme of defences that included Motor Torpedo Boats, minesweepers and even a seaplane base.

You can also read about the possible candidates for the Fort Ghost!

The Trail takes you onto the ramparts of the Fort to look at the modern-day harbour.

- **Battery Observation Post**

Battery Observation Post (referred to as the Battery Command Post in the map) was built around 1902 and was the nerve centre of the fort. Here the coast was watched for enemy movements and in the event of an enemy attack would have commanded the guns and defence of the fort.

- **The Home Front**

You can't tell the story of the Second World War without mentioning the impact it had on everyday life in Britain, and this exhibition, one of the biggest at Newhaven Fort, does just that.

There is much to experience here. You can walk through a blitzed street and see how people tried to protect themselves and their homes. You can also listen to local people retelling their wartime experiences, discover the changing role of women, learn about the many restrictions on civilian life, consider what it was like to be an evacuee, and see how little you would have to eat – but at least the diet was healthy!

You'll also find out about the many changes to British life during the years immediately following the war.

- **Dieppe and D-Day**

The ill-fated Dieppe raid of 1942 and the Normandy landings of 1944 have particular relevance to the story of Newhaven's Second World War.

Explore the town's involvements with these momentous events, discover why the Canadian involvement in the Dieppe Raid is still remembered today and listen to the poignant memories of the survivors.



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- **Sussex Sea and Air**

Sussex was in the front line of the air war throughout the Second World War. In the Sussex Sea & Air exhibition you can discover how the skies over Sussex were riven by dogfights during the Battle of Britain and low level surprise attacks by 'tip and run' raiders. You can also listen to the chilling sound of a V1 (Doodlebug) rocket and imagine the tension as the distinctive noise stops and you wait to see where it will fall...

The 'Sea' part of this exhibition covers naval history from the Victorian era onwards through the stories of local seaman. If you've ever wondered what the Battle of the Atlantic was and why victory was so vital to Britain, you can find your answers in here.

- **Caponier**

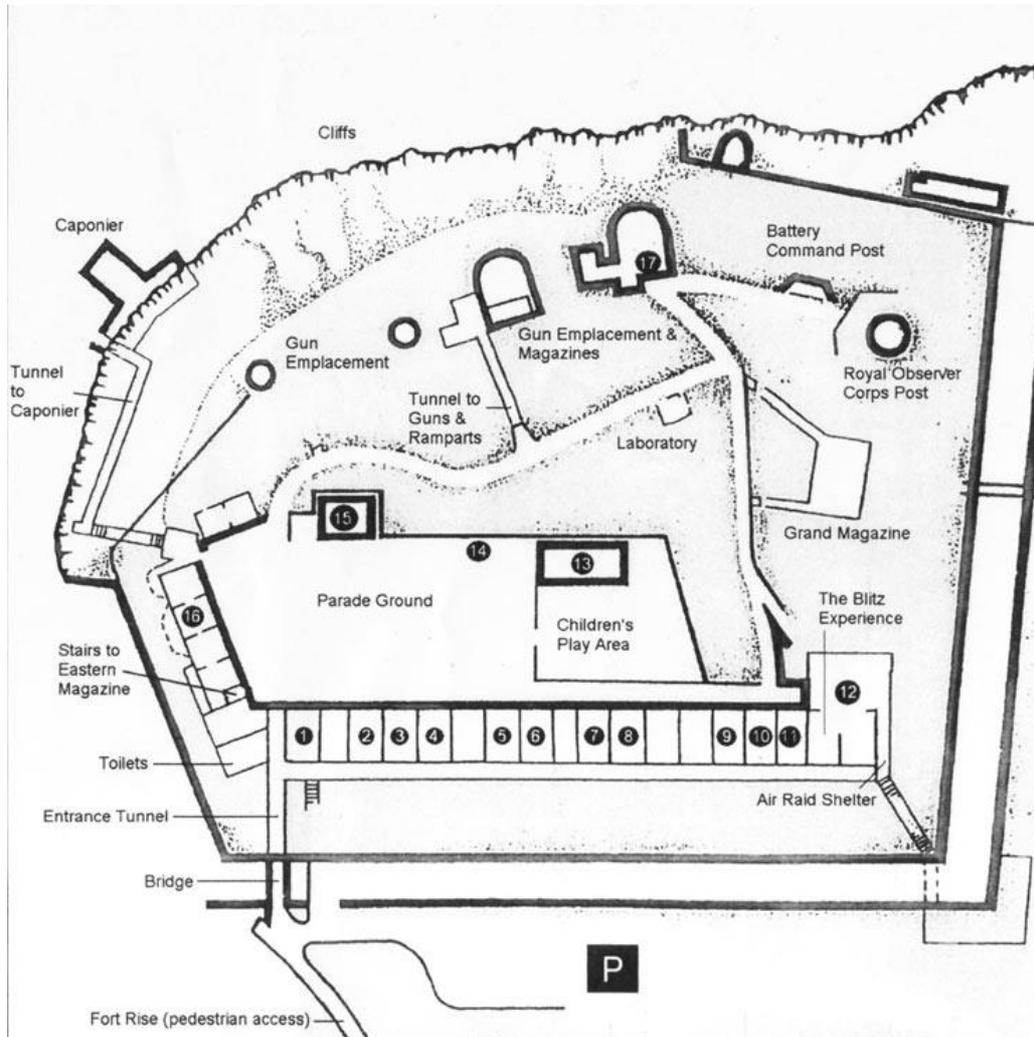
Steps lead down through the cliff to the Caponier which was a defensive position that defended the beach and the line of the cliffs. It is also where the Fort's ghost is said to reside.

