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SUMMARY

The Twentieth Century Military Airfields project is the first Cadw grant-aided threat related assessment to deal with recent military history. Airfields were identified as being the most urgent of the themes to assess; not only do they incorporate large areas of landscape, but there are numerous buildings and structures associated with them which are often dispersed and incontiguous. Few features are currently afforded statutory protection. This first phase of the project, focuses on the airfields themselves and the technical area as marked out on the contemporary Air Ministry plans.

In south-west Wales there are 17 aviation sites (including airfields, flying boat stations and RAF fuel reserves); all but two lie in Pembrokeshire. All of these sites have been assessed through fieldwork. In addition there are six minor airfield sites associated mostly with light aircraft for army use.

It has been discovered that there are some remains at all of the primary airfield sites, although the quality and range of surviving sites vary enormously. In most cases the runways and perimeter tracks still survive and a variety of buildings and structures.

This project will lead onto further work looking at dispersed airfields sites and their defences. This subsequent work will inevitably provide further information on the overall survival of each site.

INTRODUCTION

Contrary to popular belief, Wales was not a quiet backwater during the conflicts of the twentieth century. Its position, distant from the Continent, made it ideal for the manufacturing, maintenance and storage of armaments, but also for military training and research and development, including weapon testing. Fighter stations defended the industrial towns and the docks, which were targets for German bomber planes. In the Second World War, Wales was in the front line in the Battle of the Atlantic and the coast was defended against a possible German invasion from Ireland (Cadw 2009, 4).

Against this backdrop, the military aviation sites in Wales form an important group. They developed distinct functions and purposes, often forming parts of wider operational, training or storage networks. A few sites were established to protect the coast and shipping during the First World War. These functions were greatly expanded during the Second World War, during the latter part of which some sites developed into transport hubs for transatlantic flights. The function and development of each site has added to its own unique character and has given weight to the view that they are important historical and archaeological monuments in their entirety, each comprising a plethora of functionally distinct elements that contribute to their status.

This project does not seek to rewrite the histories of each airfield, which are available elsewhere. Instead it seeks to understand the significance of each site and to identify which elements embody that significance and those which are of national and regional importance. This understanding of the significance of each site will be underpinned by legislative frameworks and the guidance enshrined in the 2011 Cadw document *Conservation Principles* and will, where possible, also highlight priorities for future research and recording work.

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The way in which this project has been approached mirrors that of previous scheduling enhancement projects undertaken by the Welsh Archaeological Trusts with grant-aid from Cadw. Each site was assessed using documentary sources prior to undertaking field visits in order to build an understanding of the site and to ascertain fieldwork priorities. Maps, plans and aerial photographs were consulted and map regressions produced for each site. Records were created and accompanying new point- and polygon-based GIS data compiled as a result of the research. This information was fed into the regional Historic Environment Records in order to contribute to our understanding of the turbulent nature of the 20th century through surviving military structures and provide a basis for heritage management and development control, while recommendations for designation are submitted to Cadw in a separate volume.

The four Welsh Archaeological Trusts are working to agreed guidelines. In order to deliver key information to Cadw, the studies primarily focus on the flying field and technical areas of aviation sites, as identified on the Second World War era Air Ministry Plans, with the focus being on the most significant elements of the sites which detail their function and development within this. At the discretion of the project staff the studies may diverge from this principle, only where the most significant and functionally distinct elements of each site fall outside this defined zone.

Airfields are, by their nature large and disparate complexes, often incorporating large tracts of land. They include a whole range of site types, from complexes of military buildings to isolated structures which are often dispersed in the landscape beyond, however it is important to understand that all these elements work as a whole and cannot be viewed in isolation. Further work will be undertaken to record these dispersed elements in the forthcoming years including; airfield defences, dispersed sites and their hinterlands. This report should therefore be seen as the first volume in a series which will provide further context and information on the sites covered here.

PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall aims of the project are:

- an application of definition, classification, quantification and distribution of these sites in south-west Wales,
- assessment of the archaeological significance of these sites in both a regional and national perspective,
- assessment of the vulnerability of this element of the archaeological resource,
- recommendations for scheduling and listing

The project's objectives are:

- To collate available primary and secondary sources for each of the military aviation sites in south-west Wales,
- To carry out a field assessment of each site to assess and record surviving features,
- To incorporate this information into the Dyfed Archaeological Trust's HER
- To advise Cadw on those sites which are of national significance which should be considered for statutory protection.

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METHODOLOGY

Various sources have been consulted in researching this project, however one stands out; Roger Thomas', 'Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire' is a key piece of work, through which many airfield sites in Pembrokeshire have been identified. Other works have also been instrumental in providing context and histories of the aviation sites in south-west Wales including Jones 2007, Smith 1981, Cocroft and Thomas 2003, Phillips 2009, among other more general accounts.

The following methodology was adopted to achieve the project's objectives:

- A desk top appraisal compiling dossiers for each site; sourcing Air Ministry / Fleet Air Arm plans / aerial photographs / secondary sources / HER records etc.
- Site visits to each of the aviation sites, to photograph, assess and record the survival of remains, their condition and likely threats.
- Create new records and enhance existing records on the HER and catalogue all photographs
- Produce a short report including a gazetteer of sites, including assessments and a separate report including a gazetteer of scheduling and listing recommendations.

RESULTS

There are 17 military aviation sites in Dyfed, the majority, 15, lie in Pembrokeshire, with just one each in Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. Each of these sites has been visited;

Pembrokeshire

RAF Angle

RAF Brawdy

RAF Carew Cheriton / RNAS Milton (WW1 airship station) /RNAS Pembroke

RAF/RNAS Dale

RNAS Fishguard (WW1 flying boat station)

HMS Harrier (Kete)

Havens Head, RAF Fuel Reserve Depot

RAF Haverfordwest

RNAS Lawrenny Ferry

RAF Manorbier

RAF Pembroke Dock

RAF Rudbaxton

RAF St Davids

RAF Talbenny

RAF Templeton

Ceredigion

RAF Aberporth/Blaenannerch

Carmarthenshire

RAF Pembrey

In addition there are a number of other aviation sites, mostly grass airstrips but also the balloon station at Milford Haven which have been included in this assessment, a

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documentary assessment of these sites has been undertaken and where possible a site visit:

Pembrokeshire

Picton Castle Camp and Cubstrip

Castlemartin Airstrips

Tenby Airfield

Emergency Landing Ground at Haroldston West

Balloon Station at Milford Haven

Ceredigion

Aberaeron Camp Cubstrip

Carmarthenshire

Airfield and Camp at Drefach / Felindre

In total 21 sites were visited in southwest Wales during the course of the project. Access was achieved for all sites with co-operation from local landowners although it was restricted to one day only for two sites, Brawdy and Pembroke Dock due to operations taking place on the sites.

Currently there are only 4 sites with statutory protection; Dale airfield, the Dome Trainer at Pembrey airfield, a ring of pillboxes at Aberporth have all been scheduled and two hangars at Pembroke Dock are Grade II listed buildings.

South-west Wales played an important role in the military history of the twentieth century, in the early stages of aviation during the First World War there were three bases established; Fishguard Flying Boat base (PRN 32321) and the Airship/Balloon Stations at Milton (PRN 26127) and Milford Haven (PRN 28667), although there is little visible evidence that can be directly associated with this period of aviation.

Between the wars the flying boat station at Pembroke Dock (PRN 28427) was established and the fuel storage tanks and pipeline at Haven's Head were constructed (PRNs 102496, 102497, 102498, 102499). These features are significant in being associated with preparations for war.

With the outbreak of the Second World War south-west Wales undertook a key role due to its strategic position on the western tip of the UK. Airfields were established rapidly on the south-western extremities; land was requisitioned and cleared, runways laid down and supporting buildings made of impermanent construction materials, timber or single skin brick (temporary brick) with asbestos roofs. These airfields, Dale (PRN 28562), Talbenny (PRN 101519), St David's (PRN 101989) and Brawdy (PRN 102001) provided bases for 'Coastal Command', sending out bombers to attack German U-boats and to protect the shipping convoys.

Training was also an important function of the airfields including Templeton (PRN 101469), Haverfordwest (PRN 28498) and Carew Cheriton (PRN 26123). Some stations operated in Fighter Command; Pembrey (PRN 30145), Angle (PRN 33439) and for a short while from Carew Cheriton.

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Airfields were also established to provide aircraft to tow flying targets for gunnery practise for the anti-aircraft artillery schools around the coast, from Ceredigion at Aberporth (PRN 30594) to Manorbier (PRN 101244) in Pembrokeshire. In the preparation for the Normandy invasions a number of grass airstrips were located near US army camps as light aircraft were used by the artillery for observation and communication, Picton Castle (PRN 102536), Tenby (PRN 102538), Drefach / Felindre (PRN 102535) and Aberaeron (PRN 102533). Further satellite and emergency landing grounds were established at Rudbaxton (PRN 101699) and at Haroldston West (102537).

The Navy expanded through south-west Wales during the Second World War, with Angle, Dale, and Brawdy becoming Royal Naval Air Stations, in addition to the flying boat bases at Fishguard and Lawrenny Ferry (PRN 26201). A Fighter Direction School and a Meteorological School was also established at HMS Harrier/Kete (PRN 24767). Pembroke Dock which was under Naval control prior to the war passed to the Air Ministry in the 1930s when the flying boat station was established.

By their nature many of these sites were temporary and constructed in haste under the urgent threat of war; therefore their survival is varied, though all have some trace to indicate their place in history. Angle which has been most comprehensively cleared in the 1990s has one fighter dispersal pen and airfield defences which survive well. Others have the extensive runways and dispersed hardstandings intact as a footprint for instance Dale and St Davids, and Haverfordwest retains large numbers of temporary brick buildings intact. Later military history is preserved at Brawdy which is one of three airfields in Wales to have been adapted for V-bomber Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) during the tense nuclear confrontation of the Cold War.

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GAZETTEER OF SITES

The gazetteer of sites has been arranged by airfield. Airfields are listed alphabetically, with the record for the overall airfield appearing first, followed by a map indicating the locations of sites, then sites listed numerically by Primary Record Number (PRN). Note that the sites listed here include the principal sites which have been identified by documentary assessment and fieldwork. In many cases there are other sites related to the airfields which have been created by previous projects and have subsequently been substantially removed or demolished, these will appear on the HER and are accessible through Archwilio.org.uk along with the sites recorded here.

Condition statements are listed in date order, with the last record relating to the current project fieldwork.

RAF ABERPORTH / BLAENANNERCH

PRN - 30594

NAME – RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - various

NGR - SN24864947

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

RAF Aberporth/Blaenannerch Airfield opened in 1940 as a training establishment to teach gunnery practise. In 1940 the airfield was known as RAF Blaenannerch and subsequently changed to Aberporth. The airfield was used as an Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit (AACU) base to serve the artillery schools and anti-aircraft defence batteries on the coast. Established in 1939 the Projectile Development Establishment based on the nearby headland at Aberporth became an important missile and weapon testing base and this airfield was used for all the airborne work associated with the trials. The airfield was also used as a Polish Resettlement Camp from 1946 to 1948.

The airfield started off as three grass runways; one NE/SW runway 750 yards long, one NNW/SSE 750 yards long and one E/W 966 yards long. Two hangars were constructed and various associated buildings. The airfield is encircled by 14 pillboxes.

Following the Second World War the airfield continued in use with various modifications including the construction of the East/West runway in concrete in 1956. Summary description based on Jones and Scott.

Visited in 2011 the site is still in use for testing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). Many of the buildings were demolished to make way for a new science park between 2005 and 2007. A.Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The airfield is still in use and has been developed in recent years, resulting in many of the wartime airfield buildings being demolished. A ring of pillboxes survive, some of which are scheduled. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 30592

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Resettlement Camp, barracks

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SN24534954

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Barrack buildings, demolished during the development of Parc Aberporth between 2005-2007. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 50863

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Hangar

CONDITION - Not known/ Restored

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

NGR - SN2472049450

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION



Hangar, Bellman type, one of two built as part of the Aberporth Airfield in 1941. This is the only one remaining. Now re clad, although apparently retaining original framework within and with modified doors. In use when visited in Nov 2011. A.Pyper 2012

PRN - 50865

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Building

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN2483749497

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion



SITE DESCRIPTION

Two storey control tower. Replaced external cladding. Forms part of a group of three buildings which date from the establishment of the airfield in the Second World War. In use when visited in Nov 2011. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 50866

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Building

CONDITION - Intact

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

NGR - SN2482049510

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion



SITE DESCRIPTION

Three bay, temporary brick and corrugated asbestos roofed building. In a group around control tower. In use as workshop and store when visited in 2011. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 50867

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Building

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN2481049490

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion



SITE DESCRIPTION

Temporary brick, 3 bay, corrugated asbestos roofed building, large double width door in gable end. In a cluster of Second World War buildings including the control tower at RAF Aberporth. When visited in 2011 in use as a fire tender shed. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 50872

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Building

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN2471049480

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion



SITE DESCRIPTION

Six bay temporary brick, corrugated asbestos roofed building, adjacent and parallel to Hangar. One of the few remaining buildings that survive from the

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establishment of the airfield in the Second World War. In use and in secure compound when visited in Nov 2011. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 50919

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Pillbox

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN2469049180

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 27 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This pillbox is a scheduled ancient monument CD211. Very overgrown and inaccessible when visited in 2011. A.Pyper 2012.

PRN - 50921

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Pillbox

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN2528049320

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 27 pillbox, hexagonal in plan and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This is now part of scheduled ancient monument CD211. Visited in 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50922

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Pillbox

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN2537049370

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 24 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a D-shaped annexe on its N elevation and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete with brick shuttering. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This is now part of Scheduled Ancient Monument CD211. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50923

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

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TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SN2538049630
COMMUNITY - Aberporth
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 24 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a D-shaped annexe and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete with brick shuttering. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This pillbox is a Scheduled Ancient Monument CD211E. A. Pyper 2012 based on Scheduling report CD211E (2006).

PRN - 50924
NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH
TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SN2519049760
COMMUNITY - Aberporth
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 27 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a D-shaped annexe and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This pillbox is a Scheduled Ancient Monument CD211. Description based on Scheduling description CD211D (2006). Visited in 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50926
NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH
TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SN2497049910
COMMUNITY - Aberporth
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 24 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a D-shaped annexe on its NE elevation and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete with brick shuttering. Each wall except the NE has a centrally placed machine gun embrasure with Turnbull mountings for machine guns. Located within the D-shaped annexe is a Light Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun emplacement. The whole is part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument CD211. Description based on Scheduling Description CD211B 2006. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50927
NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH
TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Near Intact

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NGR - SN2483049770
COMMUNITY - Aberporth
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 24 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a D-shaped annexe and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete with brick shuttering. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This pillbox is a scheduled ancient monument CD211. Not accessible but seen from a distance in Nov 2011. Some scrub growth around the structure. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50933
NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH
TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN2462049780
COMMUNITY - Aberporth
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Pillbox located on north side of Aberporth airfield on the junction of two roads. Resembles a modified type 24. Constructed out of concrete and brick shuttering with a flat concrete roof. Part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This pillbox is a Scheduled Ancient Monument CD211. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50935
NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH
TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SN2451049350
COMMUNITY - Aberporth
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Type 24 pillbox, hexagonal in plan with a D-shaped annexe on its SE elevation and a flat concrete roof. Constructed in concrete with brick shuttering. Each wall except the SE has a centrally placed machine gun embrasure with Turnbull mountings for machine guns. Located within the D-shaped annexe is a Light Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun emplacement. The whole is part of a ring of 14 Pillboxes encircling Aberporth Airfield. This pillbox is a scheduled ancient monument CD211L. Description based on Scheduling Description CD211L 2006. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 50936
NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH
TYPE - Building
CONDITION - Unknown/ Near Intact
NGR - SN2450049400

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COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

Small brick building, built as part of the fuel store (PRN 102481) for the airfield. A. Pyper 2012

PRN - 50937

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN2460849590

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION



A Stanton semi-sunken concrete air raid shelter with an arched interior, covered externally with turf. The entrance is constructed from brick and concrete at the east end with a concrete 'chimney' escape hatch at the west end. Well preserved. Visited on 26th Oct 2011. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102481

NAME - RAF ABERPORTH/BLAENANNERCH

TYPE - fuel store

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SN24514941

COMMUNITY - Aberporth

COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

A concrete roadway loop located to the west of Aberporth airfield, marked on RAE drawing of 1974 (original survey 1960?), not recorded on the 1958 survey or aerial photos from 1941 / 42. Within the loop a small rectangular building (PRN 50936) is also recorded. Thought to be a fuel installation to service aircraft. When visited in Nov 2011 both elements appear to survive intact, although a new agricultural building has been erected within the southern end of the loop. A Pyper 2012.

RAF ANGLE

PRN - 33439

NAME - RAF ANGLE

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Various

NGR - SM86000175

COMMUNITY - Angle

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Angle airfield was opened on 1st June 1941 in No 10 Group Fighter Command, with No. 32 Squadron arriving the following day, tasked to protect Pembroke Dock and escort convoys near the Welsh Coast. There was a high turnover of squadrons at Angle and the living conditions were primitive. It is associated with the Barnes Wallace 'Highball' trials in 1943, in which a bomb was developed to bounce into railway tunnels. The Mosquito that was used to trial the bombs on the Maenclochog railway tunnel flew from Angle airfield. In 1943 the airfield was briefly transferred to the Admiralty for target-towing, but due to wireless conflicts it returned to RAF use. It continued in use until 1945.

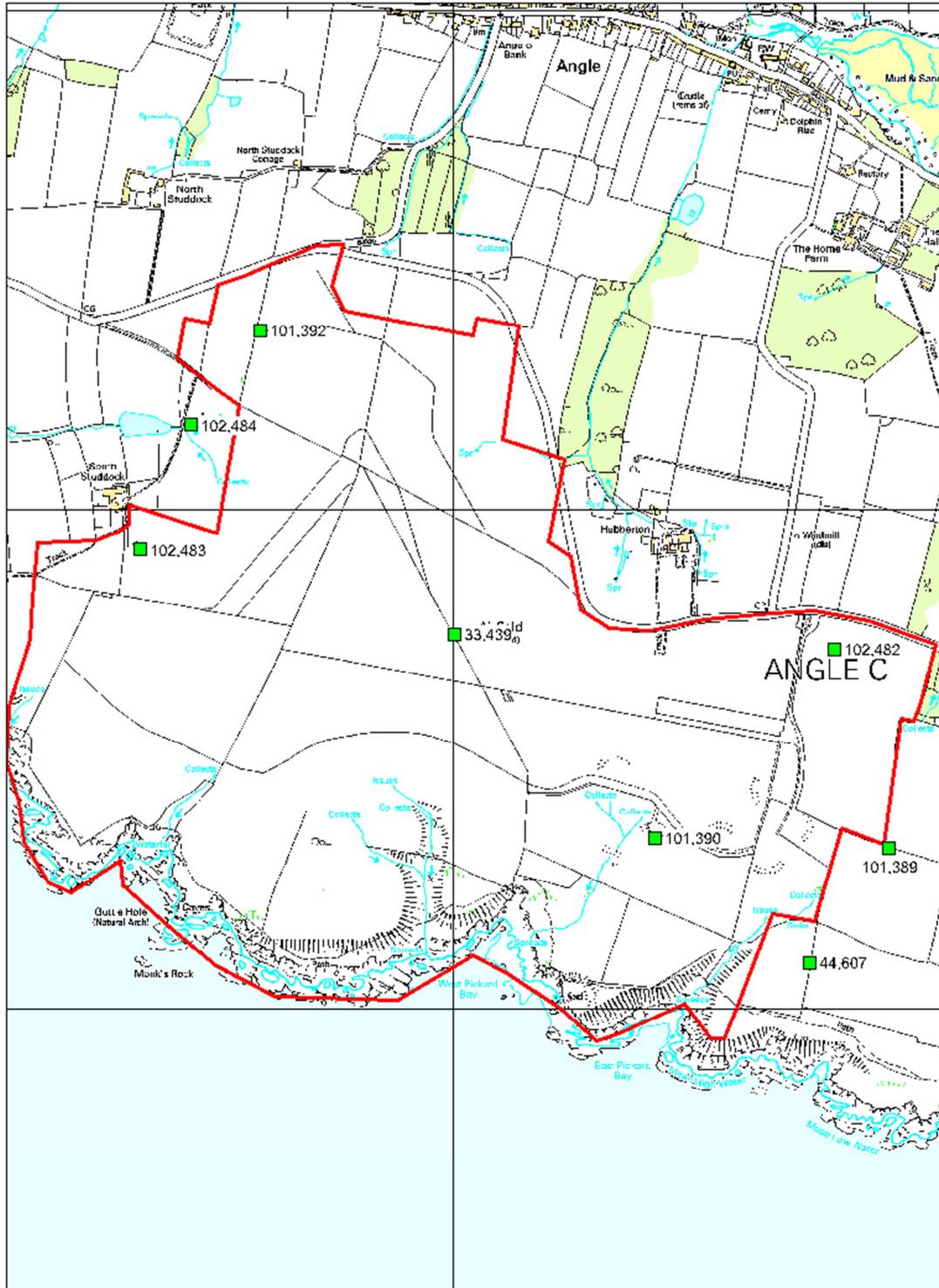
It consisted of 3 runways, main E-W runway 1600yards, NW-SE runway at 1,200 yards and a NE-SW runway at 1000 yards. One T2 hangar, four blister hangars and five frying pan hard standings. A clearance grant in the 1990s resulted in much of the fabric of the airfield being removed, although the layout of it can be traced in the field boundaries still. One dispersal pen, a pad for a blister hangar and fragments of perimeter track and runway survive at the time of a visit in 2011. A Pyper 2012.

