

INVENTORY of SITES & ITEMS

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SEAHAMPTON

INVENTORY SUMMARY - LIST OF SITES & ITEMS

SEAHAMPTON - SH

ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION and LOCATION	TYPE	SIGNIFICANCE
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SH-03	Fmr (1st) WEST WALLSEND RIFLE RANGE, SEAHAMPTON More information is needed, to enable the site of the range to be identified.	a SP	M
SH-04	SEAHAM No.1 COLLIERY SITE (Demolished), SEAHAMPTON If this area is re-developed, the colliery ponds could be restored to make a good location for a pleasant small park, with some interpretation of the site's history.	a EX	M
SH-05	SEAHAMPTON VILLAGE Retain the name & layout of Seahampton village & its streets, & ensure that any extensions follow the original pattern. Provide a clearly identified public footpath from the village to the former Seahampton No.1 Colliery site.	c TO	M
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CITY OF LAKE MACQUARIE

HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY: Former (1st) WEST WALLSEND RIFLE RANGE, SEAHAMPTON ITEM No. SH - 03	
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:	
ADDRESS: off Ladysmith Road Seahampton 2286	S.H.I.P. REF. No.
	DATE INSPECTED: not found
PARISH: TERALBA COUNTY: Northumberland	BY: Doring
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address):	REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: Area SUBCATEGORY: Rifle range	MAP 1:25000 No. 9232-3-S NAME: WALLSEND GRID: 668 593 (approx)
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.: LOCAL:	Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1876 - 1900	USED: 1890s to 1938
BUILDER: West Wallsend Rifle Club	DATE BUILT: c1890s
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:	
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): no photo	
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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY Former (1st) WEST WALLSEND RIFLE RANGE, SEAHAMPTON ITEM No. SH - 03

KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Archaeological Site Condition:

Physical Archaeological Remains:
(above or below ground)

The first West Wallsend Rifle Range was not inspected. It is believed to have been located in a gully north of Johnson Park and west of Seaham No.1 Colliery. It probably consisted of earthen firing mounds at the south end of the gully and earth stop-butts at the northern end, relying on the hill each side and the Sugarloaf Range at the north to stop stray bullets. It was abandoned in 1938, and would now be overgrown.

Other physical details:

INTERPRETATION:

none (site not located)

CONSERVATION ACTIVITY:

none (site not located)

PRESENT USE: disused, abandoned

HISTORICAL NOTES: 1st Rifle Range built by W.W. Rifle Club north of Johnson Pk late 19C. Had much use from 1909, when all men between 17 & 21 years had to do rifle practice as part of compulsory military training. Changed to voluntary training 1929. 1937 the army declared the Range unsafe, because stray bullets might ricochet up to the new Sugarloaf Range Rd behind butts. Abandoned 1938.

REFERENCES: C&MJ Doring, "Garden Valley Project I.A. Report: 1991", unpub.

W.Wallsend Public School Centenary Comm "'Neath Mt Sugarloaf" Bk.1 1987, p.93

EVALUATION CRITERIA:


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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The First West Wallsend Rifle Range represents a sport which was popular at the turn of the Century, and at which West Wallsend Club was claimed to excel. It also represents the compulsory military training of a generation of local young men.

Not located.

Local Significance - moderate


ITEM No. SH - 03

NAME/IDENTITY: SEAHAM No.1 COLLIERY SITE (Demolished), SEAHAMPTON ITEM No. SH - 04	
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES: Originally MONKWEARMOUTH COLLIERY	
ADDRESS: off First St Seahampton 2286	S.H.I.P. REF. No. DATE INSPECTED: April 1991
PARISH: TERALBA COUNTY: Northumberland	BY: Doring
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address):	REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
CATEGORY: Archeological site SUBCATEGORY: Other mining	MAP 1:25000 No. 9232-3-S NAME: WALLSEND GRID: 673595
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.: LOCAL:	Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1876 - 1900	USED: 1889 to 1932
BUILDER:	DATE BUILT: opened 1889
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:	
<p>PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): Seaham No.1 Colliery site, (from the south). The pithead was in the left background, boiler houses etc. in the centre, & workshops on the right. A small pile of red bricks under a clump of trees (right background) is all that is left of a colliery house. A number of drains, stone lined or cut in rock, run along contours or down the hill. Some (heavily overgrown with thick grass) can just be made out in this photo. Bulldozer tracks (bottom left) show where all traces of coal boxes, railway sidings, etc. were destroyed in early 1991. (Doring Neg.300.22)</p>	
	
