

## St Mawes 12pdr Q.F. Battery

<b>Commenced</b>	1900	<b>Armament</b>	
<b>Completed</b>	1904	<b>1901</b>	2 x 12pdr Q.F. guns
<b>Cost</b> £		<b>1904</b>	4 x 12pdr Q.F. guns
<b>Map Reference</b>	SW84328	<b>1905</b>	guns declared obsolete
<b>Position</b>	Behind St Mawes Castle	<b>1907</b>	Guns withdrawn
<b>Type</b>	Coast Defence	<b>1941</b>	2 x 12pdr
<b>Ditch</b>	None		
<b>Guns</b>	4		
<b>Barrack Accom.</b>	Caretaker's cottage		
<b>Present use</b>	Custodian lives in the cottage.		
<b>History</b>	Coast defence		
<b>Disposal</b>	1920		
<b>Condition</b>	Good		
<b>Access</b>	Some with permission.		
<b>Sources</b>	Owen Report 1907: St. Mawes Castle by S. Jenkins		

### History and Description

In 1898 it was decided that the existing 6pdr QF battery in front of St. Mawes Castle was too low to be effective against torpedo boats and a new battery was proposed for higher ground above and behind the castle. This 12pr Q.F. Battery to the side of St. Mawes Castle was constructed at 150ft above sea level in two stages, the first between 1900 and 1901 consisted of the two left hand 'A' Battery emplacements with their magazine and stores, the second when the caretaker's cottage and the two more 'B' Battery emplacements were added. Unusually the batteries at Falmouth were manned by Royal Miners Militia with the Royal Engineers working the Defence Electric Lights and Mine Control Posts at the north end of the battery.

In 1905 the Owen Committee report recommended that all 6pdr and 12pdr Q.F. guns be withdrawn from the defences of Falmouth. St Mawes 12pdr Q.F. Battery was disarmed in 1907. In 1941 an armament return list the battery as having 2 x 12pdr guns mounted.

In 1920 the Commissioner of Works was given the St Mawes site as an Ancient Monument.

The Q.F. emplacements remain intact together with the magazines and caretaker's cottage which now serves as accommodation for the custodian of St. Mawes Castle nearby, now operated by English Heritage. The D.E.L. and Mine Control Posts also survive intact.

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1. 12pdr emplacements
2. Acces to magazines
3. E.L. and Mining Control Posts
4. Caretaker's Cottage