In the early 1990s the area was largely cleared using funding provided by the 'Derelict Land Clearance' grants. However some elements of the military establishment still survive. The outline of the airfield is still, to some extent, retained within the field boundaries and small sections of the concrete runways and service roads survive in places. The clearance programme has left large banks of earth to the sides of the former runways. There is also a large amount of dumped waste material consisting of general modern rubbish and agricultural material but also potentially containing military material from sites which have been demolished. There is one intact dispersal pen, PRN 44602, (An area of hardstanding for parking aircraft in a state of readiness) and the traces of others can be seen as depressions in the ground surface. Farm visit 2002, A Pyper. Duplicate of record PRN101386.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Much of the airfield fabric has been removed during clearance in the 1990s. The outline of the perimeter track and runways is still traceable in field boundaries, and there is potential for buried archaeological deposits across the airfield. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 44607

NAME - RAF ANGLE

TYPE - anti aircraft battery

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM86710109

COMMUNITY - Angle

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A gun pit described in Roger 's 1993 survey as 'Light Anti-aircraft Battery; Complex formerly consisting of three rectangular huts and a square fair-faced brick gun pit. Only the gun pit remains extant. Associated with RAF Angle.'. Located within a field boundary and visible as a low mound, approximately 1.5m high. Displaced concrete and brick lie over it, so it is difficult to establish how much lies in situ. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

When visited in 2011, it was unclear how much of the structure survives intact as concrete, and brick have been dumped in and around the structure. Visited in 2011 A. Pyper.

PRN - 101389

NAME - RAF ANGLE

TYPE - Pillbox

CONDITION - Good/ Near Intact

NGR - SM86870132

COMMUNITY - Angle

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Pillbox, located within hedge to the east of Angle airfield. Similar to pillbox located to the NW of the airfield except the roof is modified to carry the turf over the embrasures and continue the hedgeline. Described by RJC Thomas as, "Semi-sunken, irregular hexagonal plan, integral 'D' shaped Anti-Aircraft Light Machine Gun pit against N wall, fair-faced brick, flat turf covered concrete roof on corrugated steel sheeting. Roof maintains line of hedge to the east. Wide splay embrasures fitted with Turnbull

mountings." (Duplicate PRN 44601). A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101390

NAME - RAF ANGLE

TYPE - Dispersal Pen

CONDITION - Good/ Near Intact

NGR - SM86400134

COMMUNITY - Angle

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

E-shaped dispersal pen located to the south side of the perimeter track on Angle Airfield, though central spine is long gone. Built to accommodate 2 fighter aircraft. . Integral

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parabolic pre-cast concrete Stanton air raid shelter. Visited in 2011 when the concrete hardstanding was in use as a silage clamp. Last remaining dispersal pen on the airfield, originally there were 6, others remain as crop marks or slight depressions. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101392
NAME - RAF ANGLE
TYPE - Pillbox
CONDITION - Good/ Intact
NGR - SM85610236
COMMUNITY - Angle
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A brick and concrete pillbox located to the northwest of Angle airfield, within a hedgebank northeast of South Studdock Farm. Described by RJC Thomas as, "Semi-sunken, irregular hexagonal plan, integral 'D' shaped AALMG pit against N wall, fair-faced brick, flat turf covered concrete roof on corrugated steel sheeting. Protected entrance in S wall. 4 wide splay stepped embrasures fitted with Turnbull mountings."

Similar in construction to PRN 101389 at the eastern side of the airfield. Visited Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

PRN - 102482
NAME - RAF ANGLE
TYPE - building complex
CONDITION - Near Destroyed
NGR - SM86760172
COMMUNITY - Angle
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Group of buildings shown on the Air Ministry Plan of Angle Airfield. Now cleared but their position is identifiable as crop marks. The field is under cultivation and has been recently cultivated for potatoes. However, the location of the buildings is covered with mounds of brick and debris. Description based on site visit Nov 2011, A. Pyper.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Spread of concrete and brick debris denotes the extent of former airfield buildings, when visited in 2011 the field had most recently been harvested for potatoes. A. Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102483
NAME - RAF ANGLE
TYPE - hangar
CONDITION - Near Destroyed
NGR - SM85370192
COMMUNITY - Angle
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Site of former blister hangar, now a U-shaped earthwork bank enclosing a rectangular concrete pad. Visited 2011, A. Pyper 2012.



CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The concrete pad for the blister, its earthwork bank surrounding it and the apron to the front survive. Located in a field for grazing at time of visit in 2011. A Pyper.

PRN - 102484
NAME - RAF ANGLE
TYPE - pump house
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SM85470217
COMMUNITY - Angle
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Water pumping station built to supply Angle airfield. Cement rendered brick construction. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Water pumphouse associated with Angle airfield. Largely intact with original windows, though some panes broken.

RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

PRN - 102001

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Various

NGR - SM85012486

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

RAF Brawdy was opened in February 1944 as a satellite to St David's airfield. During the war it operated a meteorological squadron feeding back information on weather conditions - a vital function for those fighting the Battle of the Atlantic. In 1946 it was transferred to the Fleet Air Arm and began its life as Royal Naval Air Station Brawdy and was commissioned HMS Goldcrest II. It reverted back to the RAF in 1971 until 1995 when as well as performing a training role with Hunters and later Hawks, it also become home to a flight of search and rescue helicopters.

It was originally built with three runways with a central intersection; one NW-SE 2000 yards long, NE-SW 2010 yards long and E-W 1400 yards long. There were 30 spectacle type hard standings and three T2 hangars. The bomb stores were located to the northwest of the airfield, the technical site and dispersed accommodation to the southwest.

There have been various phases of development subsequently with the Naval use of the site, most notably 1951-6 and 1961-63. Redevelopment during 1961 and 1963 equipped Brawdy to become one of three dispersed 'Quick Reaction Alert' (QRA) airfields in Wales. These were designed to accommodate the V-bomber force (probably Vulcans) and to be able to get airborne with two and half minutes. Most notably new hardstanding pads were built on the end of the lengthened runway.

It is now the Cawdor Barracks, home to the 14th Signals Regiment. Summary description from a number of sources, including Phillips, 2009 and Jones, 2007. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The runways survive intact. Recently many of the former airfield buildings have been demolished. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102524
NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY
TYPE - free gunnery trainer blister
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SM84752449
COMMUNITY - Brawdy
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



'Free Gunnery Trainer Blister', listed, no 5, on the Air Ministry plan of 1945. This building was used for the training of air to air gunnery, usually using projectors to project the images of attacking aircraft. In 2011 the blister was still intact and still has its number (5) on the front, south, elevation. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The building appears intact, in use (function unknown) and is well maintained. Now part of the Cawdor

Barracks at Brawdy. A Pyper 2012

PRN - 102525
NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY
TYPE - hangar
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SM84922458
COMMUNITY - Brawdy
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Two T2 type hangars, linked by a later interconnecting 2 storey building. Listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1945. Full height sliding doors at south end. Large steel buttresses against the south end. Steel gantries to support sliding doors have been removed and structures reclad. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Two T2 type hangars which have undergone various modifications including the later interconnecting 2 storey building. Full height sliding doors at south end. Large steel buttresses against the south end. Steel gantries to support sliding doors have also been removed. Otherwise in stable condition and in use. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102526
NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY
TYPE - hangar
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM84532469
COMMUNITY - Brawdy
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

T2 type hangar, listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1945 for Brawdy airfield. Steel gantries for handling the full height steel doors at the west end are missing and the hangar has

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been reclad. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Almost intact T2 type hangar. Reclad and having lost the gantries on which the sliding doors hang. Apparently a dangerous structure and enclosed by security fencing at present. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102527

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - military building

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM84292470

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Military building, standing within a fenced compound at Brawdy airfield. Four bays by two constructed in brick with open bays subdivided by brick piers. A corrugated iron roof with corrugated cladding the upper third of the wall tops. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102528

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - firing range

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM84932439

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Firing range. Not listed on the Air Ministry plan or the Fleet Air Arm maps from 1955 and thought to be a post war construction from the 1970 or 80s. Still in use by the 14th Signals Regiment at the Cawdor Barracks. Consists of high concrete backstop or butt walls and a corresponding shelter at the other end of the range. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Firing range is still in use as part of the Cawdor Barracks, 14th Signals. A Pyper 2012

PRN - 102529

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - military building

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM85392586

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The remains of a building or structure at the north end of Brawdy airfield. Post war in date - it is not on the Air Ministry plans for Brawdy airfield and though date and function are unknown it is likely to be associated with the Cold War construction of the Operational Readiness Platform PRN 102532. The remains of a tiled floor and adjacent to

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it a concrete walled enclosure of three sides. Recent demolition rubble scattered around. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Recent demolition has occurred in this area and all that is left is a red tiled floor and a concrete enclosure wall. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102530

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - electricity substation

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM84972614

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Electrical substation at the northern end of Brawdy airfield. Consists of a cement walled enclosure, approx. 2m high with concrete blast wall around the entrance south side. Inside are concrete plinths. Thought to post-date the Second World War airfield. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Enclosure walls survive.

PRN - 102531

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - bomb store

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM84832646

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb store. Although located in the same area as the wartime bomb store, the structures that remain date from the later probably Naval post war construction at Brawdy. Consisting of a concrete trackway loop orientated N-S, with five bomb stores lining the eastern trackway and three further stores on the western track. Stores are all disused; three have been levelled completely and all of the structures removed except the earth banks surrounding some stores. Foxholes have been built into the banks in some places. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Partially demolished, the bomb stores are disused and any buildings or structures have been demolished and only the earth blast banks surrounding them survive in four instances. Three have been razed to the ground completely. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102532

NAME - RAF BRAWDY / RNAS BRAWDY

TYPE - operational readiness platform

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM85542583

COMMUNITY - Brawdy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

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SITE DESCRIPTION

Extended runway and hardstandings at Brawdy airfield. Increased threats of attack during the Cold War led to redevelopment at Brawdy during 1961 and 1963 and equipped Brawdy to become one of three dispersed 'Quick Reaction Alert' (QRA) airfields in Wales. These were designed to accommodate the V-bomber force (probably Vulcans) and to be able to get airborne with two and half minutes. Most notably new E-type hardstanding pads were built on the end of the lengthened runway. These are still intact though supporting buildings have been demolished, PRN 102529. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Operational readiness platform is intact though supporting buildings and structures have been razed to the ground. A Pyper 2012.

RAF CAREW CHERITON / RNAS MILTON (AIRSHIP STATION) / RNAS PEMBROKE

PRN - 26123

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Intact/ various

NGR - SN05530299

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The story of military aviation on this site began with Royal Naval Air Station Pembroke (PRN 26172), where an aerodrome for airships was built, the first ascent being in 1917. It was disbanded by 1920, but was re-established by 1939 under No15 Group Coastal Command. Submarine patrols and convoy escorts were the some of the duties performed from here, and attacks on the French coast took place from Carew Cheriton.

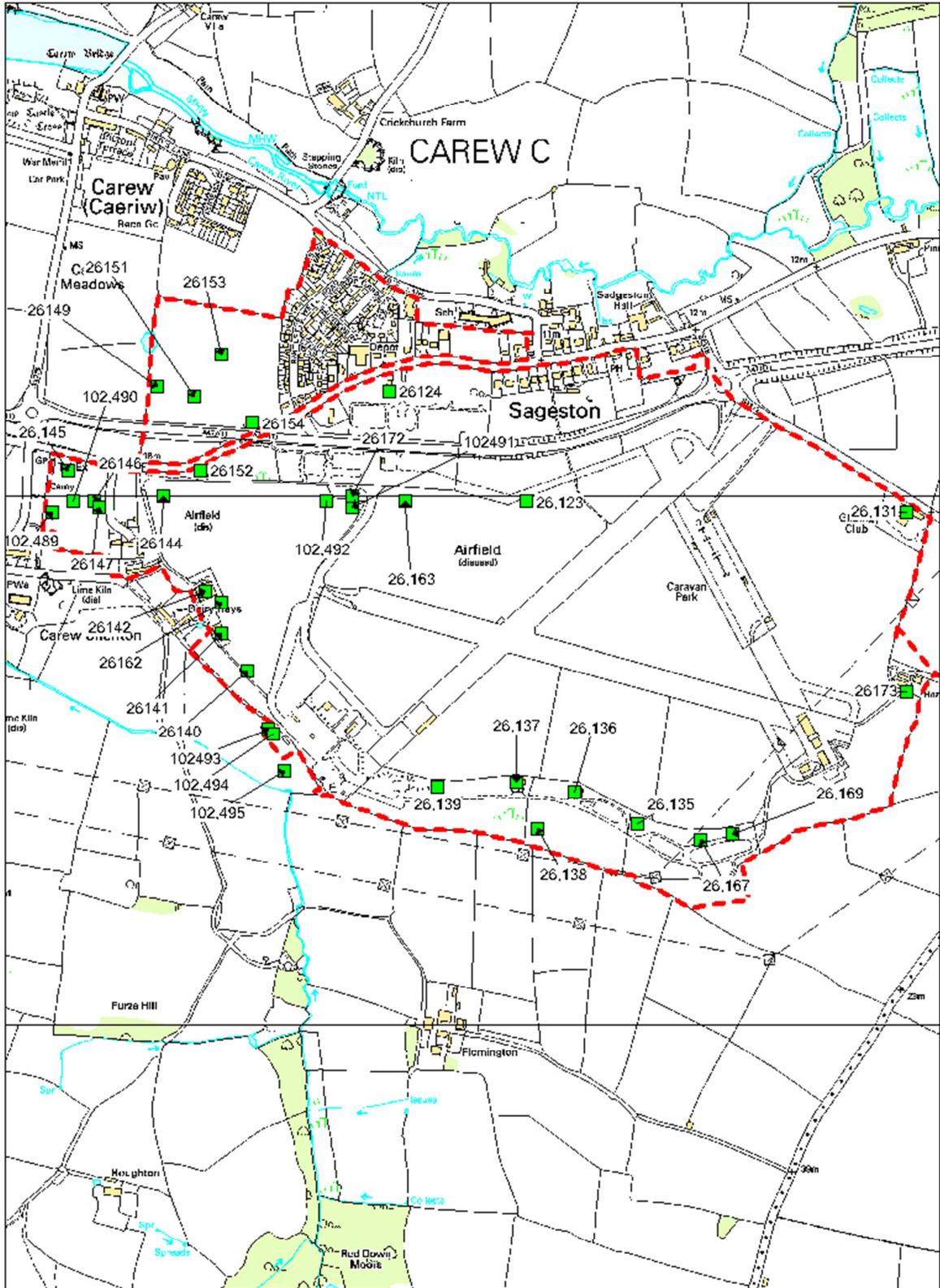
Later in the war it took more of a training role. It continued in use until closure in 1946.

Carew Cheriton had 3 concrete runways NW-SE, 765 x 50yards, NE-SW 865 x 50yards, ESE-WNW 1040 x 50 yards. The technical site was positioned to the north of the airfield, with accommodation to the northwest and bomb stores along the southern perimeter of the site. The control tower, a unique design, has been authentically restored and is open to the public and as an educational facility. Summary based on I Jones description in Airfield and Landing Grounds of Wales: West. (Jones, 2007). A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The construction of the new by-pass has had a great impact on the north side of the airfield, cutting through the technical area and consequently many airfield structures have been lost. However, the uniquely designed control tower remains and has been well restored by a local Trust. In addition a turret training building and the complex of bomb stores along the south side still survive. The construction of various buildings and its light industrial use on the runways has rather compromised the open aspect of the former flying field.

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PRN - 26124

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Christian Association Hostel

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05270320

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Identified as 'YMCA' on the Air Ministry Plan for Carew Cheriton Airfield. See RJC Thomas description, "1938-45, YMCA, present use store. Single storey, rectangular plan, rendered 'temporary brick' construction, gabled corrugated asbestos roof. Scarring on east wall indicates the former position of a timber extension." Three chimneys, one at each gable end and a further short chimney on the east elevation. In 2012 the building was still in use as a store by PCNPA. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26131

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Gymnasium, Chapel

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN06250297

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former Gymnasium and Chapel associated with Carew Cheriton Airfield. See Roger Thomas' description, "1938-45 Gymnasium/Chapel, present use garage/Workshop by Lewis and Edwards Ltd. A one and a half storey, 15 bay, rendered 'temporary brick' construction, steel truss, timber purlin, corrugated asbestos roof, ventilated ridge. Three ranges arranged 4-9-2 bays, central range raised with clearstory windows." When visited in January 2012 the building was found to have new cladding, though the form of the 'temporary brick' construction was still visible, suggesting the structure survives underneath. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26135

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Bomb Store

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05740238

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb store consists of a square brick built building with a flat roof, set within an earth embankment. Identified as 'Detonator and Fusing components' on the Air Ministry Plan. See RJC Thomas description, "1938-45, Detonator and Fusing Components Store, present use low grade agricultural. Single storey, 'permanent brick' square plan, flat concrete roof. Two small rectangular steel framed windows set high in the NE, SE, and SW walls.