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NAME/IDENTITY	SEAHAM No.1 COLLIERY SITE (Demolished), SEAHAMPTON			ITEM No.	SH - 04																				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:																									
<p>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</p> <p>Archaeological Site Condition: All mine buildings were demolished several years ago. The site is now open ground, or covered by rubble and recent earthworks.</p> <p>Physical Archaeological Remains: The waggon loading and shunting area is clearly (above or below ground) visible as levelled land linked to the railway going to West Wallsend Colliery and on to Cockle Creek. Engine ponds remain. Position of some buildings might be found in level sites and/or buried brick footings. Possibly shafts remain below ground. Level areas and garden walls indicate the former site of management houses.</p> <p>Other physical details:</p>																									
INTERPRETATION: None																									
CONSERVATION ACTIVITY: None. All mine buildings have been demolished. Much of the site was further bulldozed 1991/92 for works incidental to the nearby Freeway construction.																									
PRESENT USE: Abandoned.																									
<p>HISTORICAL NOTES: Opened in 1889 as Monkwearmouth Colliery, but failed. It was taken over and run by the bank, as Seaham Colliery. In 1897 the mine was sold to the new Seaham Colliery Coy (later Abermain & Seaham, now Coal & Allied). It prospered, and was renamed Seaham No.1 in 1905, when Seaham No.2 opened at Fairley (Item KW-08). Output from No.1 fell after 1915, and it closed in 1932.</p>																									
<p>REFERENCES: C&MJ Doring, "Garden Valley Project I.A. Report: 1991", unpub.</p> <p>W.Wallsend Public School Centenary Comm "'Neath Mt Sugarloaf" Bk.1 1987, p.22; Bk.2, 1988, pp.34-37; and Bk.3, 1989, pp.81.</p>																									
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<p>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: The Site of Seahampton No.1 Colliery is significant as the site of the first mine of a major coal company, and the reason for the existence of Seahampton village. The significance of the site has been diminished by the recent near-total demolition.</p> <p>If this area is re-developed, the colliery ponds would make a good location for a pleasant small park, with some interpretation of the site's history.</p>																									
Local Significance - moderate					ITEM No. SH - 04																				

NAME/IDENTITY: SEAHAMPTON VILLAGE		ITEM No. SH - 05
PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:		
ADDRESS: Seahampton 2286		S.H.I.P. REF. No.
PARISH: Teralba COUNTY: Northumberland		DATE INSPECTED: April 1991
PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address): various		BY: Doring
CATEGORY: Area SUBCATEGORY: Village		REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:
HISTORICAL THEMES: S.H.I.P.: LOCAL:		MAP 1:25000 No. 9232-3-S NAME: WALLSEND GRID: 676 597
HISTORICAL PERIOD - BUILT: 1901 - 1925 (?)		Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS
BUILDER:		USED: Continuous
ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:		DATE BUILT: Est. c1900
PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): <p>Two early miner's cottages in Seahampton, taken from the north end of the village, looking south. George Booth Drive is in the foreground. The white cottage (right) is further from a street than any other cottage in the village. It faces west, & appears to be occupying Lot 3 on 2nd St, a subdivided road which was never made. The tiny unpainted cottage faces 2nd St also. The valley (right) leads down to the site of the former Seaham No.1 Colliery. The township of West Wallsend can be seen beyond (in the distance, right).</p> <p>(Doring Neg.305-00)</p>		
		
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HERITAGE STUDY

NAME/IDENTITY SEAHAMPTON VILLAGE

ITEM No. SH - 05

KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Seahampton was formerly a mining village, & is now a small dormitory village with many new homes. It is sited on a ridge above the former Seaham No.1 Colliery, & has extensive views to S-E & S-W. Houses are aligned along both sides of George Booth Dr.(along the ridge), & along a few minor streets running off the east side of the ridge, facing away from the colliery site. Only a small number of scattered houses were built in the mining-era, & a large proportion of these have survived.

DESCRIPTION: New houses in the village are usually built on vacant allotments, with little pressure to demolish the older houses. Subdivision plans allowed for more streets (seven) & for more houses than were actually built. Fourth, Fifth & Seventh Streets exist, & Third Street is now George Booth Drive, but First, Second & Sixth Streets were not made. There must have been a footpath leading from the village to the working colliery. There are now fences between the roadway and the colliery site, with no clearly visible pathway.

MODIFICATIONS:

PRESENT USE: village

HISTORICAL NOTES: Seahampton was established c1900 as a village for miners working in the adjacent Seaham (No.1) Colliery, just a short walk away. When Seaham No.1 closed in 1932, many miners moved elsewhere to get work & Seahampton declined but survived. It now appears to be growing, but as a satellite of West Wallsend, & with no shops or other facilities of its own.

REFERENCES:

West Wallsend Pub Schl Centenary Comm "Neath Mt Sugarloaf" Bk.1 1987, pp.52.
C&MJ Doring, "Garden Valley Project I.A. Report: 1991", unpub.
Reynolds T.G. "Early West Wallsend, etc....", pub. Reynolds, pp 97-101.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Seahampton is a reminder of the close relationship between the fortunes of the Lake Macquarie collieries & the establishment, growth or decline of their associated villages. Its significance lies in the Seahampton name, in the layout of the streets, & in its proximity to the former Seaham No.1 Colliery site.

RECOMMENDATION: Retain the name & layout of Seahampton village & its streets, & ensure that any extensions follow the original pattern.
Provide a clearly identified public footpath from the village to the former No.1 Colliery site.

Local Significance - moderate

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