

Staddon Point Battery

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| Commenced | 1898 | Armament | |
| Completed | 1899 | 1898 | 4 x 12pdr Q.F. |
| Cost | £ | 1903 | 6 x 12pdr Q.F. |
| Map Reference | SX 488507 | 1942 | 1 x projector |
| Position | Staddon Point | 1943 | 1 x 40mm LAA Bofors |
| Type | Coast Defence Battery | | |
| Ditch | None | | |
| Guns | 4 | | |
| Barrack Accom. | | | |
| Present use | Temporary storage | | |
| History | | Caponiers | None |
| Disposal | 1956 | Counterscarp galleries | None |
| Condition | Good | Haxo casemates | None |
| Access | Open | Moncrieff Pits | None |
| Sources | Historic Defences of Plymouth, Pye & Woodward | | |

History and Description

This battery was built in the ditch of the earlier 1844 Staddon Point Battery. It consisted of four 12pdr Q.F. guns, supplemented by a further two sometime between 1903 and 1908. The function of the battery was to counter fast moving torpedo boats entering the Sound. The two extra guns were removed by 1910 and the remaining four were replaced in 1942 by the twin-six guns emplaced on the roof of Fort Bovisand below.

Emplacement no.2 was altered first for a rocket launcher (projector) and then a 40mm LAA Bofors gun in 1943. The rooms of the earlier battery behind were used as accommodation and offices until the site was released in 1967.

Today the gun emplacements are in good condition but the magazines beneath are damp and deteriorating.

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