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Internally divided into two rooms entered by two steel doors in the NW wall. Whole protected by earth revetted enclosure." A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26136

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Munition House

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05620244

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb stores at Carew Cheriton Airfield. See RJC Thomas's description, "1938-45, Small Arms Ammunition Store, present use low grade agricultural. Single storey, square plan, brick built, flat concrete roof. Cavity wall construction, roof supported by reinforced concrete beams. Internally divided by concrete block walls. Whole set in earth revetment." A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26137

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Bomb Store

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05510246

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

No 119 on Air Ministry plan, ' Incendiary and Pyro' stores, see RJC Thomas description, "1938-45, Incendiary and Pyrotechnic Store. Three single storey, square plan, brick built, flat concrete roofed structure with covered entrances beneath linking sections of roof. Whole protected by brick and earth revetments". Located in a field grazed by cattle and unused when visited in 2012. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26138

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Transformer Box

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05550237

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick built transformer plinth, see RJC Thomas's description, "1938-45, Transformer Plinth/Kiosk, now derelict. Square plan, 2m high brick enclosure, entrance in east wall protected by a brick wall." Located within a grazed field. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 26139

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Military Store

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05360245

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified as No 157 'Flame Float Store' on the Air Ministry plan, a rectangular flat roofed building. Described by RJC Thomas as, "Single storey, three bay 30x10 'temporary brick' construction cement rendered, flat concrete roof, door in central bay". Cement render is falling away and brick eroding especially at the eastern end. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26140

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Bomb Fuzing Point

CONDITION - Damaged/ Near Destroyed

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05000267



COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Semi sunken 'bomb fusing point', earth covered Nissen hut with entrances at each gable end. description. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26141

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Workshop

CONDITION - Damaged

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04950274

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified on Air Ministry plans as 'Workshops'. Single storey, four ranges built around a courtyard, 'temporary brick' construction, cement rendered, steel truss, corrugated asbestos roof. When visited in 2012 was in industrial use. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26142

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Military Store

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04920282

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

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SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified on Air Ministry plan as 'Main Stores, with unloading platform'. Three parallel single storey ranges linked by a cross range. Rear portion of central range one and a half storeys in height. 'Temporary brick' construction, steel truss corrugated asbestos roof. Loading platform set centrally against north elevation. (RJC Thomas's description). Modified, with new roof on central range and openings blocked up. When visited in 2012 was a garage workshop. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26144

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Military Structure

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04840300

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick built square structure c 3m wide, approx. 1 m high wall, with a wraparound brick blast wall at the entrance. Thought to be a transformer plinth associated with Carew Airfield. Visited in January 2012. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26145

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04660305

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

An Air Raid Shelter, semi sunken within the former Airmen's quarters at Carew Airfield. A Stanton parabolic, precast concrete design with a brick entrance, damaged, and a concrete 'chimney' or escape hatch at the other end. Visited in January 2012. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26146

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Emergency Water Supply

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04710299

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A square concrete lined water tank, fenced off with tubular steel double railings. Identified on the Air Ministry Plan as No. 151 Static tank: Reserve Storage 10,000 Gallons. When visited in 2012 the field was grazed by ponies and the water tank was choked by thorn trees and scrub. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 26147

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04720298

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

An Air Raid Shelter, semi sunken within the former Airmen's quarters at Carew Airfield. A parabolic, precast concrete design with a brick entrance, damaged, and a concrete 'chimney' or escape hatch at the other end. Visited in January 2012. A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Turf covering has slumped from the top of the shelter, blast walls around the entrance are damaged and entrance is rather scrubbed over. Situated in a field grazed by ponies. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26149

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04830321

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Stanton Air Raid Shelter, a precast concrete structure, semi sunken, with a stepped entrance which when visited in January 2012 was overgrown with brambles and scrub. Turf covering survives over the shelter. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26151

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Air Raid Shelter

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04900319

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Stanton Air Raid shelter associated with Airmen's quarters at Carew Airfield. Semi-sunken precast concrete with a stepped entrance. Protective brick built entrance no longer stands and neither does the concrete 'chimney' with escape hatch at the other end. In 2012 it was located within a field of rough pasture. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26152

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - turret instructional building

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

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NGR - SN04910305
COMMUNITY - Carew
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A single bay gunnery turret trainer, brick built, unrendered, with a double entrance on the south elevation. Ventilation openings blocked with breeze block and modern steel doors. In 2012 in use as a store. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26153

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON
TYPE - Air Raid Shelter
CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged
STATUS - None recorded
NGR - SN04950327
COMMUNITY - Carew
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Stanton Air Raid shelter associated with Airmen's quarters at Carew Airfield. Semi-sunken precast concrete with a stepped entrance. Protective brick built entrance no longer stands and neither does the concrete 'chimney' with escape hatch at the other end. In 2012 it was semi-flooded by water and located within a field of rough pasture. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26154

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON
TYPE - Ablutions Block
CONDITION - Damaged
STATUS - None recorded
NGR - SN05010314
COMMUNITY - Carew
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

'Airmen's Ablutions and latrines' located to the west of Carew Cheriton Airfield. Ten bay temporary brick construction with cement render and corrugated asbestos roof. Water tower at the west end. Internally fixtures and fittings have been removed but traces in the floor and walls indicate functions of interior including latrines, wash basins, shower cubicles and toilet cubicles etc. Visited in January 2012. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The condition of the ablutions block is poor, the building is empty and located within agricultural land. Most of the windows are missing. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26162

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON
TYPE - Transformer Box
CONDITION - Damaged
STATUS - None recorded
NGR - SN04950280
COMMUNITY - Carew
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick built transformer block situated near to the Main stores at Carew airfield. Access not gained when visited in 2012. A Pyper 2012. 1938-45,

PRN - 26163

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Control Tower

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Restored

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05300299

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Control Tower at Carew Cheriton airfield. Between 2000 and 2004 local enthusiasts (The Carew Cheriton Control Tower Group) have renovated this uniquely designed, important building and restored it to its original specifications. It is now open to the public every Sunday between 1st July and 30th September and all Bank Holidays except Christmas and New Year, as both a visitor attraction and as an educational experience of WW 2 in the area. Richard Ramsey February 2011.



The Watch Office/Control Tower, is a square single storey, brick building with a flat concrete roof. Entrance in north east wall, metal framed bay window in south east wall. Small rectangular controller's post on roof. Stone and earth blast revetment against SW walls.

PRN - 26167

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Bomb Store

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05860235

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Earthwork bomb dump survives as a square concrete hardstanding, located within a shallow earth revetment A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26169

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Bomb Store

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05920236

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Earthwork bomb stores survives as a square concrete hardstanding, located within a

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shallow earth revetment. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26172

NAME - RNAS PEMBROKE;MILTON AIR STATION

TYPE - Airship Station, Airfield

CONDITION - Destroyed/ Near Destroyed

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05200300

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The story of military aviation on this site began with Royal Naval Air Station Pembroke, where an aerodrome for airships was built, the first ascent being in 1917. It was disbanded by 1920, but was re-established by 1939 under No15 Group Coastal Command, see PRN 26123. The camp consisted of a variety of timber framed and tin clad huts, a gas plant and accommodation in tents. There was a large balloon shed and 3 aircraft hangars. Based on RJC Thomas' description. No structures survive from this period of aviation on the site only two inscribed boundary stones, not in situ (PRN 26173). A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 26173

NAME - RNAS PEMBROKE;MILTON AIR STATION

TYPE - Boundary Stone

CONDITION - Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN06250263

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Square stone inscribed with an anchor and No 131, set into the corner of a pigsty at Hazelbrook Farm. Associated with the RNAS Milton. Apparently not in situ. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102489

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - air raid shelter

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN04630297

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

An Air Raid Shelter, semi sunken within the former Airmen's quarters at Carew Airfield. A Stanton parabolic, precast concrete design with a brick entrance, damaged, and a concrete 'chimney' or escape hatch at the other end. Visited in January 2012. A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Earth covered, surviving entrance and brick built steps. Some damage to brickwork. Situated in a field grazed by ponies. A. Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102490

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - barracks

CONDITION - Near Destroyed

NGR - SN04670299

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site of the former 'Airmen's Quarters' situated to the west of Carew Cheriton Airfield. There were 8 huts located in this field, each numbered and identified on the Air Ministry Plan of 1946 as 'Laing' huts. These were timber huts and no surviving part of the timber structure survive, but within the field the eight concrete hut bases clearly survive, and on some of them can be seen the plinth into which the pot-bellied stove would have stood. The hut bases are situated at: SN04620298, SN04620303, SN04460307, SN04680305, SN04720305, SN04720296, SN04700290, SN04650293. Three Air raid shelters are interspersed around the field, PRNs 26145, 26147 and 102489. When visited in 2012 the field was being grazed by ponies. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The site of eight timber huts for the airmen at Carew airfield. Only the concrete hut bases survive, but these are intact and in a stable condition when visited in January 2012. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102491

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - control tower

CONDITION - Damaged

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05200298

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The remains of the former control tower or watch office, pre-dating the current control tower. Survives as a brick built platform, c.5.5m wide and c4m deep with canted corners to the southeast. It is alleged that the wheelhouse of the HMS Montrose was built upon the platform. Identified on the Air Ministry plan as No 64 'Duty Crew Room - Old Watch Office' Visited in January 2012. A Pyper.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Located within an area of rough ground and scrub. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102492

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - military structure

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05150299

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick built square structure c 3m wide, approx. 1 m high wall, with a wraparound brick blast wall at the entrance. Thought to be a transformer plinth associated with Carew Airfield. Visited in January 2012. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Structure appears to be intact although somewhat overgrown, with brambles in the interior. Located in a field of pasture when visited in January 2012, A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102493

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - store

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05040256

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified on the Air Ministry Plan as No 153 'R U Pyrotechnic Store'. Brick built single storey building with 3 cubicles, each with a single doorway in the south elevation. Flat felt and pitch roof. No doors survive. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Building reasonably intact, although missing the doors and doorframes to the 3 cubicle stores. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102494

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - Latrine

CONDITION - Damaged

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05050255

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Latrines associated with Carew Airfield. Rectangular building, now roofless. Wall line indicates a single pitch roof. Within traces of urinals and cubicles. Adjacent to RU Pyrotechnic store (PRN 102493). A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Roofless building and some sections of wall have collapsed. Trees overhanging. A Pyper 2012

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PRN - 102495

NAME - RAF CAREW CHERITON

TYPE - military structure

CONDITION - Near Intact

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN05070248

COMMUNITY - Carew

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick built transformer structure. Approx 2m high brick wall with brick blast wall protecting entrance. C 6m square. Concrete inscribed plaque beside the entrance says 'Danger Alive'. Inside concrete engine beds survive. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Brick structure survives intact, though no door or door frames. Trees and ivy are becoming established within. A Pyper 2012.

RAF DALE / RNAS DALE

PRN - 28562

NAME - RAF/RNAS DALE

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM79590683

COMMUNITY - Marloes and St Brides

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Dale Airfield was opened in 1942 in No. 19 Group Coastal Command, carrying out submarine patrols in St George's Channel and down to the Bay of Biscay. It was a satellite to its parent station at Talbenny (PRN 101519). In 1943 it transferred to the Admiralty and a building programme was initiated to create 'HMS Goldcrest'. Later in the war it provided aircraft for the new Fighter Direction School at Kete.

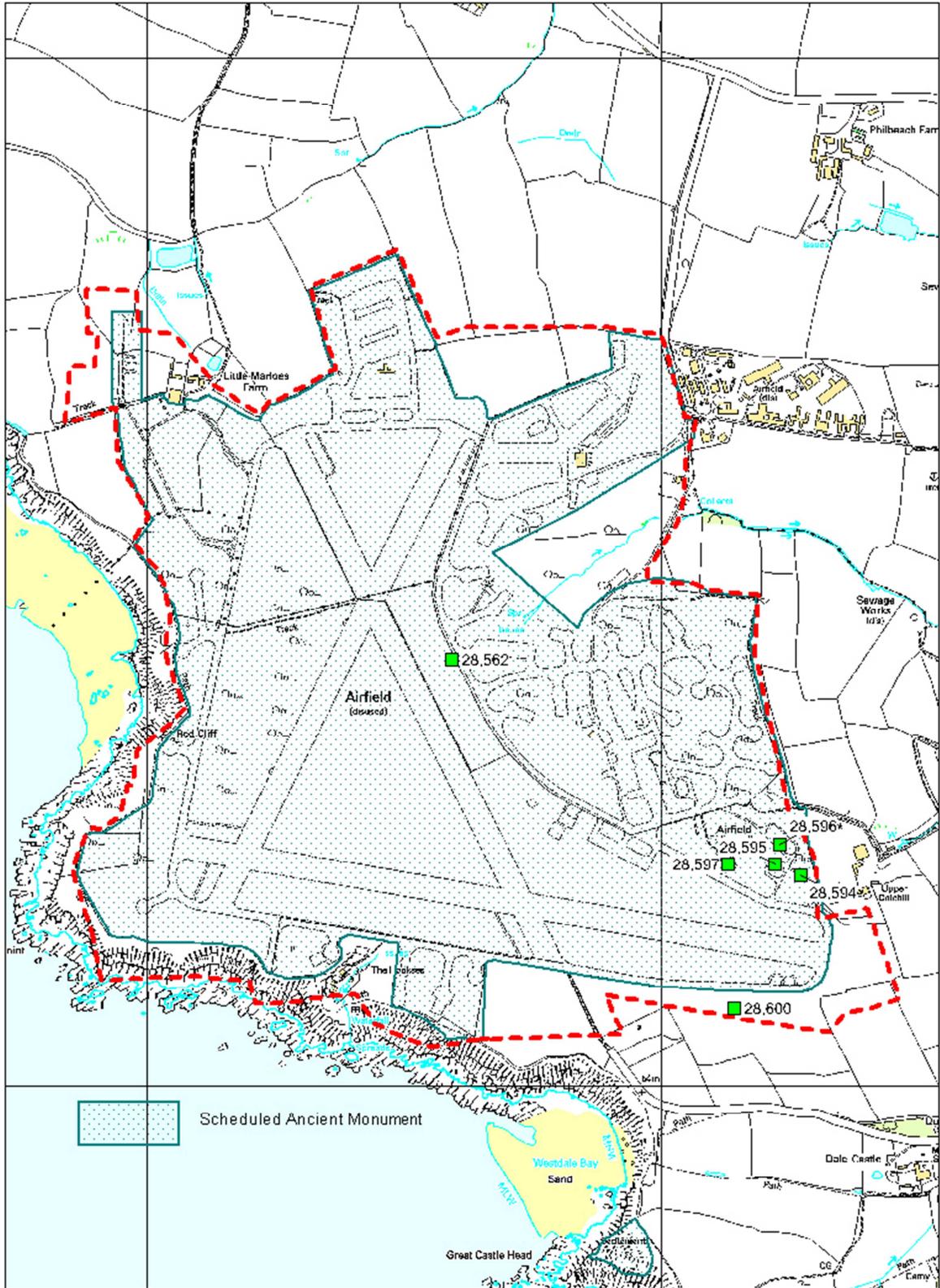
Built on the clifftops at Dale, it consisted of 3 concrete runways; E-W 1410 x 50 yards, NNW-SSE 1280 x 50 yards & NNE-SSW 1140 x 50 yards. At the time the RAF used it had only one T2 hangar and 36 frying pan hardstandings. The technical site was situated to the east of the airfield, accommodation to the northeast and bomb stores to the northwest. When the Navy took it over they constructed 7 Pentad Hangars, 17 Mainhill Hangars and 2 new Aircraft Servicing Platforms (ASPs) adjacent to the new four storey control tower.

In 2011 only the skeleton of one hangar remains, along with a few of the technical buildings, however the footprint of the runways, hardstandings and many of the buildings survive intact and show the phasing of RAF and Naval construction. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2011 the airfield had the 3 runways intact along with the perimeter track, hardstandings and dispersal pens also survive, although many of the buildings have been removed. Three linking roads between the perimeter track and the runways have been recently broken up. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28594
NAME - RAF/RNAS DALE
TYPE - Garage
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SM80270641
COMMUNITY - Dale
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick and curved corrugated asbestos hut, not recorded on Air Ministry Plan of 1944 and therefore thought to be part of the RNAS development of Dale airfield. Described by RJC Thomas, "Curved asbestos hut raised up upon approx. 6'(1.83m) high brick walls. Blind brick east gable wall, large double vehicle door below flat concrete beam in brick west wall. South, east and north walls protected by earth bank revetment". A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28595
NAME - RAF/RNAS DALE
TYPE - Fuel Store
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM80220643
COMMUNITY - Dale
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Partially collapsed brick building forming part of the pumphouse for the fuel store at Dale Airfield. Identified on Dale Airfield plan. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28596
NAME - RAF/RNAS DALE
TYPE - Fuel Store
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SM80230647
COMMUNITY - Dale
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Square brick building, flat concrete roof, entrance protected by brick blast wall. Vents in each wall. Part of petrol installation shown on Air Ministry plan on 1944. Described by RJC Thomas, "Small single storey, square brick building, flat concrete roof. Two ventilation grills near ground level and under eaves course in each wall. North west, north east. south east walls are all blind. Doorway in south west wall protected by a blast wall. Internally raised concrete bed". A Pyper 2012



PRN - 28597
NAME - RAF/RNAS DALE
TYPE - Military Building
CONDITION - Intact/ Near Intact
NGR - SM80130643
COMMUNITY - Dale
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Curved corrugated asbestos huts, two ranges arranged in a T-shape. Approx. dimensions 115' X 19.9" X 9'6. Brick gable walls, two 16

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light standard steel windows in the south east gable. Double doorway and single 16 light windows in north west gable. 17 dead light windows and two doorways in south west elevation. Rear range approx. dimensions 40'X 19'9" X 9'6" (RJC Thomas). Not identified on Air Ministry Plan and therefore thought to be part of the RNAS development of Dale airfield post 1944. Brick gable ends have been removed to enlarge entrances for agricultural use. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28600

NAME - RAF/RNAS DALE

TYPE - Battle Headquarters

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM80140615

COMMUNITY - Dale

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Battle Headquarters at Dale airfield. Underground bunker with a square concrete observational cupola projecting from the ground almost 2m high. "21'X 8'(6.40 X 2.44m)



underground complex of rooms 6' (1.83m) accessed by a flight of steps at southern end of structure. A 6'(1.83m) square concrete observation cupola rises 3' (.91m) above the roof of the main structure. A 360 degrees narrow observation slot in the cupola permits all round vision. An emergency exit hatch is adjacent to the east side of the cupola." (RJC Thomas). A Pyper 2012.

RNAS FISHGUARD; RAF FISHGUARD

PRN - 32131

NAME - RNAS FISHGUARD; RAF FISHGUARD

TYPE - Harbour, Flying Boat Base

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM9529639164

COMMUNITY - Fishguard and Goodwick

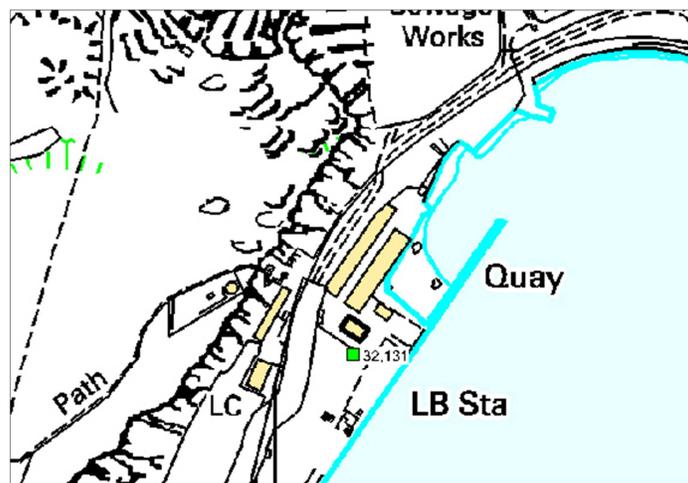
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SITE DESCRIPTION

RNAS Fishguard (Royal Naval Air Service, becoming the RAF in 1918) was established in March 1917 to counter the threat from German Submarines during WW1. It closed in May 1919. It was located on Goodwick Harbour on land to the northeast of the railway station, making use of existing facilities such as a slipway. A wood and canvas hangar (Bessoneaux type) was later supplemented by a more permanent structure made entirely of wood. Other buildings and facilities comprised: a fuel store in the former GWR garage, a launching crane, a dope shop, air compressor shed, photographic hut, guard room, women's rest room, powerhouse, wireless hut, meteorological hut and magazine and detonator store. In April 1919, 233 personnel are recorded at the station. These were housed in a variety of accommodation types: hotels, private houses, railway carriages and tents. Three types of seaplane operated out of Fishguard: Sopwith Baby, Fairly Hamble Baby and Short Type 184 Seaplane.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2011, RNAS/RAF Fishguard lay within the port complex. The slipway survives, but the hangars and launching-crane have long gone and the area is mainly modern concrete hard-standing with a small modern harbour building and a modern crane. Some of the stations facilities would undoubtedly have made use of existing port and railway buildings, some of which may survive, but it is not possible to identify which these are. A large black stain on the cliff-face above the site marks the location of Lieutenant Bush's fatal crash in a Sopwith Baby on 22 April 1917. Summary description based on Hale, M., 2007, Fishguards Great War Seaplanes.



