

Slough Fort 2023 summary



Merry Christmas to all



January 2023

Haven begins to remove the boundary fence.

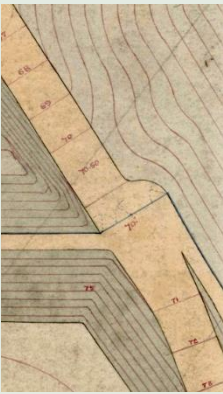
The fence between the Fort and Haven has been replaced and moved into their grounds by an average of 10ft, this has enabled us to create a footpath around the glacis. At the eastern end of the site the fence has been moved a lot further to allow us to have the 6 inch gun position on our side of the fence. By scaling a drone picture and a drawing over one another and using common points of reference the gun position was plotted out on the grass and digging started. The capping concrete was missing but as we went deeper shell recesses were uncovered with remarkably intact stencils on the concrete still readable, good considering this was buried in 1906. A timber frame was also found around a recess labeled on the drawing as TR, the frame had Fuze Tube Recess marked on it. The gun pit is now covered to preserve what's there until we have more funds to proceed further.



February 2023

The new boundary fence is now complete, thanks to Haven. It runs for over 300 mtrs from east to west and has been done in the same style as our other fencing along the brimp. The fence is coloured green to blend in with the environment and is having hedgerow shrubs planted here and there along its length

**Happy Christmas
and a prosperous
2024 from all at
Slough Fort**

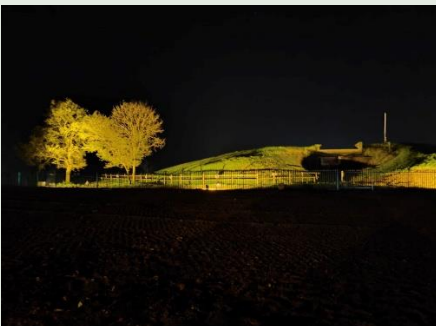


March 2023

We applied and got SMC to work on the western roadway and found the old cobbled entrance as per the drawing. We also have consent to reconstruct the missing earth retaining wall



April 2023



The fort is now illuminated at night



Boundary Stone found

The above boundary stone was recovered from underneath bushes about 100 yds from the fort gates along the Brimp track. These stones were placed at every change in direction of the Fort's boundary. This means that the stone had laid in its position for around 150 years and not been moved. It is now on display outside of our museum.



May 2023 the fort hosted a free to the public Heritage Festival



The cobbled entrance was exposed



The work started on digging out the western roadway



Was this wheel uncovered from the western Moncrieff gun ?



A trip was taken by some of the volunteers and Trustees aboard The Edith May, a Kentish barge



Ho Ho Ho !



Pirate weekend at the fort May 23

The Sheppy Pirates set up for a long weekend at the fort for the late May bank holiday.

There was a living history display including candle making, tavern and a doctor/dentist.

An arena was also set up where there were skirmishes with the red coats.

Children were also shown how to fight with a foam sword, then let loose in the arena, good fun was had by all over the weekend.



More of the pirates and red coats, May bank holiday



June 2023

We were lucky to get hold of this 3.7 inch anti-Aircraft gun, believed to have come from one of the Naval forts in the estuary (Fort Tongue). Removed from the Naval fort after the war, stored in Scotland and now in the fort grounds pointing out to the Thames as it would have been. The gun was kindly purchased by the Red Sands project and donated to Slough Fort

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