

Site Description Examples

This handout accompanies the Home Front Legacy App: Part.6: Writing a Site Description Youtube training video

Accommodation Hut, Redmires, Sheffield



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Accommodation Hut located within the Sportsman Inn car park, directly South-West of the Sportsman Inn, Redmires Road, Sheffield. Hut orientated North to South.

This Accommodation Hut was once part of the Redmires Camp (SMR No. 04652) the site of which lies 500m West. Used to accommodate members of the Sheffield Pals battalion, and other regiments, during the First World War. Contemporary photographs show huts of this type on the site of the Redmires camp. The buildings of Redmires Camp were auctioned in 1919 and the accompanying catalogue shows similar huts for sale, available through the Sheffield Archives (www.picturesheffield.com/frontend.php?keywords=Ref_No_increment;EQUALS;s07483&pos=4&action=zoom&id=10683). The hut is now used as a changing room by the local running club.

Rectangular in plan and orientated North to South, the hut measures 5m in width, 25m in length and approximately 5m in height. The hut consists of a wooden frame with attached wood panels. A doorway is present at the Northern end of the East facing wall with a further, blocked up, entrance present in the hut's North facing elevation. A brick built chimney attached to the South facing elevation of the hut appears to be a later addition but may be indicative of an Officer's Quarters. The hut remains in fair condition with minor modifications, including the removal of the original 'Hopper type windows and the addition of a weatherproof covering, some bowing to the roof. Internally the original frame, roof and floor survive intact with some modification.

Cunard Shell Works, Bootle



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Cunard's Shellworks was sited in the angle of Rimrose Road and Peel Road, Bootle. The Shellworks was established in 1915 by the Cunard Steamship Company and its main function was to machine finish shell castings before they were sent to the explosives filling factories. The works was set up in existing factory buildings that were acquired by Cunard in early 1915. Contemporary photographs by Bedford Lemere show the works in operation and also a number of temporary buildings erected during the war. The works appears on the 1927 Ordnance Survey map when it was marked as Cunard Line Stores.

To the south the main three-storey machine shop has been demolished, as well as two buildings to its north and structures in the rear yard. Their sites are currently mainly open ground and buried footings may remain. Facing onto Rimrose Road five single bay former stores sheds survive and are occupied by various small businesses. The stores are brick-built and decorated to the front by alternating bands of light red and grey engineering bricks. Also on this side and the north wall are blocked window openings. The stores were entered through large single sliding doors, three of which survive. They have gabled roofs with glazed ridge pieces. To their rear is a long single storey building that may incorporate elements of an earlier structure.

Contemporary photographs of the site are held by the English Heritage Archives and more information is available in the Cunard Archive, University Archives, at the University of Liverpool.