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HMS HARRIER / KETE

PRN - 24767

NAME - HMS HARRIER;KETE

TYPE - Military Training Site

CONDITION - Near Destroyed

NGR - SM80100450

COMMUNITY - Dale

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Originally RAF Kete, a radar station, it was absorbed by the Fleet Air Arm in 1943. Construction began for a Fighter Direction School in 1944 followed by the Royal Naval School of Meteorology. The whole site became a satellite of HMS Goldcrest (Dale) and was commissioned in 1945 and known as HMS Goldcrest II. In 1948 it was renamed HMS Harrier. The site closed in 1961.

The complex consisted of many buildings and huts, but now the site has been cleared and lies under pasture. Dumps of the demolition rubble lie beside the coast path. Two dwellings, which lie on the roadside to the east, 'Glenshane' and 'Kete House' (PRNs 102479 and 10280) are associated with the complex. A Pyper 2012

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Site has been cleared of buildings, some concrete roadways survive, but rubble and concrete have been bulldozed to the coastal edge. Site is now agricultural land and at time of visit in 2011 was grazed by sheep. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28618

NAME - RAF KETE;

TYPE - Blast Wall

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM80220403

COMMUNITY - Dale

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Part of Second World War training camp, HMS Harrier (Kete) two sections of a derelict blast wall, located in a hedgeline. Visited 15 Dec 2011 A Pyper.

PRN - 102479

NAME - HMS HARRIER; RAF KETE; GLENSHANE

TYPE - House

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM80380418

COMMUNITY - Dale

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

HMS Harrier (Kete). One of two houses, the other known currently as Kete House, at the roadside which were homes to the officers in charge of the HMS Harrier military training establishment; 'Royal Naval Aircraft Direction Centre, Kete'. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

From an exterior view the house is in use and intact.

PRN - 102480

NAME - HMS HARRIER; RAF KETE; KETE HOUSE

TYPE - House

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM80380418

COMMUNITY - Dale

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

HMS Harrier (Kete). One of two houses, the other known currently as Glenshane, PRN 102479, at the roadside which were homes to the officers in charge of the HMS Harrier military training establishment; 'Royal Naval Aircraft Direction Centre, Kete'. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

From an exterior view the house is in use and intact.

HAVEN'S HEAD FUEL DEPOT

PRN - 102496

NAME - HAVEN'S HEAD RAF FUEL RESERVE DEPOT

TYPE - pumping station

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM89840631

COMMUNITY - Milford

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Group of five buildings comprising the pumping station for the RAF Fuel Reserve Depot at Haven's Head. This network of storage tanks and pumping station supplied high octane fuel to the military airfields of Pembrokeshire. Built in 1936 it continued in use supplying RAF Brawdy until the 1970s. Between the row of three single storey, concrete buildings which lie at the foot of the slope is a shelter with the pipelines connecting the fuel tanks at the top of the hill.

A complex comprising five buildings in total, all constructed in reinforced concrete with smooth concrete render with horizontal rebates and a flat topped roofs. A row of three buildings lie at the foot of the slope, one larger building lies opposite to the south and a small square building to the south of this. Although modified in that pvc windows have been inserted, they all retain a pre-war character and are thought to have been built in 1936. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Complex of five intact buildings; all in use and in good condition. Windows and doors have been modified. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102497

NAME - HAVEN'S HEAD RAF FUEL RESERVE DEPOT

TYPE - fuel store

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SM89860650

COMMUNITY - Milford

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A compound of 5 underground circular fuel storage tanks. Part of a network of storage tanks and pumping station which supplied high octane fuel to the military airfields of Pembrokeshire. Built in 1936 it continued in use supplying RAF Brawdy until the 1970s.

When visited in 2012 the compound was not accessible though the high wall surrounding it appears intact. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102498

NAME - HAVEN'S HEAD RAF FUEL RESERVE DEPOT

TYPE - fuel store

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SM89970689

COMMUNITY - Milford

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A compound of 3 underground circular fuel storage tanks. Part of a network of storage tanks and pumping station which supplied high octane fuel to the military airfields of Pembrokeshire. Built in 1936 it continued in use supplying RAF Brawdy until the 1970s. When visited in 2012 the compound was not accessible. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102499

NAME - HAVEN'S HEAD RAF FUEL RESERVE DEPOT

TYPE - fuel store

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SM89300709

COMMUNITY - Milford

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A compound of 5 underground circular fuel storage tanks located in two compounds, one either side of the T-junction. Part of a network of storage tanks and pumping station which supplied high octane fuel to the military airfields of Pembrokeshire. Built in 1936 it continued in use supplying RAF Brawdy until the 1970s.

When visited in 2012 the compound was not accessible. A Pyper 2012.

RAF HAVERFORDWEST

PRN - 28498

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - various

NGR - SM96091872

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

RAF Haverfordwest Airfield was a parent to the satellite airfield at Templeton. Construction began in 1941, however aerial photographs taken in 1942 show the airfield still under construction, and it wasn't until 1943 that the airfield was complete and No. 3 (Coastal) Operational Training Unit moved in. They were tasked with training complete crews in general reconnaissance skills and the use of Leigh Lights - powerful lights to identify and target U-boats. In 1944 No. 3 OTU disbanded to be replaced by No. 4 Refresher Flying Unit, delivering aircraft all over the country. A further satellite landing ground was situated to the north at Rudbaxton (PRN 101699). By March 1945 the airfield was filled with aircraft including the Spitfire, Mosquito, Hurricane, Lysander, Beaufighter and Martinet.

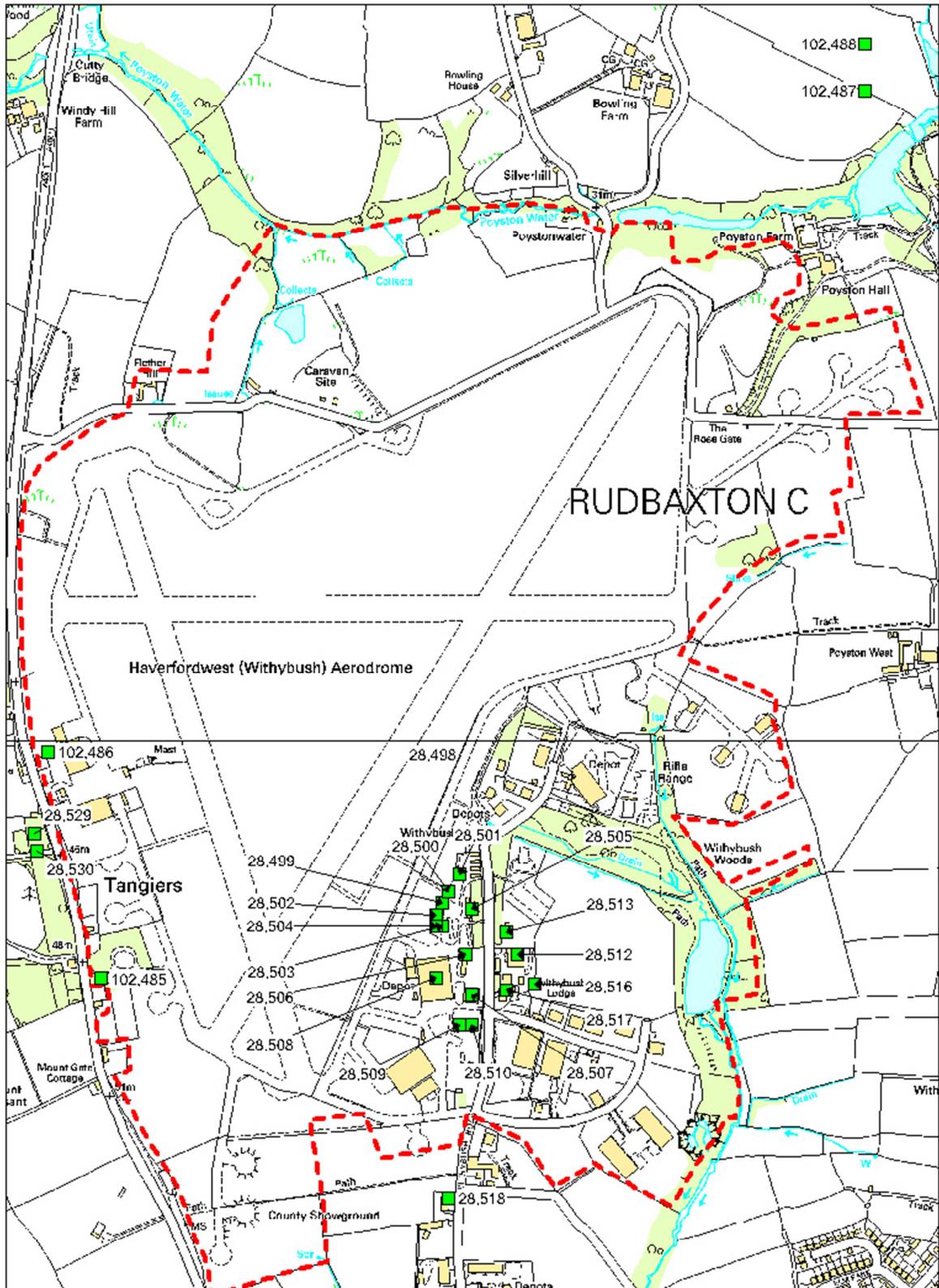
The airfield consisted of 3 concrete runways with tarmac, NE-SW 1700 yards long, NNW-SSE 1260 yards and E-W at 1200 yards, with 34 frying pan hardstandings dispersed around the airfield. Bomb stores were located to the north of the airfield and technical and training areas including the watch office / control tower to the east. Accommodation was located to the south.

The airfield is now in use as a civil airport, managed by Pembrokeshire County Council with a new control tower and hangars to the west. The old control tower forms part of the Pembrokeshire show ground and many other buildings survive and have been incorporated into showground or industrial use. The dispersal pens lie partly in agricultural land and partly under an industrial estate. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The runways survive, and many of the technical buildings to the east of the runways have been incorporated into the showground forming a group of reasonably intact buildings. A Pyper 2012

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PRN - 28499

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Control Tower

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96091872

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former control tower for Haverfordwest airfield, numbered as 33 on Air Ministry Plan.



"Two storey, brick built, square plan, three bay main elevation with concrete balcony, flat concrete roof, beneath a secondary hipped slate roof " (Roger Thomas). Ground floor windows to west have been lowered. Visited in 2011 when it was still in use as showground office. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28500

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Fire Engine Shed

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96101874

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Single storey, though high sided, temporary brick constructed shed of 3 bays and corrugate asbestos roof. Window in side centre bays and a double doorway in the gable end. Identified as number 31 on Air Ministry Drawing - Fire Tender Shed. When visited in Nov 2011 it was in use on Pembrokeshire showground. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28501

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Gas Defence Centre

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96121877

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

One storey, temporary brick construction of five bays with corrugated asbestos roofing. Windows replaced with UPVC. Now forms part of Pembrokeshire showground. Marked on Air Ministry Drawing as number 30 - Gas Defence Building. Visited in Nov 2011. A. Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28502

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Military Building

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96081870

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Speech Broadcasting Building' on Haverfordwest airfield. Brick built with flat roof and a blast wall around the entrance. When visited in Nov 2011 formed part of the showground buildings. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28503

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Shed

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96091868

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former floodlight trailer and tractor shed at Haverfordwest airfield. One storey, though high sided, 3 and half bay temporary brick and corrugated asbestos shed. Three blocked windows in either side. Double doorway in north and south gable ends. When visited in Nov 2011 forms part of complex of Pembrokeshire showground buildings. A. Pyper 2012.



PRN - 28504

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Storehouse

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96081868

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Night Flying Equipment' store on Haverfordwest airfield. 'Temporary brick' construction with corrugated asbestos roof. Three bay with large double doorways in the south elevation. Part of Pembrokeshire showground complex when visited in Nov 2011. A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In use on Haverfordwest showground. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28505

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Workshop

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96141871

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

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SITE DESCRIPTION

Former maintenance block at Haverfordwest airfield. A Nissen type hut, 24ft wide with curved corrugated iron sheeting. Three side entrances and a sliding double doorway at the south end. Painted green. Part of showground complex of buildings when visited in Nov 2011. A. Pyper.

PRN - 28506

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Armoury

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96131863

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former armoury, associated with Haverfordwest airfield. When visited in Nov 2011 was in small business use. Addition of new door and window inserted into south gable end. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28507

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Workshop

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96141856

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Main workshops' associated with Haverfordwest airfield. When visited in Nov 2011 in use as a garage and workshop. A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Intact and in use as a garage and workshop. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28508

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Hangar

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96081859

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former Aircraft Hangar, T2 type. When visited in Nov 2011 the hangar was reclad, although the steel framework still intact. In use as go-karting circuit. A. Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28509

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Storehouse

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96121851

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Towed Target Store' on Haverfordwest airfield. "Single storey, rendered 'temporary brick' construction, 8 X 3 bay rectangular plan, double vehicle doorway in west gable. Blocked windows in each bay. Corrugated asbestos pitched gable roof" (Roger Thomas's description). When visited in Nov 2011 it was in use as a cafe, with UPVC windows and doorway in west gable end. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28510

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - parachute store

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96141851

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'parachute store' at Haverfordwest airfield. When visited in Nov 2011 it had a replacement garage 'up and over' door in the north gable. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28512

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - stores

CONDITION - Intact/ Damaged

NGR - SM96221863

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Main stores' at Haverfordwest Airfield, now in use as garage workshops. "Single storey, 'temporary brick' construction, two parallel ten bay ranges linked by a five bay cross range fronted by a loading bay. To the rear of the cross range, stands a four bay, two storey range, with a large double vehicle door in the east gable. Corrugated asbestos pitched gable roofs to all ranges" (Roger Thomas's description). Some new openings have modified it from its original form. A. Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28513

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Storehouse

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM96201867

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Gas clothing, Respirator store and workshop' associated with Haverfordwest Airfield. "Single storey, rendered 'temporary brick' construction, nine bay rectangular plan, pitched corrugated asbestos gable roof" (Roger Thomas's description). When visited in Nov 2011 the exterior had been reclad in box profile sheeting and a timber porch has been added on the south gable, though corrugated asbestos roof remains intact. A. Pyper, 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Reclad temporary brick building. In good condition though modified. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28516

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - Produce Compound

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged

NGR - SM96251858

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former produce compound. "Single storey, rendered 'temporary brick' four bay rectangular plan, corrugated asbestos roof. Four garage doors to west elevation" (Roger Thomas's description). When visited Nov 2011, it had a new single pitch roof A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28517

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - workshop

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96201857

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Former 'Work service hut and yard' associated with Haverfordwest airfield. "Single storey, rendered 'temporary brick' rectangular plan, corrugated asbestos pitched gable roof. Secondary 'lean to' range built against the south elevation" (Roger Thomas's description). Visited in Nov 2011, A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28518
NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST
TYPE - turret instructional building
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SM96101821
COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Turret instructional building, Type 'A', with 3 bays. For the instruction of air crew in a simulated gun turret. "One and a half storey, rendered 'temporary brick' construction, 1/2--5--1/2 bay rectangular plan, pitched corrugated asbestos gable roof" RJC Thomas 1993. When visited in Nov 2011 it was in use as a garage workshop. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28529
NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST
TYPE - Latrine
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM9538518840
COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Latrine block, associated with Airmen's quarters. Located in woodland to the west of the A40 main road. In a derelict and roofless condition with a tree fall within the building. Description based on visit in Nov 2011. A. Pyper 1942-45,

PRN - 28530
NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST
TYPE - Latrine
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM95391881
COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Latrine block, associated with Airmen's quarters. Located in woodland to the west of the A40 main road. In a derelict and roofless condition. Description based on visit in Nov 2011. A. Pyper

PRN - 102485
NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST
TYPE - picket post
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM95501859
COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A small building, built in temporary brick (single skin) with concrete render for

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Haverfordwest airfield in 1941-1942. Identified as no.61, 'Picket Post' on the AMWD plan of 1944. When visited in 2011 lies in overgrown woodland and is derelict with some window frames surviving but most panes broken. A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Picket Post appears to have been disused for some time and neglected. Most windows smashed, only some frames remain. Visited in Nov 2011. A. Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102486

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - blast wall

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM95411898

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

L-shaped blast shelter in earth bank at Haverfordwest airfield. Constructed with stone and brick revetments around an existing enclosure wall and banked up with earth. Approximately 1m high and shelter only c0.5m wide. Approximately 4 metres long. Located in woodland. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Situated in woodland behind the hangar at Haverfordwest airfield. The blast wall is covered with ivy and other vegetation. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102487

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - building

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96822012

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

One storey, two and half bay temporary brick and cement rendered building with a corrugated asbestos roof, lying in a hedgerow to the NE of Haverfordwest airfield. Chimney on north side. Associated with brick structure in the field to the north PRN 102488. These two structures form the Inner Beacon, part of a landing system to guide airplanes into the airfield, and are associated with the Main and Outer Beacon. Visited in Nov 2011, when the building was disused apart from housing some potato crates. A. Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Some ivy growth over east gable. Window panes largely missing. Visited in Nov 2011, A. Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102488

NAME - RAF HAVERFORDWEST

TYPE - beacon

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96822020

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Rectangular red brick structure with a later pitched roof, pedestrian access in south wall and later double doorway inserted into north wall. Associated with the picket post (PRN 102487) to the south, these structures form the Inner Beacon, part of a landing system to guide airplanes into Haverfordwest airfield and associated with the Main and Outer Beacon. Visited Nov 2011, A.Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Roof and walls appear intact. A Pyper 2012.

RNAS LAWRENNY FERRY; HMS DAEDALUS II

PRN - 26201

NAME - RNAS LAWRENNY FERRY; HMS DAEDALUS II

TYPE - Flying Boat Base

CONDITION - Damaged/ various

NGR - SN01240611

COMMUNITY - Martletwy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

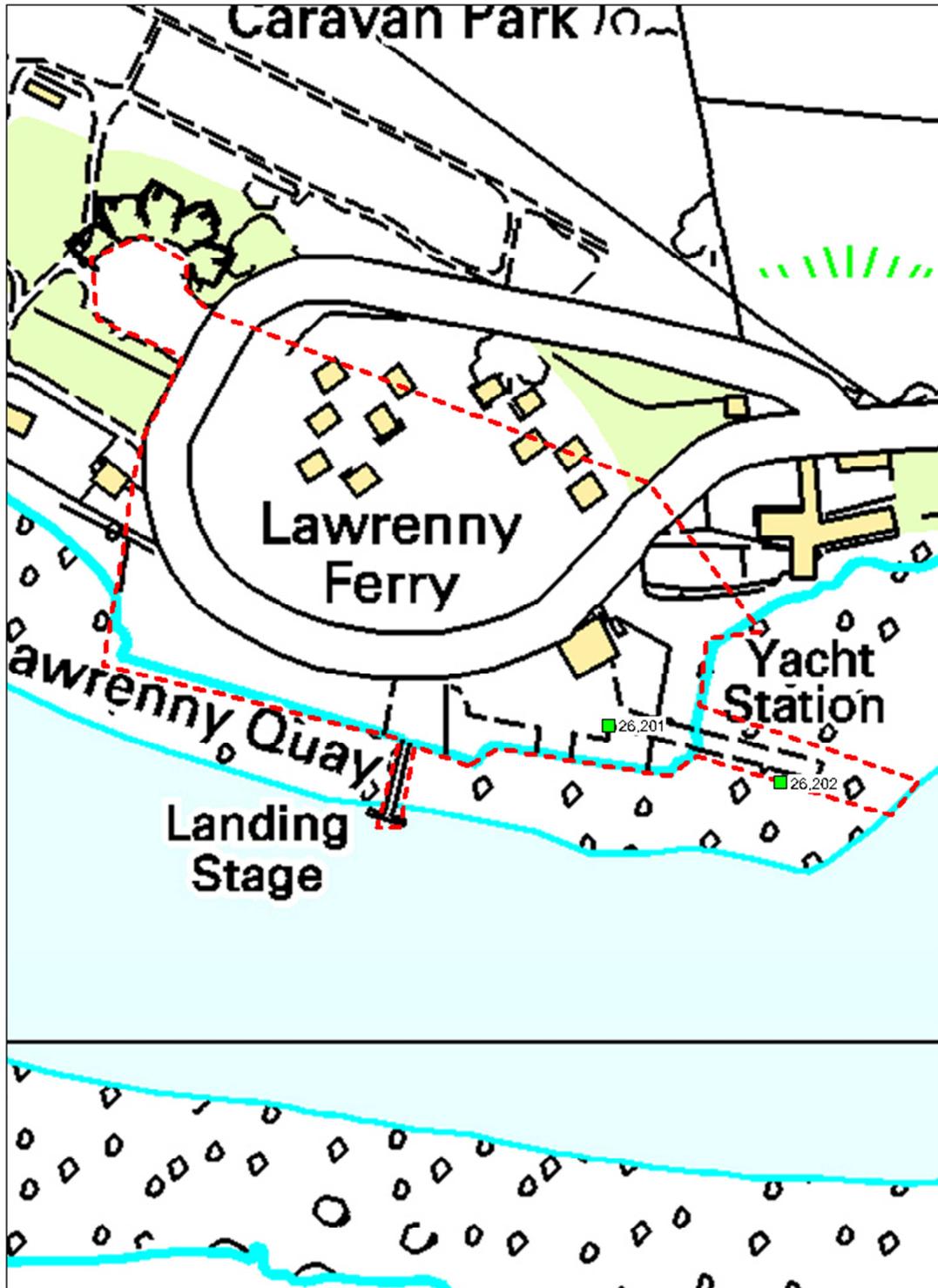
Royal Naval Air Station (RNAS) Lawrenny Ferry established in 1941 and closed in 1944. The base included a slipway PRN 26202 (18ft wide) constructed of concrete slabs, and a quay which was pre-existing. In addition one hangar (60 x 70ft), three aircraft pens and aviation fuel storage for 4800 gallons were constructed. (Fleet Air Arm, Handbook Royal Naval Air stations 1948-1955). The slipway still survives and is in use by the local yacht club, which now occupies the site.