- **The First World War**

The First World War stands out as a war like no other, before or since. It is remembered for many different reasons – the loss of life and destruction, the trenches and new weapon technology, the home front and the role of women, the music and poetry, remembrance and how the war affected lives and changed the face of the world and the course of history forever. All these aspects are explored in this highly-praised exhibition.

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### Plan of the site



### Key

|   |                                   |    |                                    |    |                                      |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Shop & Exit                       | 7  | Sussex Sea and Air<br>[Trail stop] | 13 | Romney Hut                           |
| 2 | Theatre<br>[Trail stop]           | 11 | Dieppe and D-Day<br>[Trail stop]   | 15 | Tea Room                             |
| 4 | Fort and Newhaven<br>[Trail stop] | 12 | The Home Front<br>[Trail stop]     | 16 | The First World War<br>[Trail stop]  |
| 6 | Activity Centre                   |    | Gun Emplacement                    |    | Battery Command Post<br>[Trail stop] |



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### Suggested route for 1 class (up to 30 pupils split into 3 groups)

Total visit time: 1-1.5 hours

| <i>Group 1</i>       | <i>Group 2</i>       | <i>Group 3</i>       |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Theatre              | Theatre              | Theatre              |
| Fort and Newhaven    | Home Front           | Caponier             |
| The First World War  | Dieppe and D-Day     | The First World War  |
| Battery Command Post | Sussex Sea and Air   | Fort and Newhaven    |
| Home Front           | Caponier             | Battery Command Post |
| Dieppe and D-Day     | The First World War  | Home Front           |
| Sussex Sea and Air   | Fort and Newhaven    | Dieppe and D-Day     |
| Caponier             | Battery Command Post | Sussex Sea and Air   |



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| <i>Group 1</i>            | <i>Group 2</i>            | <i>Group 3</i>            | <i>Group 4</i>            | <i>Group 5</i>            | <i>Group 6</i>            |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Theatre                   | Theatre                   | Theatre                   | Theatre                   | Theatre                   | Theatre                   |
| Fort and Newhaven         | Home Front                | Caponier                  | The First World War       | D-Day and the Dieppe Raid | Sussex Sea and Air        |
| Battery Command Post      | D-Day and the Dieppe Raid | The First World War       | Fort and Newhaven         | Sussex Sea and Air        | Caponier                  |
| Home Front                | Sussex Sea and Air        | Fort and Newhaven         | Battery Command Post      | Caponier                  | The First World War       |
| D-Day and the Dieppe Raid | Caponier                  | Battery Command Post      | Home Front                | The First World War       | Fort and Newhaven         |
| Sussex Sea and Air        | The First World War       | Home Front                | D-Day and the Dieppe Raid | Fort and Newhaven         | Battery Command Post      |
| Caponier                  | Fort and Newhaven         | D-Day and the Dieppe Raid | Sussex Sea and Air        | Battery Command Post      | Home Front                |
| The First World War       | Battery Command Post      | Sussex Sea and Air        | Caponier                  | Home Front                | D-Day and the Dieppe Raid |