

An illustration of the Heugh Battery Museum. In the foreground, a large, dark grey cannon barrel points from the right towards the left. To its right is a stone structure, possibly a magazine. In the background, a white lighthouse with a black top stands on a grassy hill. To the left of the lighthouse is a tall, black metal tower and a flagpole flying the Union Jack. The scene is set against a blue sky with white clouds and seagulls. The sea is visible in the distance.

HEUGH BATTERY

MUSEUM

THE ONLY WORLD WAR I BATTLEFIELD IN BRITAIN

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THE BOMBARDMENT OF HARTLEPOOL

On December 16th 1914, at 8:10am, 3 ships of the German Navy bombarded the coastal towns of Hartlepool and West Hartlepool in a near 50 minute reign of terror.

Over 1,100 shells rained down over the shipbuilding town from three heavy cruisers, SMS Blucher, SMS Seydlitz and SMS Moltke.

Men, women and children who were heading to work or school fled Hartlepool in search of safety.

Over 130 people were killed and hundreds more were injured during the bombardment. Extensive damage was also caused to dozens of buildings, many of which are still scarred by pieces of shrapnel in the walls.

Pte Theophilus Jones, stationed at the Heugh Battery, was the first soldier to be killed by enemy action on British soil during World War I.



THE HEUGH BATTERY MUSEUM

The site of the Heugh Gun Battery has been a military position since the 17th century. Now the Heugh Battery Museum stands on the site of the only World War I battlefield in Britain and retells the story of the bombardment of the Hartlepoons in 1914 when the guns of the Heugh Battery engaged in ship-to-shore combat.

The Heugh and the Lighthouse batteries bravely defended the towns and saved many lives during the North East bombardment.

The Heugh Battery Museum is spread across three levels:

- Underground magazines
- Parade ground and main museum
- Battery Command Post - Providing panoramic views of the coast



THE HEUGH BATTERY MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

The museum boasts a unique collection of large artillery pieces and military artefacts dating from WWI to more recent conflicts.

At the museum volunteers are on hand to help you find out more about the artefacts and weapons we have on display, as well as the history of the site itself.

Our collection includes:

- Rifles
- Naval, field and anti-aircraft guns
- Gas masks
- Artwork
- Reconstructed trench exhibit
- Military vehicles
- Trench art
- Uniforms



Help us to maintain our collection by volunteering your time or making a donation. Please get in touch for more information - info@heughbattery.co.uk



"The volunteers were fantastic on the day; they really helped to engage the children in all the activities. Will definitely recommend to other schools."
Wheatley Hill Primary.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Hands-on opportunity for school children and groups of all ages to learn more about the soldier's experience during WWI and the realities of the Home Front.

Children can try out some pieces of a soldier's uniform, hold rifles and hand grenades and hear the sounds of a bombardment on the Western Front.

We offer schools a range of interactive and action-packed workshops tailored towards the current curriculum.

Our workshops include:

- Guided tour of the site and the bombardment of Hartlepool
- Weapons and uniforms (including handling objects)
- Trench experience
- Animals at war
- Communications from the front

VISITING THE HEUGH BATTERY MUSEUM

Heugh Battery Museum, Moor Terrace, Headland, Hartlepool, TS24 0PS.

By Road

The site is located in the heart of the Historic Headland and can be accessed via the A19 North and South. We have a small car park located at the front of the museum.

Public Transport

The closest train station to the museum is Hartlepool Train Station. Stagecoach's No 7 bus travels from the Town Centre to the Headland. The nearest bus stop is situated on Durham Street, approximately 7 minutes walk from the museum entrance.

Opening Times

February to May

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

June to August

Friday to Monday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

September to November

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

December to January

Closed



The Heugh Battery Museum is proud to be one of the only dog friendly museums in the North East.



Poppy Café

Poppy Café provides fresh, delicious homemade cakes, scones and sandwiches and a range of hot and cold drinks.

Open 10:00am - 3:30pm (when museum is open)

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