RNAS Lawrenny Ferry was also known as HMS Daedalus II, and it was established in October 1941 when the flying boat training squadron, No 764, moved to Lawrenny Ferry following the bombing of Pembroke Dock, although aircraft had used this base for some time before that. Here the Fleet Air Arm trained landplane pilots and aircrew to use seaplanes and also practised bombing and firing on a target range 3 miles to the north at Sprinkle Pill. The squadron disbanded in 1943 and the station officially closed in 1944. Aircraft were moored in the river Daugleddau between Lawrenny Quay and Coedcanlas further upstream. The amphibious aircraft Walrus, the Fairey Swordfish and, in 1942, some American Vought-Sikorsky Kingfisher were employed. Summary based on Jones, I., 2007, Airfields and Landing Grounds of West Wales.

In 2011 the site was being used as a yacht club. The slipway, approximately 80m long by 6m wide, remains and is in use by the yacht club. The remains of the winch-house are visible in the concrete at the foot of the door of a new modern shed. The owner in recent years had to dismantle the winch and associated engine, (10 ton boom defence winch and 64HP Ruston Diesel engine Mark 4 VQZ no 193355): the latter is now at the Earth Wind and Fire Museum, Pembrokeshire. A concrete platform for the office building shown in the aerial photos can also be seen at the west end of the quay. There is no visible trace of the hangar or dispersal pens. (A. Pyper, Jan 2012)

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The most obvious structure relating to the flying boat station is the slipway which survives intact, elsewhere traces remain of buildings, but the hangar and air craft pens are no longer visible.



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PRN - 26202

NAME - RNAS LAWRENNY FERRY; HMS DAEDALUS II

TYPE - Slipway

CONDITION - Intact/ Near Intact

NGR - SN0130006090

COMMUNITY - Martletwy

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A slipway constructed for the establishment of the Royal Naval Air Station at Lawrenny Ferry (PRN 26201), also known as HMS Daedalus II established in 1941. The slipway was built 18ft wide (Fleet Air Arm, Handbook Royal Naval Air stations 1948-1955) and on aerial photographs appears approximately 80m long. It is constructed with concrete slabs. The winch has been dismantled in recent years. Now part of yacht club and still in use for winching boats. Visited in

2011. A Pyper 2012.

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RAF MANORBIER

PRN - 101244

NAME - RAF MANORBIER

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Various/ Damaged

NGR - SS07859780

COMMUNITY - Manorbier

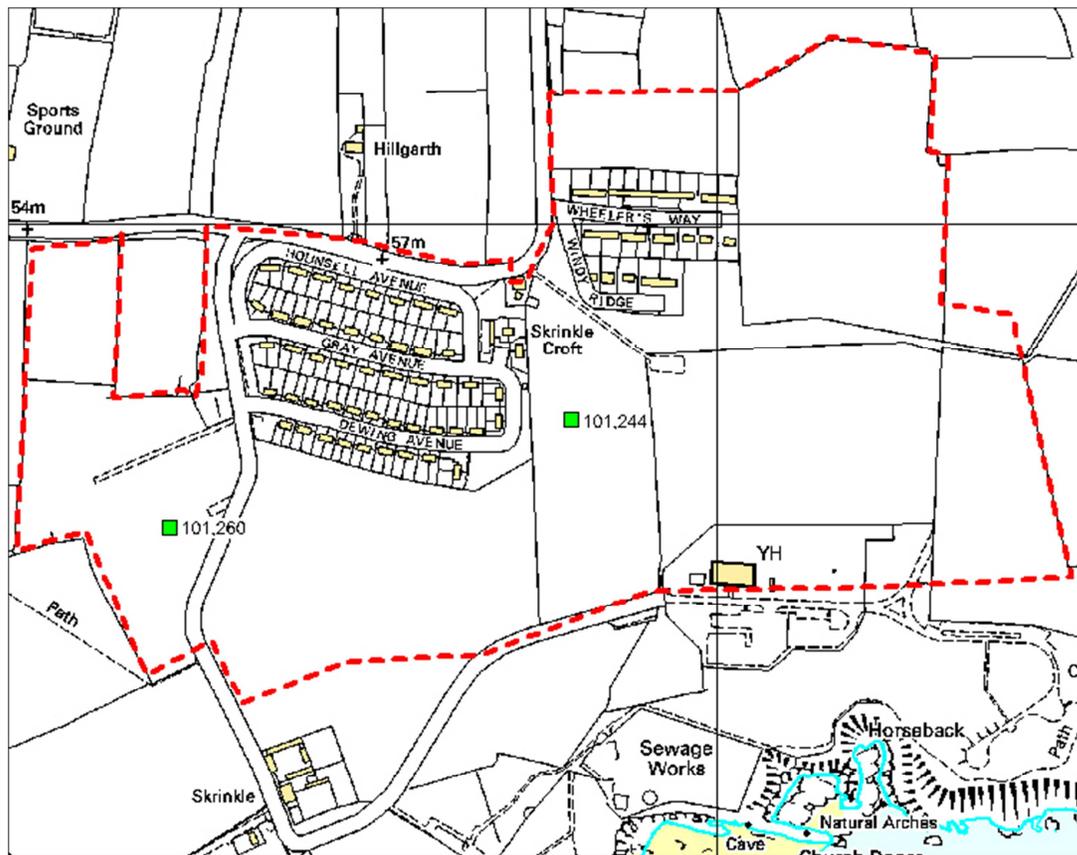
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Manorbier Airfield was used solely for the towing of targets and unmanned target flying. In use from 1937 until 1946, although used as a landing ground long after the war. It consisted of three grass runways NE-SW 750 yards long, NW-SE 500 yards long and E-W 800 yards. A single Bellman hangar was situated with the technical site to the west of the airfield.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2011 the field has been returned to agricultural use with some recent housing development to the northwest and there is little trace of the runways. The technical site has only concrete tracks and building footings to suggest its whereabouts. A Pyper 2012.



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PRN - 101260

NAME - RAF MANORBIER

TYPE - Hangar

CONDITION - Near destroyed

NGR - SS07449769

COMMUNITY - Manorbier

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Site of former Bellman hangar at Manorbier Airfield. In 2011 only the concrete pad survives within a field of pasture. A Pyper 2012.

RAF PEMBREY

PRN - 31405

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Various

STATUS - None recorded

NGR - SN40300350

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

RAF Pembrey was initially a bombing and gunnery school from 1939 until May 1940 when it became an important fighter station defending Bristol, South Wales and the Midlands. From June 1941 the airfield passed to Flying Training Command training gunners for Coastal and Bomber Commands. One notable event was the capture of a FW190 Focke-Wulf, Germany's latest fighter which outclassed anything the RAF had at the time. On the 23 June 1942 the German pilot had been in battle with Spitfires and became disorientated, and thinking he was over France landed his aircraft at Pembrey. Thus an intact aircraft was handed over to RAF intelligence to evaluate its capabilities.

After the war the airfield continued in its training role until it was closed in 1957. The airfield originally started out as an airfield on grass, on reclaimed saltmarsh. The installation of concrete runways did not happen until late 1942. These were NNE-SSW 1740 x 50 yards, ENE-WSW 1340 x 50 yards, NW-SE 1180 x 50 yards. There were 24 flying pan hardstandings and 22 of these had blister hangars. The Towyn camp was built to the west of the airfield and this was a base for the Air Gunnery school.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2012 the runways are still intact and the NNE-SSW runway is still in use for civilian aircraft. Other parts of the runway are used for motorsports. Two hangars, F sheds, survive along with a few other airfield buildings. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 31116

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - Fuel Store

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN40590394

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified as 'Fuel compounds' on the Air Ministry plan of 1948. This is a compound c54 x 30m enclosed by a brick wall approximately 2m high. Internally two rows of four and half open bays flank the long walls. In use as a cattle yard in 2012. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 31131

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - Fuel Store

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN40520400

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Described 'Bulk petrol installation Type A2'. A square red brick building c 10 x 10m, with a flat concrete roof. 2 doorways with a metal door surviving in the north wall. 6 exhaust flues exit from the east wall and 3 concrete engine beds survive. Tiled floor. In 2011 the building was disused and located in a field of pasture. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 31151

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - Bomb Store

CONDITION - Near Destroyed/ Damaged

NGR - SN40040432

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb store located to the western extent of Pembrey airfield, listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as type 3054/36. Consists of a building c 7m square built in brick with a flat concrete roof. The eastern side is infilled with blockwork, presumably large doors were located here. Reinforced glass small pane windows, 2 on each of the remaining three sides. To either side of the building - north and south are inverted V-shaped revetment walls, however the earth banks associated

with them have been removed. A concrete roadway passes to the front (east) of the building and between the revetment walls. Situated within agricultural land at time of survey in 2012, A Pyper.

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PRN - 31162

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - Sub-pool Shelter

CONDITION - Near Destroyed/ Damaged

NGR - SN40770385

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified on the Air Ministry plan as "Sub-Pool Shelter", a 2 by 1 bay temporary brick with cement render and corrugated asbestos roof. Two small high level openings in the long sides and a single doorway in the southeast gable. Lies to the west of a concrete circuit of trackway. Disused when visited in 2012 and situated in a field. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 31163

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - Bath House

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SN40890380

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as "Officer's Bath House and Batmen's Quarters B-Type". A long rectangular building of 'Temporary Brick' construction, 3 and half bays long, with an addition on the southern gable. Internally the central section has 2 rows of shower cubicles (one 5 one 6) and 4 latrines. Cistern is marked, "Morrison Manchester 1942". When visited in 2012 it was disused and located in a field of pasture. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 31185

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - workshop

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged

NGR - SN40680392

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Identified on the Air Ministry plan as 'Barber, shoemaker and tailor's shop'. A rectangular 'temporary brick' construction 4 bays long with a new corrugated tin roof. Internally subdivided into three rooms with interconnecting doors. Some of the internal paint scheme survives; duck egg blue up to dado level. Electrical points also positioned at dado level. In 2012 the building had a new roof but no doors and no window glass remaining although metal casements survive. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 31187
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - Hangar
CONDITION - Destroyed/ Damaged
NGR - SN40490382



COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Described on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as "'F' type shed' or aircraft hangar, one of four originally on the airfield. 15 bay with dimensions approximately 33 x 63m. Additional low level side extensions of which that on the eastern side was original. This hangar is considerably higher than that to the north. The hangar

has been reclad - except for the roof - in recent years and in 2011 was housing sheep and agricultural foodstuffs. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 31188
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - Hangar
CONDITION - Destroyed/ Damaged
NGR - SN40460392
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Described on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as "'F' type shed' or aircraft hangar, one of four originally on the airfield. Originally identified on the drawings as 'Synthetic Trainer (3 screens)'. Dimensions approximately 33 x 63m with additional low level side extensions of which that on the north-eastern side was original. The hangar has been reclad in recent years and in 2011 was housing cattle. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 31197
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - Decontamination Building
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SN40530391
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as 'Decontamination Centre. Type H.' This is a large red brick complex designed to take both men and women through gas decontamination rapidly. In 2011 the building appeared remarkably intact with external hand rails and ventilation cowls. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 61600

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - dome trainer

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN4075703714

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Dome Trainer built of reinforced concrete? with an external concrete skim. Approximately 8m in diameter and 8m high. The dome trainer was used to teach ground to air anti-aircraft gunnery. Visited in 2012. Ramped double width entrance. Drip gutter around the exterior. Inside partition composed of wire mesh infilled with sheep's wool, encloses a third of the interior together with the entrance. This is further subdivided by two partitions (one intact, one collapsed) which would have created a small entrance vestibule. Disused although some agricultural machinery stored inside. A Pyper 2012

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The dome trainer is structurally intact although lacking doors and internal fixtures are derelict. Partially tar/bitumen covered on the exterior. Some of the concrete skim on the exterior is flaky. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102500

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - military building

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN40810371

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick-built single storey building approx. 7 x 9 m with a brick chimney flue constructed at the east corner. Internally subdivided. Post war in date, does not appear on Air Ministry plans or contemporary wartime photos. In 2012 was intact though disused and no windows or doors survive. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Building intact, though door and windows are missing. Disused. A Pyper 2012

PRN - 102501

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - military building

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN40810372

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Brick built single storey building approx. 6m square, 2 doors, no windows and ventilation bricks placed high in lateral walls. Internally subdivided into two. Concrete floor with

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rebated slots. Unknown function but possibly housing machinery. Post war in date, does not appear on Air Ministry plans or contemporary wartime photos. In 2012 was intact though disused and doors survive. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Disused building, intact, though no doors survive. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102502

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - pickett hamilton fort

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN4051703379

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A sunken, circular, concrete pillbox, flush with the ground surface. Concrete top 2m in diameter with metal hinged trap door 0.56m square with canted corners. Located within the eastern intersection of the runways. In 2011 the interior was full of water and the field in which it is located was recently reseeded, A Pyper 2012. The Pickett Hamilton fort



would permit the free movement of aircraft, but if attack threatened, could be raised, hydraulically or by a counterbalance, and manned to give covering fire.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Concrete pad survives within reseeded field, and metal trap door is hinged. Interior is full of water, however allegedly it contains its internal mechanism and hydraulics. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102503

NAME - RAF PEMBREY

TYPE - pickett hamilton fort

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN40220415

COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan

COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A sunken, circular, concrete pillbox, flush with the ground surface. Concrete top 2m in diameter with metal hinged trap door 0.56m square with canted corners. Located adjacent to the perimeter track at the northern extent of the runways. In 2011 the interior was full of water, however apparently it has been pumped out and the interior allegedly still contains hydraulics etc. Situated within mown grass. A Pyper 2012. The Pickett Hamilton fort would permit the free movement of aircraft, but if attack

threatened, could be raised, hydraulically or by a counterbalance, and manned to give covering fire.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Apparently intact, this Pickett Hamilton is one of two surviving examples which have

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been recorded at Pembrey airfield. This type of pillbox appears to be very rare in Wales. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102504
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - sewage works
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN40070443
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Two sets of tanks, one to the west is very overgrown and appears to correspond to the 'Sewage Installation 7024/38' listed on the Air Ministry plan for Pembrey airfield. The other is of similar construction and consists of 3 deep tanks. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Two sets of tanks, those to the west are overgrown, those to the east are fenced but intact and visible. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102505
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - transformer plinth
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SN40060448
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Rectangular red brick building located beside a track. Adjacent concrete plinth located to the northwest side. Building now has a single pitch corrugated asbestos roof, single entrance in southwest side. Location is identified as 'Transformer plinths' on the 1948 Air Ministry plans. In 2012 the roof was partially missing and the building appeared derelict. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Roof in poor condition and partially missing. Building appears disused. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102506
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - transformer plinth
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SN39990455
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Red brick rectangular structure with low wall c 0.70m high. Does not appear to be recorded on Air Ministry plan. Filled with tyres. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102507
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - barracks
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN40290451
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Recorded on the 1948 Air Ministry plan as 'Sleeping Shelter. 23 men'. Long rectangular building constructed out of red brick with flat concrete roof. Protected entrances as either end. Intact though empty and disused in 2012. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Intact though empty. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102508
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - squash court
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SN40900369
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Recorded on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as 'Squash court'. Temporary brick construction high sided building with pitched roof. When visited in 2012 it was largely re clad with tin sheeting and now has garage workshops adjoining it to the east. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Substantially modified. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102509
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - military building
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN40740443
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Square red brick building and flat concrete roof at the northeast of the runway. A single doorway in the south elevation. Not identified on the Air Ministry plan of 1948. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Apparently intact, though close access not sought. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102510
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - incinerator
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SN40670429
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Small red brick building with a single pitch roof and large chimney. Listed on 1948 Air Ministry plan as 'Destructor House'. In 2011 the roof was missing, though walls still stand to roof height. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2012 the roof was missing and trees were growing within the building.. A Pyper.

PRN - 102511
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - military building
CONDITION - Not known
CONDITION DESCRIPTION
NGR - SN40620428
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Recorded on the Air Ministry plan of 1948 as 'Salvage store (Ex Farm Out-House)'. In a very overgrown piece of land beside the runway at Pembrey.

PRN - 102512
NAME - RAF PEMBREY
TYPE - target
CONDITION - Near Destroyed
NGR - SN39240402
COMMUNITY - Cefn Sidan
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

'Moving Target Range. 200yd.' recorded on the Air Ministry plan of 1948. The plan shows a circuit, which would have been the rails for moving targets with structures at the west side. In 2012 nothing of the original structure could be defined and the area appears to have been cleared for agricultural purposes. A Pyper 2012.

RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

PRN - 28427

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - Flying Boat Station

CONDITION - Damaged/ various

NGR - SM96200365

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

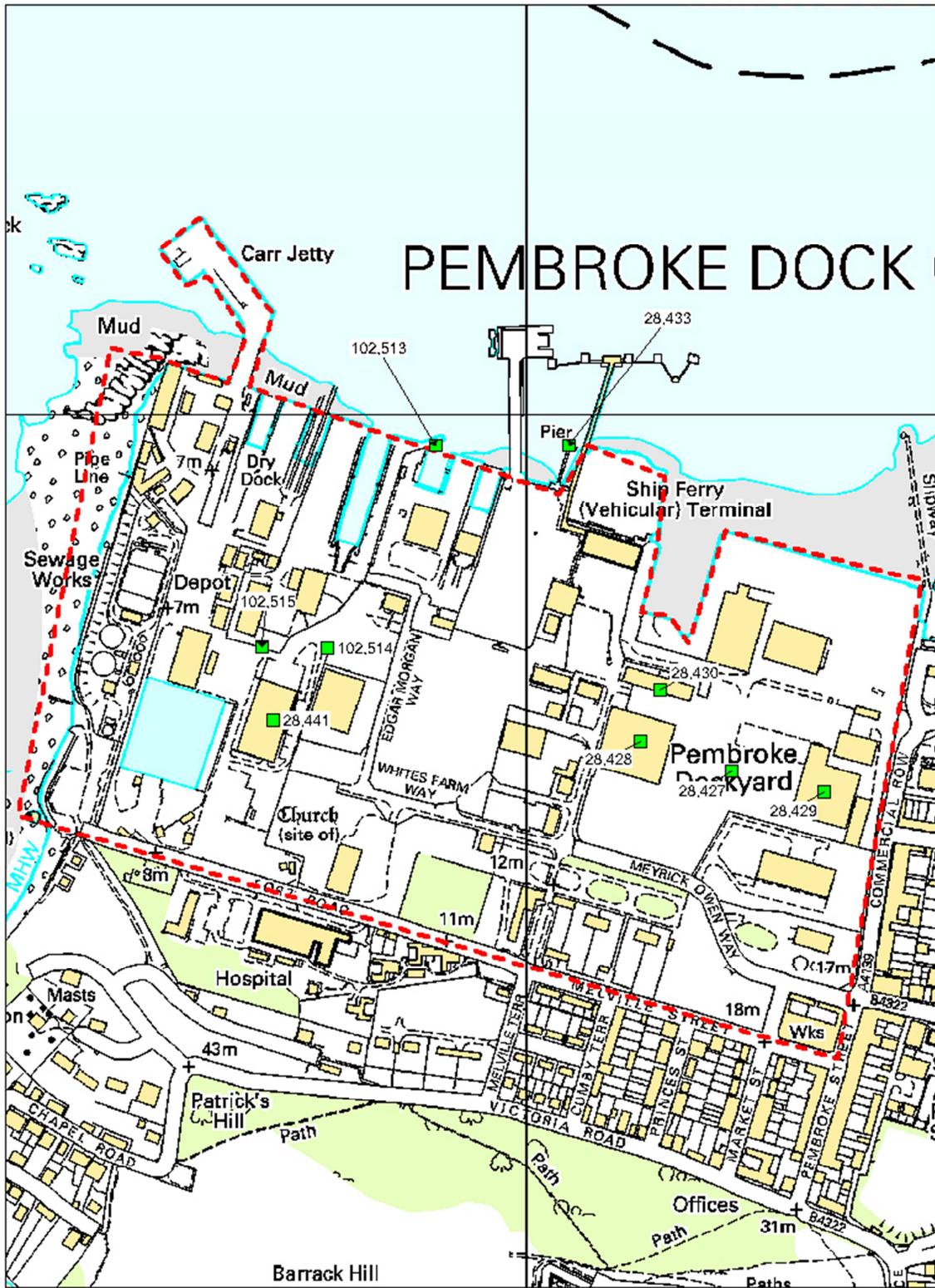
Pembroke Dock was transferred to the Air Ministry from the Admiralty in 1930 and to begin with there were no hangars, sheds or slipways to accommodate the first flying boats based there. By 1934 hangars and slipways had been constructed and adapted for use by flying boats.

From the start of the war Pembroke Dock was part of Coastal Command and the new short 'Sunderland' flying boats were introduced here. Their main role was submarine hunting at which they were by all accounts very successful. In addition they played an important part in D-day, keeping the English channel free of enemy U-boats and protecting the invasion fleet. Whilst the Air Ministry made use of many of the existing naval dockyard buildings those structures that were constructed specifically to accommodate the airforce include a pair of 'B' type hangars, which have recently been restored, a T2 hangar, a jetty and breakwater to shelter the launches used to ferry aircrew to and from the flying boats moored in the haven.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

These structures relate to the RAF's use of the site and are still intact in 2011, other elements such as the slipways for the flying boats have been lost in the construction for the ferry terminal. A Pyper 2011.

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PRN - 28428

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - Hangar

CONDITION - Intact/ Restored

NGR - SM96110368

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Aircraft Hangar built c1934 for the seaplane station at Pembroke Dock. 'B' Type hangar with flat roofed annexes, located on the north, west and south wall. Roof has a saw tooth design. Six, full height, roller doors along the east elevation. In 2011 the hangar has recently been restored. It is now in use by an agricultural feed company. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28429

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - Hangar

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Restored

NGR - SM96290363

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Aircraft Hangar built in 1934 for the seaplane station at Pembroke Dock. 'B' Type hangar with annexes, one concrete 2 storey with flat roof and one brick two storey with pitched slate roof, located on the north wall. Roof has a saw tooth design. Six, full height, roller doors along the west elevation. A small doorway on the east elevation has the date 1934 above it. In 2011 the hangar (except the brick annexe on the north side) has recently been restored. It is now in use by a steel fabricating company. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28430

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - Workshop

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM96130373

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Pre-second World War Workshop located to the north of the seaplane hangars at Pembroke Dock. Single storey 5 bay red brick building with a gablet above the hipped slate roof, built against an earlier brick building. Each bay has brick piers and within each bay are large metal framed windows. Centre bay at the front is open and extensions have been added on the northwest and eastern gable. In 2011 the building was in workshop use. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 28433

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - Jetty

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged



NGR - SM96040397

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A reinforced concrete jetty of four spans projecting out into the Haven. At the end are the remains of a brick building and a searchlight. Concrete steps descend to the water. In 2012 the brick building has lost its roof and the metal window frames are displaced and

dangling. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 28441

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - Hangar

CONDITION - Intact/ Near Intact

NGR - SM95750370

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A single T2 Hangar at Pembroke Dock. Described by RJC Thomas as, "T2' single storey, steel framed, 120' 10" X 239' 7" (36.85 X 73.0 7m). 23 bay, corrugated steel sheeting, gabled roof, approx. 39' (11.89m). Former aircraft doorway in north wall re-clad and reduced in size. External appearance totally altered". Reclad in its entirety, A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102513

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - breakwater



CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM95910397

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

'Mole' or a concrete filled sandbag construction breakwater c1939. RAF launches were moored within. In 2011 it appears intact within the working dockyard and forms part of a marina. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102514

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - unknown

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SN95800376

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

A small square concrete building c 3m square with a mast above. Double doors in the north wall. Unknown function. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102515

NAME - RAF PEMBROKE DOCK

TYPE - defence post

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM95410377

COMMUNITY - Pembroke Dock

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Defence post located within Pembroke Dock, rectangular small red brick building with a single doorway and embrasures in the remaining 3 walls. In 2012 it had latterly been used as a toilet, but now is disused. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Latterly used as a toilet, it is no longer in use and falls within the curtilage of a garage workshop. A Pyper 2012.

NO.4 SATELLITE LANDING GROUND RUDBAXTON

PRN - 101699

NAME - No.4 Satellite Landing Ground

TYPE - Satellite Landing Ground

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM95822167

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

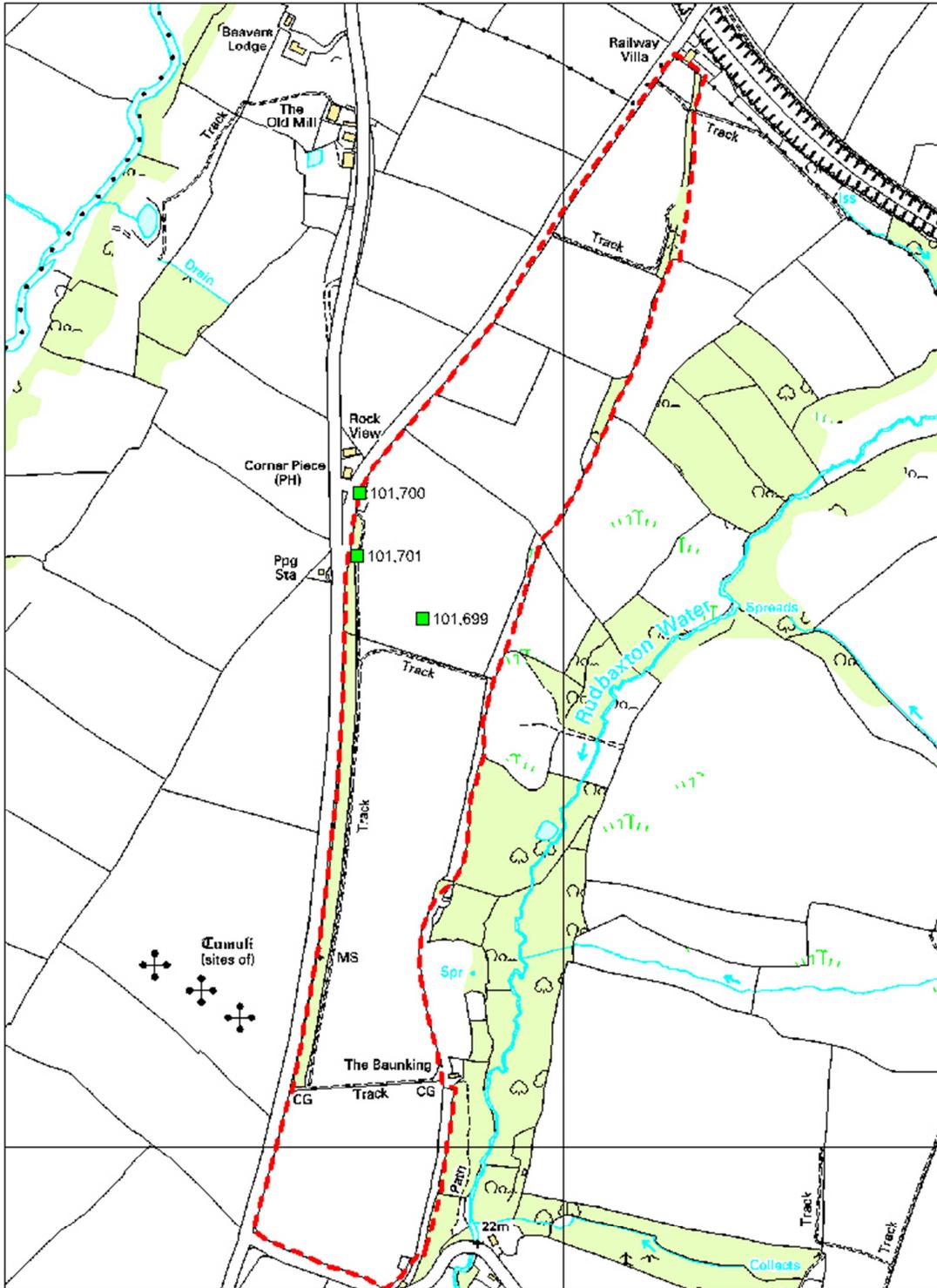
A grass landing ground created during the Second World War by removing hedgerows in fields to the east of the A40 and along the minor road running NE from the Corner Piece. Aircraft were dispersed on platforms located on the eastern edge of the fields within the hedgerow and also in the fields to the north of Corner Piece.

The former Watch Office, (PRN 101700) lies opposite the Corner Piece, and a Tractor shed (PRN 101701) lies to the south. Dispersals for parking the aircraft were built up from the natural slope to the east, in some instances by 2m to create a platform approximately 12-15m square. The landowner believes the stone used for the construction was camouflaged with pitch and culm was painted on the fields to represent the former hedgelines. He also believes that the airfield was wet in the middle and some airplanes ploughed into the soft ground and turned over. Following the decommissioning of the airfield (it was derequisitioned in 1943) the Ministry installed new fences with concrete posts. A.Pyper 2011.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Now under pasture and grazed by sheep when visited in 2012. The watch office is in use as a dwelling.

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PRN - 101700

NAME - No.4 Satellite Landing Ground

TYPE - Watch Office

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM95742183

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

The watch office for the Rudbaxton Satellite Landing Ground. Single storey, 'H' plan, rendered brick, slate hipped main roof merging into gabled wing roofs. Tall rendered chimney stacks built against NW, NE and SE elevations. Southern cross range extended to SW. Secondary lean-to corrugated steel garage to NE wall. In 2011 it is in use as a dwelling. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101701

NAME - No.4 Satellite Landing Ground

TYPE - shed

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM9573021760

COMMUNITY - Rudbaxton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Shed associated with Satellite Landing Ground, apparently a combined mess/tractor/latrines. Single storey, rectangular plan, fair-faced brick, mono-pitch corrugated steel sheeting roof. Divided into two chambers. The southern room is entered by a doorway flanked to either side by windows. The northern room functioned as the tractor garage. RJC Thomas 1993. In 2011 the shed is apparently disused, it has no windows or doors. A Pyper 2012.

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RAF ST DAVIDS

PRN - 101989

NAME - RAF ST DAVIDS

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Various

NGR - SM79022551

COMMUNITY - Solva

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

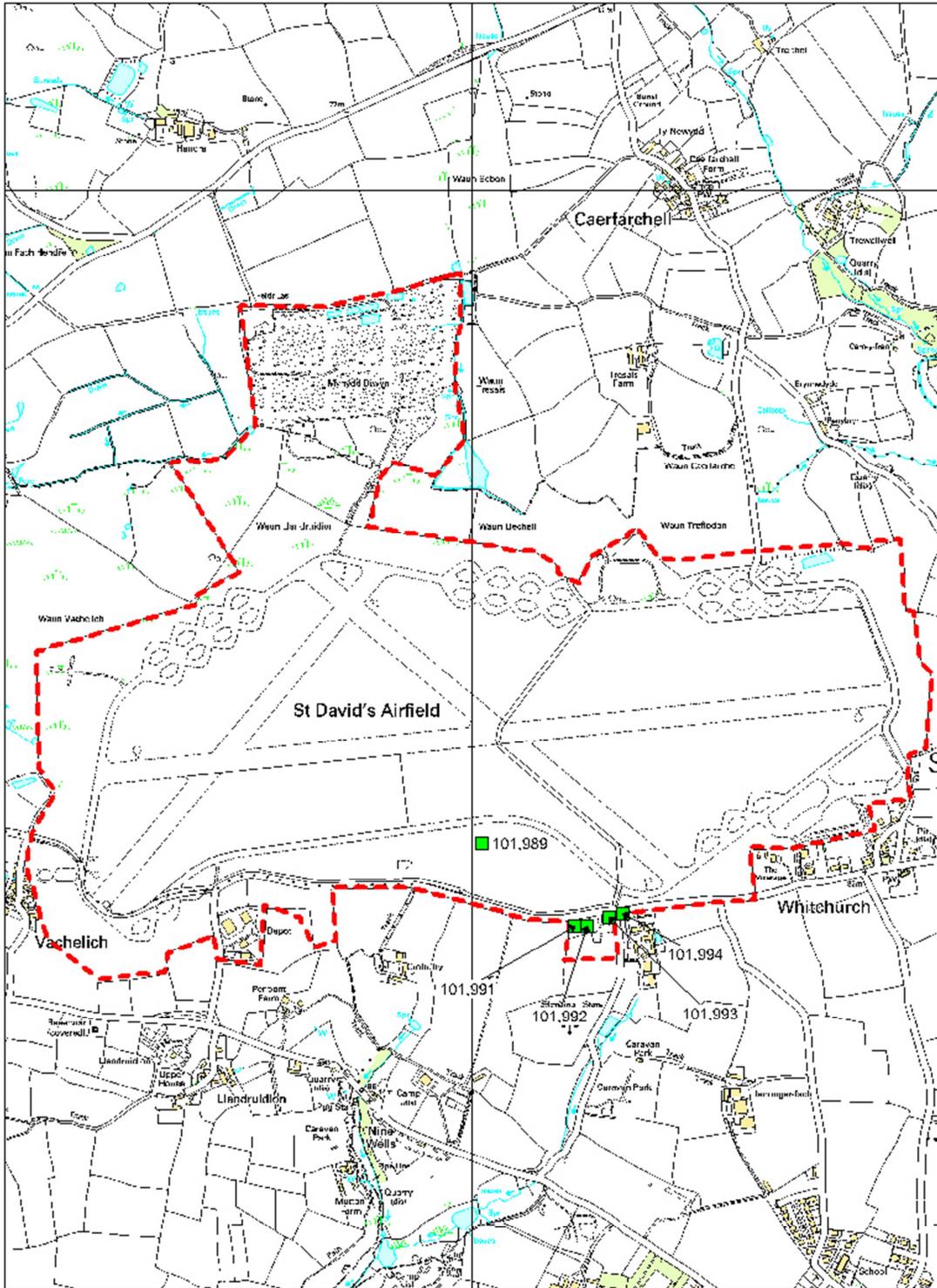
The airfield at St David's was opened in 1943 under Coastal Command with a satellite station at Brawdy. The main role of the aircraft here was submarine hunting and attacking as far as the Bay of Biscay. Three concrete runways were constructed; 2000yards E-W, 1400 yards NW-SE and 1200 yards NE-SW. There were 3 T2 hangars erected and a pad for a fourth which was never built. These were moved to Brawdy in the 1950s. There were 30 spectacle hardstandings around the perimeter track.

In 2011 the runways, perimeter track and hardstandings survive, although works by PCNPA have covered some of the concreted areas with bunds and obscure the footprint. No buildings survive within the airfield itself, lending a very open aspect to the site. There are a cluster of buildings to the south, west of Llanunngar Farm; the former fuel compound, motor transport sheds and produce compound. The bomb stores were located to the northwest and are now partially in use for the civic amenity waste plant. Other technical buildings were along the south of the perimeter track, but have been removed and grassed over. Much of the airfield is under agricultural use. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The runways and perimeter track and hardstandings essentially survive, though obscured in places by earth bunds. No buildings survive on the airfield itself, only the picket post, motor transport shed and produce compounds to the south, adjacent to Llanunngar Farm. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 101991
NAME - RAF ST DAVIDS
TYPE - Produce Compound
CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged
NGR - SM79232532
COMMUNITY - Solva
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed in the Air Ministry schedule as, 'Produce compound'. "Single storey, 4 bay rectangular plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement gable roof. Three 6 light and one 8 light standard steel windows, and a secondary door in E elevation." (RJC Thomas' description). In 2011 it is noted to have double doorway inserted into the south gable end and the north bay on the east elevation has a double entrance also inserted. None of the metal windows survive. A Pyper 2012.



PRN - 101992
NAME - RAF ST DAVIDS
TYPE - Motor Transport Shed
CONDITION - Intact/ Near Intact
NGR - SM79262532
COMMUNITY - Solva
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on Air Ministry schedule of 1945 as, 'MT shed' (Motor Transport). "Single storey, 4 bay rectangular plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement gable roof. Double vehicle doors to each bay of the E elevation" described by RJC Thomas. Visited in 2011 when double doors to three bays survive, but the northern bay is missing. In agricultural storage use. A Pyper 2012.



PRN - 101993
NAME - RAF ST DAVIDS
TYPE - Fuel Compound
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SM79312534
COMMUNITY - Solva
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed in the Air Ministry schedule of 1945 as, 'Fuel compound'. Low brick walled, square plan, compound. In 2011 the layout of the tracks are still visible, and the compound walls to the have been faced in stone. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 101994

NAME - RAF ST DAVIDS

TYPE - Picket Post

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM79342535

COMMUNITY - Solva

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on the Air Ministry site plan of 1945 as 'Picket Post'. Single store, square plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement gable roof, RJC Thomas. When visited in 2011 it was used for low grade storage. No windows or doors survive. A Pyper 2012.

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RAF TALBENNY

PRN - 101519

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - various

NGR - SM83301126

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

RAF Talbenny airfield was opened on the 1st May 1942, as part of No. 19 Coastal Command, with its satellite airfield at Dale. It accommodated a Czech squadron carrying out submarine patrols for a year and after they departed it was transferred to Transport Command in October 1943, ferrying crew and reinforcement aircraft to overseas theatres. Their duties included ferrying VIPs and cargo all over the UK. It finally closed in 1958. (From I, Jones. 2007. Airfields and Landing Grounds of Wales: West) It consisted of 3 intersecting runways, NNE-SSW 1600 yards long, NNW-SSE 1100 yards long and WSW-ENE 1100 yard long.

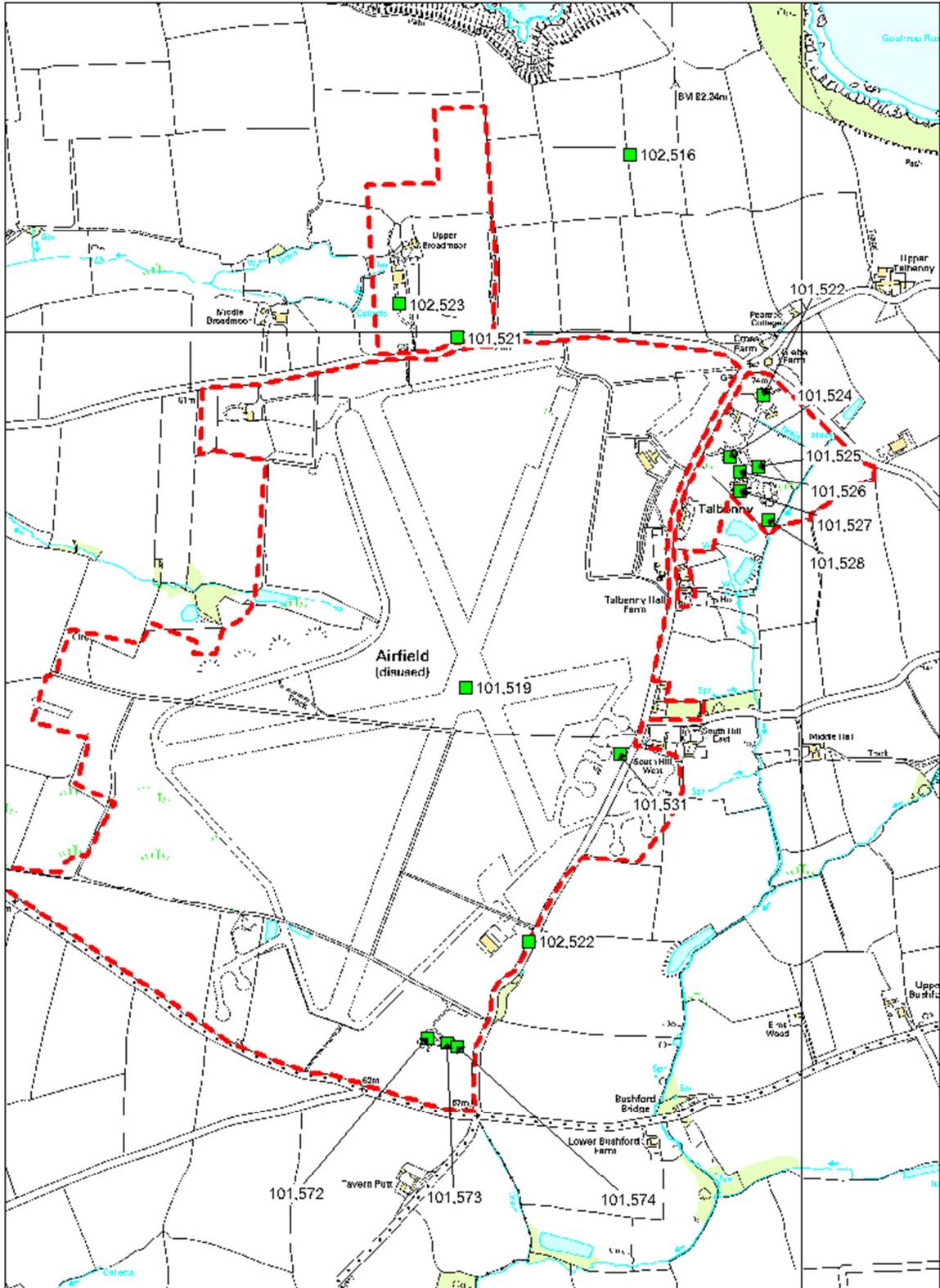
In January 2012 these have largely been removed, although some sections on the southern side of the airfield survive and are occasionally used for motorsport. It originally consisted of two T2 type Hangars, now gone, and 36 Frying Pan hardstandings, additional concrete aprons could accommodate 22 aircraft. The bomb stores lie to the north, with dispersed sites to the northeast of the airfield. (A. Pyper. 2012)

First occupied 1 May 1942. Three concrete runways, central intersection, 35 'frying-pan' hardstandings, 20 additional hardstandings, dispersed quarters to east, technical site to north east, and bomb stores to north of airfield. Parent station of RAF Dale.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

The runways have been largely removed, more so on the northern half of the airfield. A number of buildings to the northeast survive, though in quite poor condition. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 101521

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Revetment, bomb store

CONDITION - Good/ Near Intact

NGR - SM83281199

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Bomb store, shown on Air Ministry plan as a square embanked revetment. In 2011 none of the earth bank survives, only three (of four originally) inverted V-shaped revetment walls located either side of a square temporary brick building. These revetments line up with double doors either side of the building to allow vehicle or trolley access through the building. The building has no doors and is open to the stock

normally grazing in the field. A Pyper 2011.

PRN - 101522

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Station Headquarters

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM83921187

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on the Air Ministry schedule of 1945 as 'Station Headquarters Office'. As described by RJC Thomas in 1993. Internally the brick partitions survive, with a central corridor running the length of the building. Windows do not survive, but some internal doors intact. In occasional use for animal accommodation. A Pyper 2012.



PRN - 101524

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Photographic Block

CONDITION - Near Intact/ Damaged

NGR - SM83851174

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed in the Air Ministry record plan of 1945 as 'Photographic Block'. Six bay building with a reduced height and width 5 bay building attached to gable end. When visited in 2011 the building was in use as a sheep shed and a double width door had been inserted to the east gable. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 101525

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Lubricant and Inflammables Store

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM83911172

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed in the Air Ministry schedule of 1945 as, 'Lubricants and Inflammables store'. Single storey, rectangular plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement gable roof. Five bay building. In 2011 windows and doors had been modified and the building was in agricultural use. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101526

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Gas Defence Centre

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM83871171

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed in the Air Ministry plan of 1945 as, 'Gas Defence Centre'. In 2012 disused and overgrown with ivy. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101527

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Main Workshops

CONDITION - Near destroyed

NGR - SM83871167

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on Air Ministry schedule of 1945 as, 'Main Stores'. Two parallel buildings with interconnecting ranges forming a courtyard. In 2011 incomplete survival, the southern range has no roof and is derelict. North range had a new build shed in its place. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101528

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Fuel Compound

CONDITION - Near destroyed

NGR - SM83931161

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1945 as 'Fuel compound'. In 2011 only one third of the compound remains at the southern end. The brick wall is 19 courses and raised by another 12.5 courses. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 101529

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Crew Rest, Locker, and Drying

CONDITION - Damaged/ Not known

NGR - SM83691174

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Identified as 'Crew Rest Locker and Drying Rooms' on the Air Ministry plans. Three parallel, inter-linked, single storey buildings. Each rectangular in plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', with corrugated asbestos cement gable roof. Still upstanding and in use as farm buildings in 2012. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101531

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Sergeant's and Airmen's Barracks

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SM83621112

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1945 as, 'Sergeant's and Airmen's barrack huts'. This is a 'Laing' type temporary hut, originally clad timber frame with corrugated asbestos roof. In 2011 the walls have been rebuilt in concrete block with cement render. In occasional use and storage. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101572

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - Crew Rest, Locker, and Drying

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM83221053

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Recorded on the Air Ministry plan of 1945 as, 'Crew Rest, Locker and Drying Rooms'. Two parallel, inter-linked, single storey, 8 bay rectangular plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement gable roof. Most doors and windows blocked or reduced in height - RJC Thomas description. In 2012 the building is used for animal accommodation. A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 101573
NAME - RAF TALBENNY
TYPE - Squadron and Flight Offices
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM83261052
COMMUNITY - The Havens
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed as 'Squadron and Flight Offices' on the Air Ministry plan of 1945. Single storey, 7 bay rectangular plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement gable roof. Secondary brick blocking has reduced the height of each window space, per bay - RJC Thomas description. In 2011 in use for animal accommodation. No doors/windows surviving. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101574
NAME - RAF TALBENNY
TYPE - Technical Latrines
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SM83281051
COMMUNITY - The Havens
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1945 as, 'Technical Latrine'. Single storey, rectangular plan, cement rendered 'temporary brick', corrugated asbestos cement mono-pitch roof.4 chemical closets and 2 urinals - RJC Thomas description in 1993. In 2012 it is a roofless shell, with the walls standing to roof height. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102516
NAME - RAF TALBENNY
TYPE - gun emplacement
CONDITION - Near Intact
NGR - SM8364112372
COMMUNITY - The Havens
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

A pair of precast concrete rings side by side located in a hedgeline to the north of Talbenny airfield. These are gun pits for Light Anti-Aircraft guns, and also referred to as 'Motley Stalk gun emplacements'. The rings are 1.5m in diameter and stand approximately 0.83m high with an internal flange. Located and fenced off within a hedgebank. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

A pair of precast concrete rings intact. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102522

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - transformer plinth

CONDITION - Intact

NGR - SM83431073

COMMUNITY - The Havens

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Transformer plinth, a brick built enclosure 9.5 x 7.5, approximately 1.75m high with a wraparound entrance on the northeast side. Walls are capped with cement with broken glass embedded. In 2011 the structure was intact. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Intact though access inside was prevented by sheep feeders. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102523

NAME - RAF TALBENNY

TYPE - bomb store

CONDITION - Damaged

NGR - SM83161206

COMMUNITY - Templeton

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Bomb stores at Talbenny airfield, identified on Air Ministry plan. In 2012 the concrete trackways leading to the store and a brick built loading platform are all that remains of the bomb stores. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Little remains of the bomb stores only the concrete tracks and a loading platform. A large agricultural building has been built over the northern section. A Pyper 2012.

RAF TEMPLETON

PRN - 101649

NAME - RAF TEMPLETON

TYPE - Airfield

CONDITION - Various

NGR - SN09701139

COMMUNITY - Templeton / Begelly

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

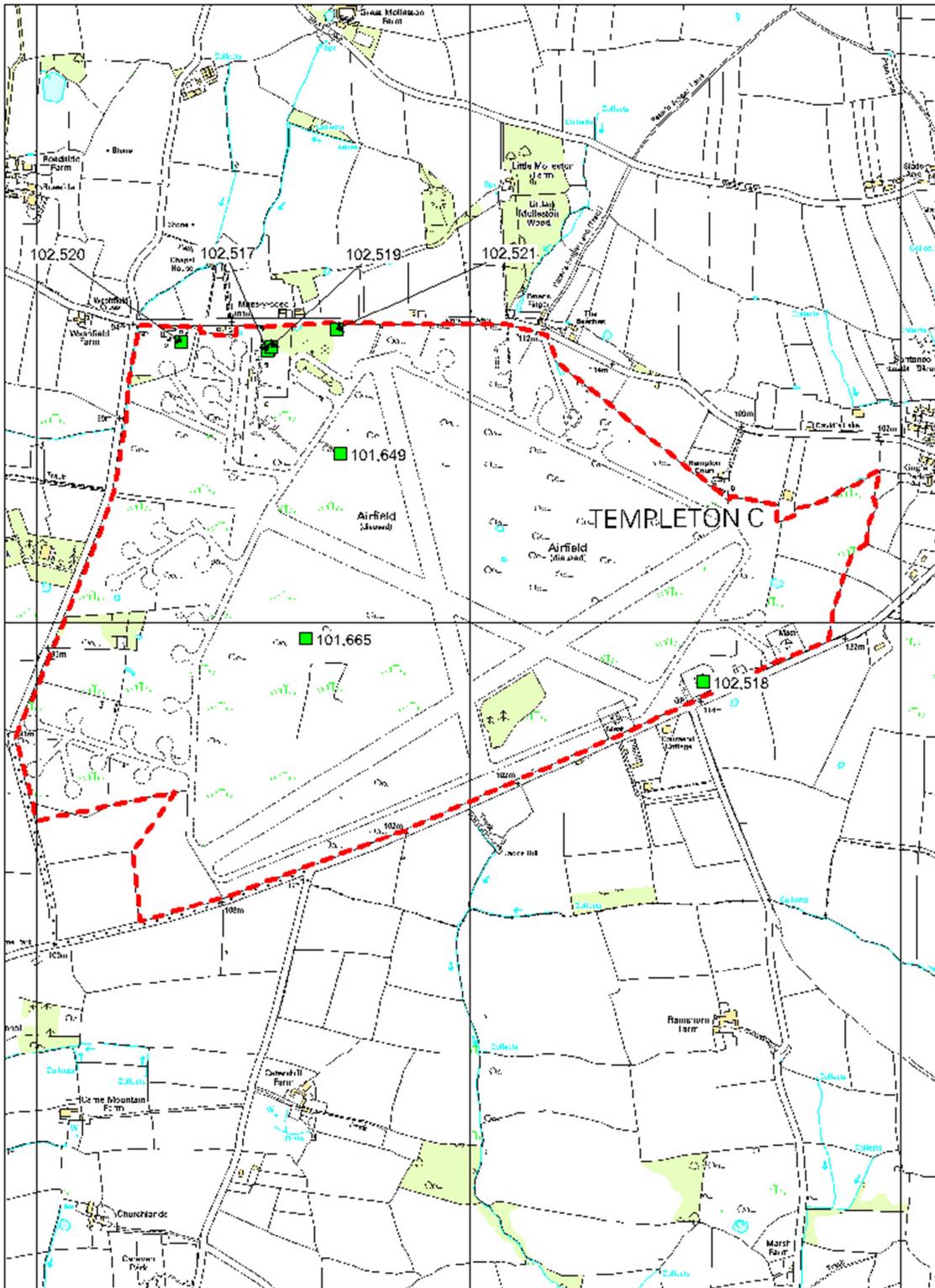
Templeton airfield was a satellite to Haverfordwest, both becoming Coastal Command Support bases. It was opened in 1943 and one of its primary roles was the training of aircrews in general reconnaissance and the use of Leigh Lights, for submarine searching and identification. The airfield closed in 1945. (from I, Jones. 2007. Airfields and Landing Grounds of Wales: West). Templeton had three runways; the main runway SW-NE 1600 yards, NW-SE 1400 yards and NNW-SSE 1100 yards. There were 27 frying pan hardstandings arranged mostly to the west north and east sides of the airfield. Only one T2 hangar was built at the technical area to the northwest of the perimeter track. An instructional site was also located in the northwest corner of the site. The airfield and technical area lie within three roads; the A4115, the Templeton Yerboston road and a minor road between the two. The MoD still use the site for training and it is also grazed by sheep.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

In 2011 the runways still survive intact, though gradually eroding. Many of the frying pan hardstandings survive although the concrete has been removed from those on the western edge and they are now visible only by differential vegetation growth. Most buildings within the airfield site itself have been removed (marked as Aerodrome Site on the Air Ministry plan). However the platforms and bases do survive and the potential for buried archaeology within the airfield is high. In addition the petrol installation structures on the north-eastern perimeter track survive as concrete footprints.

Notable structures which do survive are; the blast shelter PRN 102519, and a transformer plinth PRN 102521. The bomb sites lie to the south and west of the airfield and the living quarters to the north and west. The Uniter building located on the south side of the airfield with the two associated masts is a cold war military communication installation (PRN 102518). A Pyper 2012.

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PRN - 102517
NAME - RAF TEMPLETON
TYPE - building
CONDITION - Damaged
NGR - SN09531163
COMMUNITY - Templeton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



A roofless building of temporary construction, 4 bays long with a ramped entrance in the south gable wall and a doorway in the north. Although recorded on the Air Ministry schedule of 1951, it is difficult to read the schedule, so its function is currently unknown. In 2011 it is roofless though its trusses are intact. No doors or windows survive. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Roofless and with no doors and windows. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102518
NAME - RAF TEMPLETON
TYPE - bunker
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN10541086
COMMUNITY - Templeton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



'UNITER' building, this is a 'hardened' building - one designed to resist the effects of conventional high-explosive bombs and nuclear weapons, and to remain functioning post strike. It formed part of a national military microwave communications system established during the early 1980s with a network of associated steel communication towers acting as relays and hubs. (Information from RJC Thomas pers. com). In 2012 the compound was in use as a storage facility and the building itself is a sandwich factory. A

Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Intact 'UNITER' building, steel doors etc. intact. Not seen internally. A Pyper2012.

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PRN - 102519
NAME - RAF TEMPLETON
TYPE - air raid shelter
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN09541164
COMMUNITY - Templeton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire



SITE DESCRIPTION

Blast shelter / Air Raid Shelter located to the rear of the technical area at Templeton airfield. Consisting of brick built walls 1.5m high with earth embankments around the exterior. Approximately 9.4 x 9.6m, two entrances one to the west and one to the east. This is a well-preserved example of a blast shelter of which few are known to survive. In 2011 the structure was intact, though young trees are growing within the

structure. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Well preserved and structurally intact though trees are becoming established within the structure and pose a threat to its long term survival. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102520
NAME - RAF TEMPLETON
TYPE - military training site
CONDITION - Near Destroyed
NGR - SN09331165
COMMUNITY - Templeton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Instructional site at Templeton airfield is listed on the Air Ministry plan of 1951 located at the north-western corner of the airfield. It identifies 9 structures including A M Bombing Teacher, AWS tank, Ground Instructional building Type A & B, Link Trainer, Technical Latrine, Pickett Post and 2 Blast Shelters. In 2011 there is little left of these structures, though the building platforms are still visible. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

There is little visible sign of any buildings, although building platforms do survive. Some gorse is encroaching over this area. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 102521
NAME - RAF TEMPLETON
TYPE - transformer plinth
CONDITION - Intact
NGR - SN09691168
COMMUNITY - Templeton
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Roofless brick built structure, c 2m high and 1.65 x 2.30m wide. A brick wall wraps around the entrance. Thought to be a transformer plinth. Surviving although heavily

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overgrown with ivy when visited in 2011. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Apparently intact although heavily overgrown with ivy. A Pyper 2012.

PRN - 101665

NAME - RAF TEMPLETON

TYPE - Battle Headquarters

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SN09621096

COMMUNITY - Templeton / Begelly

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION



Battle Headquarters for Templeton airfield. Listed on the Air Ministry schedule of 1951. An underground bunker of rooms accessed by steps and a concrete cupola which sits above ground to provide a view of the whole airfield. See RJC Thomas description. In 2011 a density of gorse obscured the entrance but the concrete cupola is accessible. A Pyper 2012

Sunken, rectangular plan, complex of rooms, flat re-inforced concrete roof. Entrance in S wall reached by a flight of steps protected by galvanised steel pipe handrails. Concrete observation cupola with adjacent escape hatch. AMWD drawing 11008/41. RJC Thomas 1993.

FURTHER SITES OF MILITARY AVIATION IN SOUTHWEST WALES

ABERAERON CAMP CUBSTRIP

PRN - 102533

NAME - ABERAERON CAMP CUBSTRIP

TYPE - military camp

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SN44576182

COMMUNITY - Llangunnor

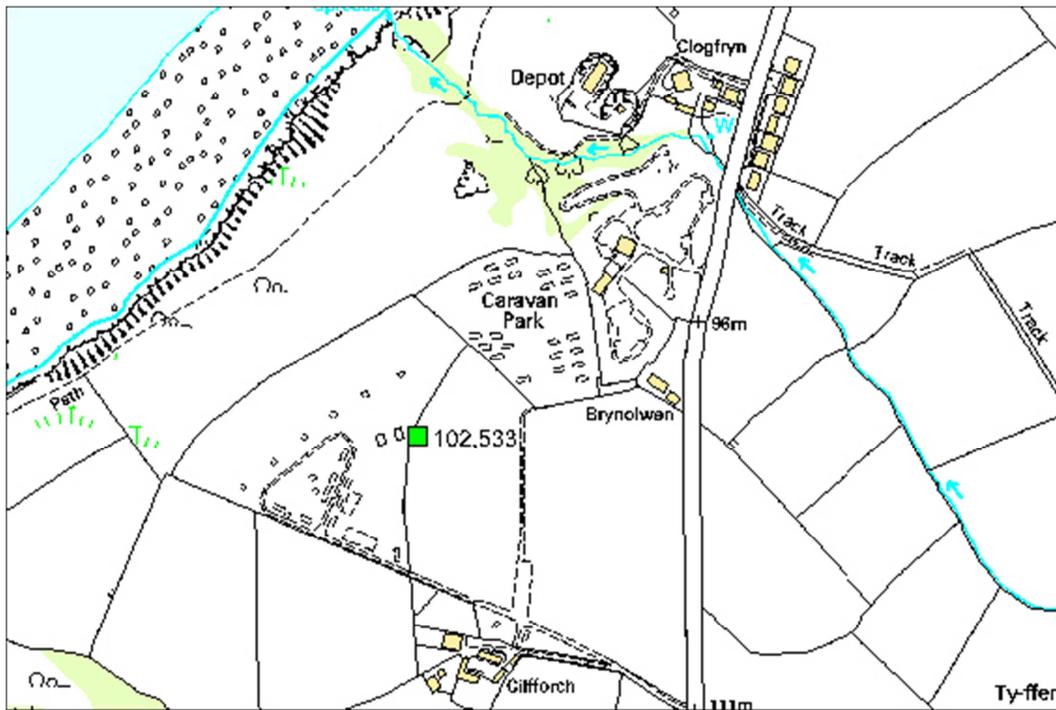
COUNTY - Ceredigion

SITE DESCRIPTION

A Light Anti-Aircraft School was established on the cliffs southwest of Aberaeron, probably in 1940. It included a camp of temporary buildings, accommodation, schoolrooms, ablutions and stores. An airstrip was established on the east side of the A487, though it was used for liaison aircraft. It was used by the RAF, Army, Royal Marines and later in the war by the United States Army. Summary description based on Jones, 2007. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Not visited. A Pyper 2012.



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CASTLEMARTIN AIRSTRIPS

PRN - 102534

NAME - CASTLEMARTIN AIRSTRIPS

TYPE - airfield

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SR92189530

COMMUNITY - Castlemartin

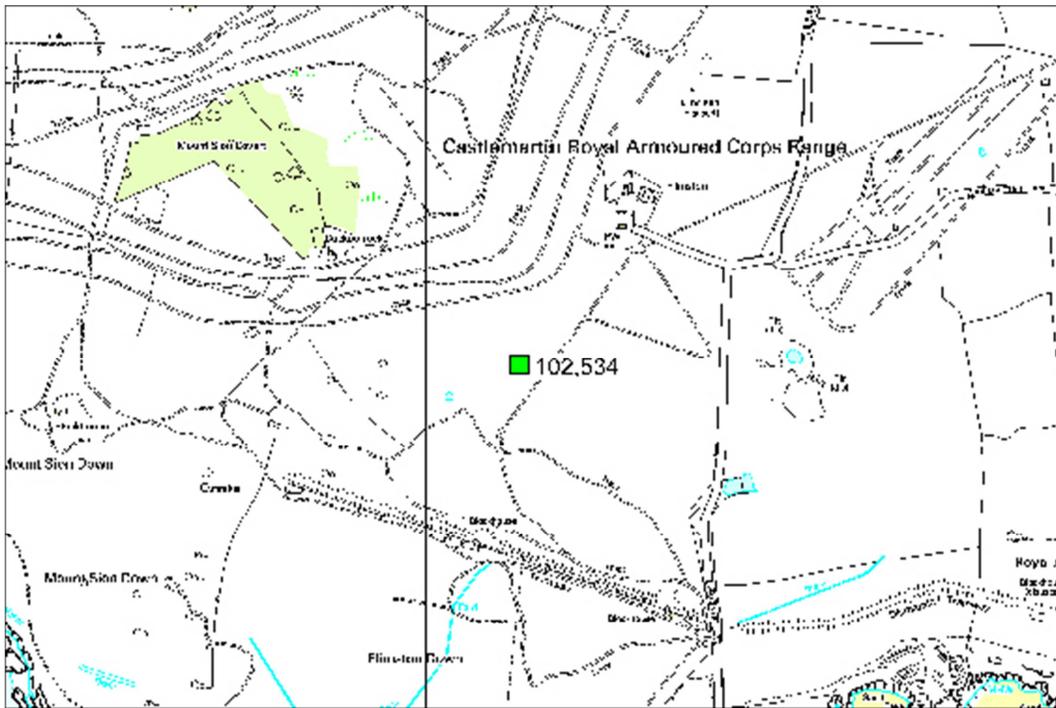
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

An airstrip on the Castlemartin range was established before the war to provide target-towing aircraft for the training of anti-aircraft artillery. The airfield was ovoid in shape, no longer than 500 yards with hangars to the northwest. Once the war started the airfield was no longer used and trenches were dug in order to make enemy landings impossible in this remote area. Summary based on Jones, 2007. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Not visited. A Pyper 2012.



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AIRFIELD AND CAMP AT DREFACH FELINDRE

PRN - 102535

NAME - AIRFIELD AND CAMP AT DREFACH FELINDRE

TYPE - airfield

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SN35013923

COMMUNITY - Llangeler

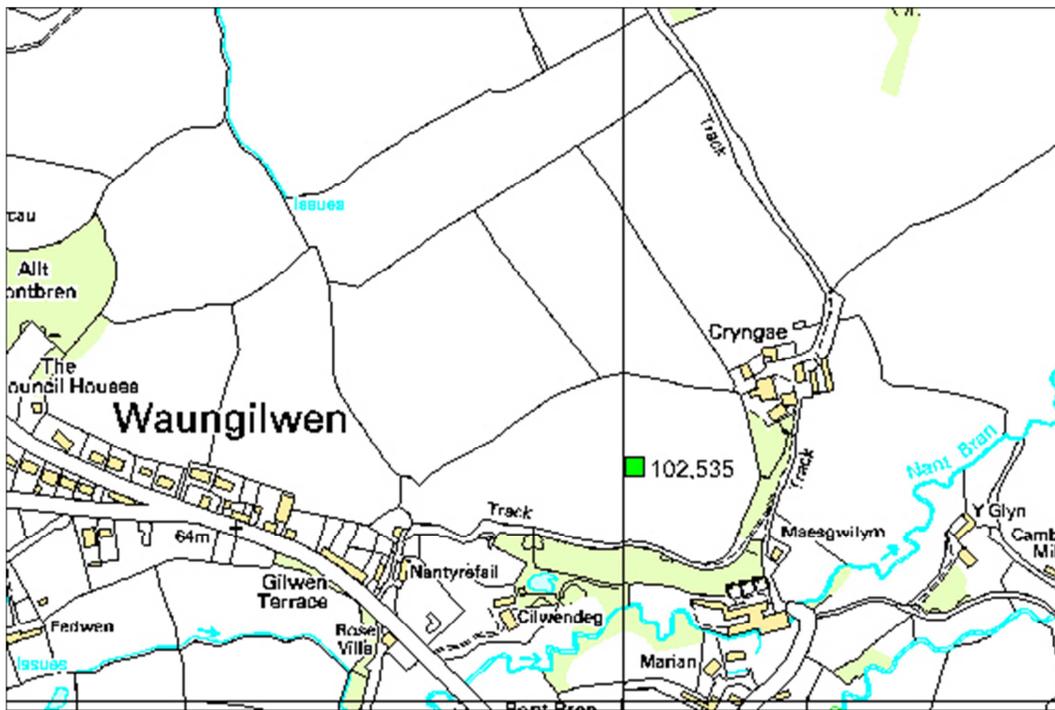
COUNTY - Carmarthenshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

An airfield and camp was established at Drefach and Felindre as the mills were commandeered by the War Office to provide Army barracks. In late 1943, with preparations for the invasion of Normandy came the US army field artillery and with them the light aircraft 'Piper Cub' used for observation and communication. The airfield was based at Cryngae Farm. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Not visited, A Pyper 2012.



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PICTON CASTLE CAMP AND CUBSTRIP

PRN - 102536

NAME - PICTON CASTLE CAMP AND CUBSTRIP

TYPE - airfield

CONDITION - Near Destroyed

NGR - SN00811392

COMMUNITY - Slebech

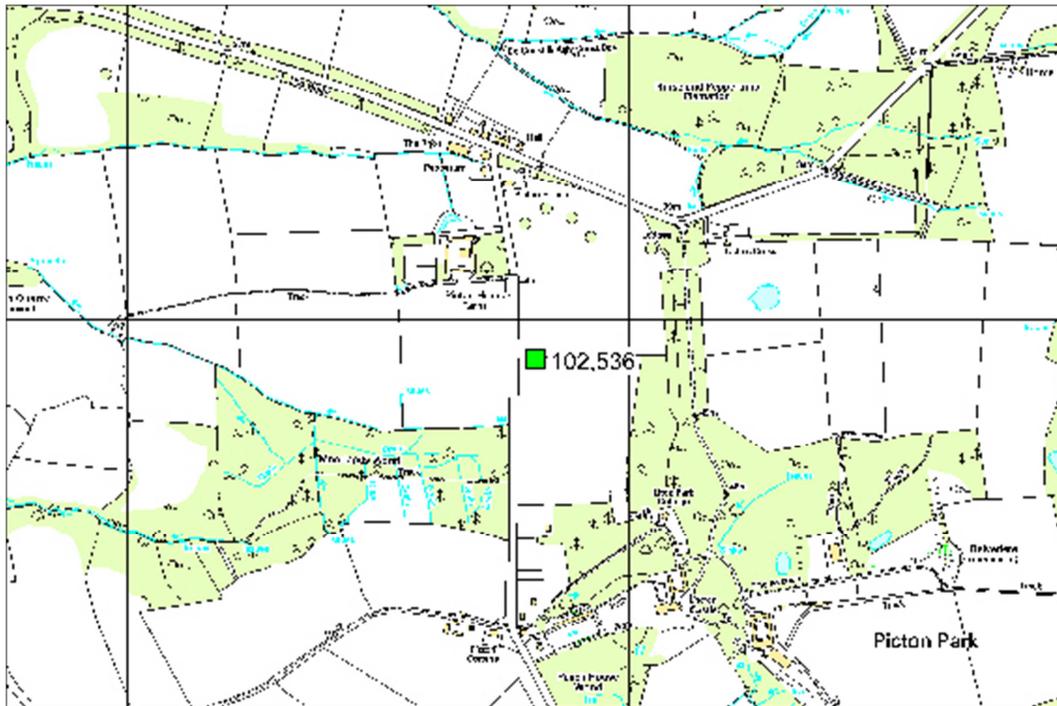
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SITE DESCRIPTION

A US army camp and airstrip was established here at Picton Castle Home Farm. The US army brought with them their light observation and communication aircraft, Air Observation Post Piper Cubs. The camp was located in the fields on the east side of the road from home farm and the airstrip lies to the south. Nothing indicates the location of the airstrip, it was always grass, but there are a number of concrete hut bases in the field to the east. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Little remains of the former US army camp, some hut bases in the field to the east of the road, but no indication of the airstrip is visible. A Pyper2012.



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EMERGENCY LANDING GROUND AT HAROLDSON WEST

PRN - 102537

NAME - EMERGENCY LANDING GROUND

TYPE - airfield

CONDITION - Not known

NGR - SM87501580

COMMUNITY - The Havens

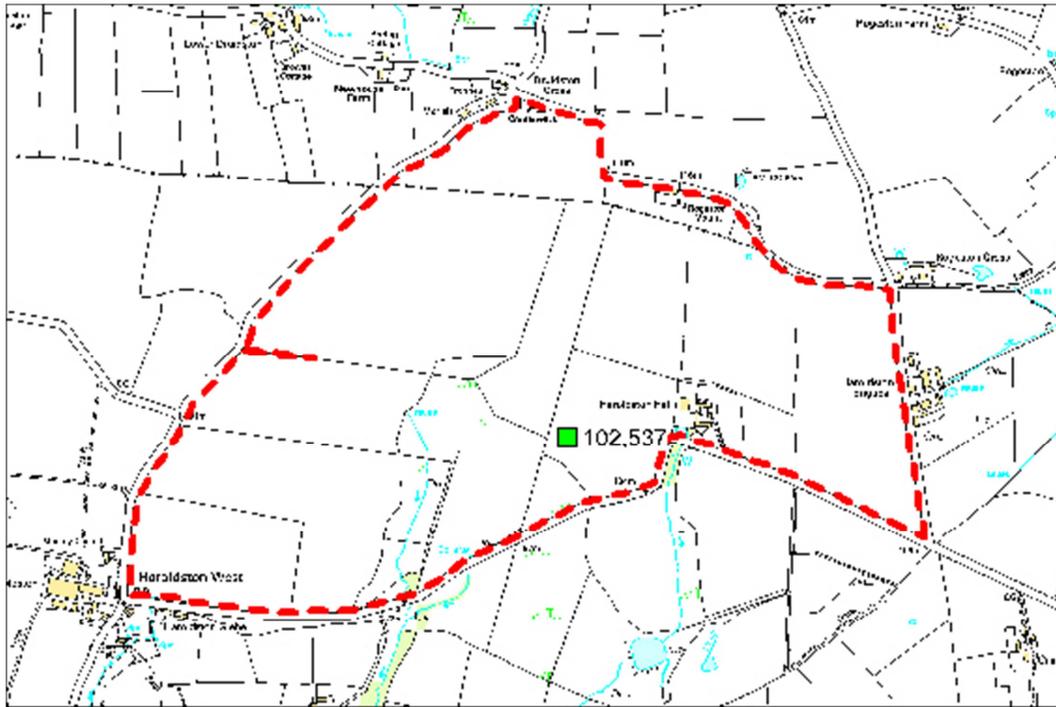
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SITE DESCRIPTION

An emergency landing ground was established here after being requisitioned in 1940-41. The dividing hedgebanks and ditches were flattened and infilled and a billet established at Tongs Cottage for three airmen. There were few if any landings reported here and it was closed in 1943 when Pembrokeshire had numerous airfields and nearby RAF Talbenny was equipped with emergency services. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Not visited, A Pyper 2012.



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TENBY AIRFIELD

PRN - 102538

NAME - TENBY AIRFIELD

TYPE - airfield

CONDITION - Near Intact

NGR - SS11839979

COMMUNITY - Penally

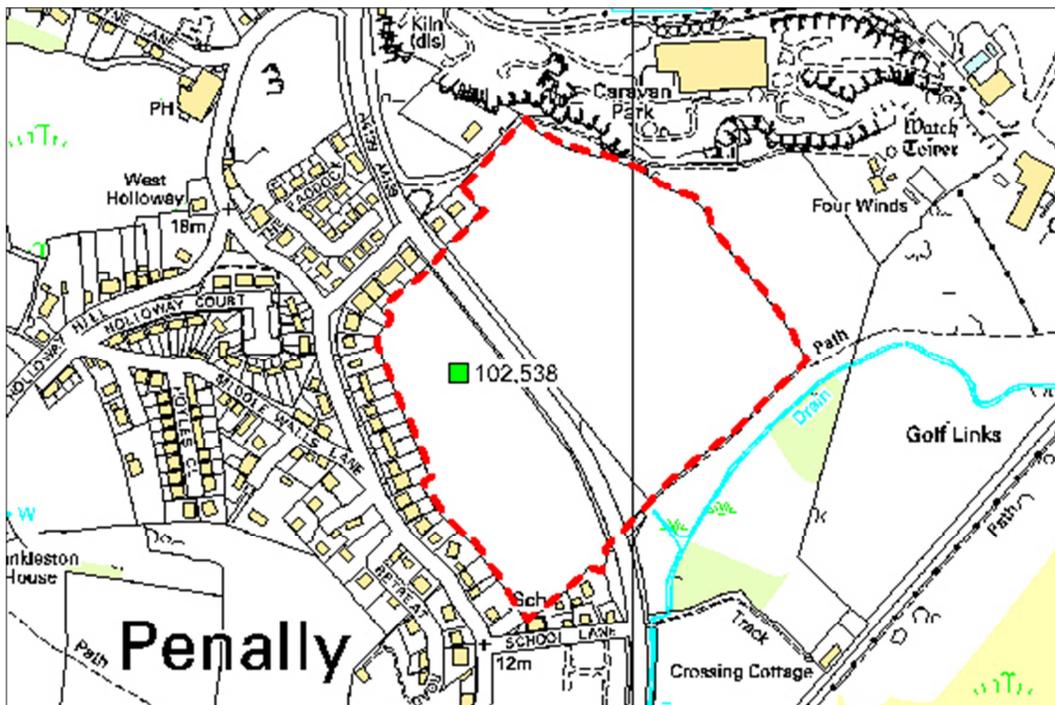
COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

The airfield at Tenby was used prior to 1939, however flying from here ceased during the war until the US army arrived in the area in preparation for D-Day. They brought with them the Piper Cub L4s Air Observation Post aircraft that worked with the artillery. The airstrip was a rectangular field longer in the NW-SE axis. It has been foreshortened by the construction of the Penally bypass on the eastern side and housing development to the west. In 2011 there is nothing visible to distinguish this as an airfield and it was under pasture. A Pyper 2012.

CONDITION DESCRIPTION

Airstrip at Tenby is back in agricultural use and there is no trace of airfield structures. A Pyper 2012.



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MARINE OPERATIONS (BALLOON) STATION NO9 BALLOON BASE

PRN - 28667

NAME - MARINE OPERATIONS (BALLOON) STATION NO9 BALLOON BASE

TYPE - Airship Station

CONDITION - Destroyed

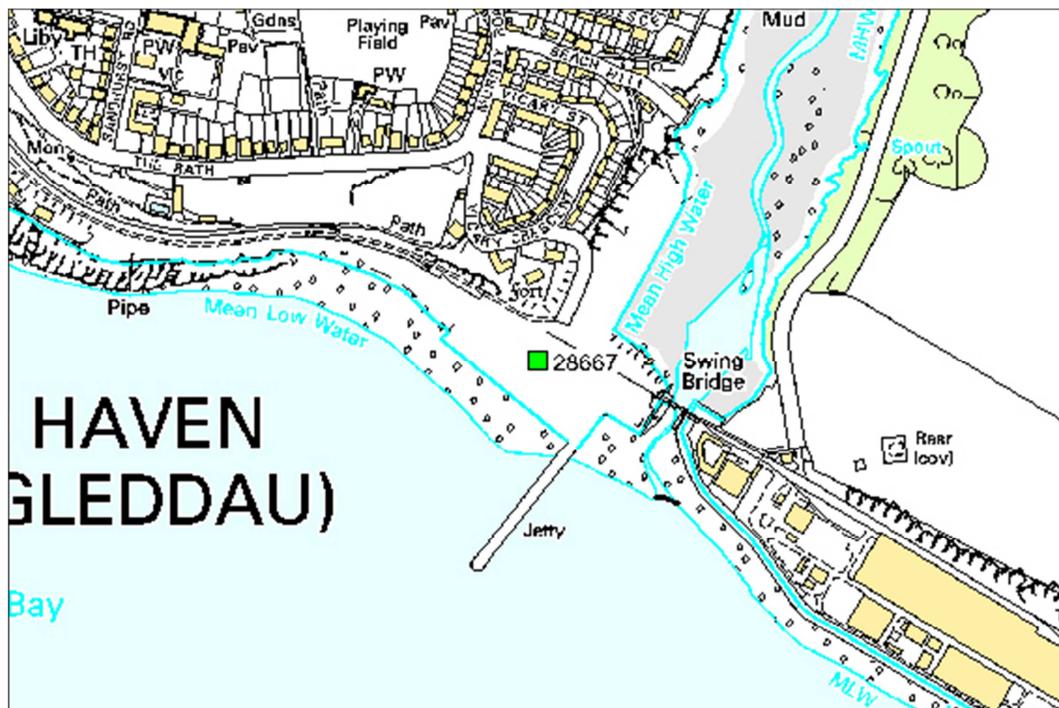
NGR - SM91220543

COMMUNITY - Milford

COUNTY - Pembrokeshire

SITE DESCRIPTION

Airship or Balloon Station established in the First World War for convoy duties, carried out in cooperation with the Navy. There weretwo working balloons and 2 balloon sheds. No structures relating to the airship station survive. A Pyper 2012. 1914-18, Airship Station/Balloon Base, now demolished. Two balloon sheds, motor transport shed, technical store, office, latrines and water tanks. Accommodation was provided at the Pier Hotel for officers and in a disused shipwrights workshop for other ranks. RJC.Thomas, 13.11.93.



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