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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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

HMW 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 though [Archwilio.org.uk](http://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.

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**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 reclad, although apparently retaining original framework within and with modified doors. In use when visited in Nov 2011. A.Pyper 2012

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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).

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

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### **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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

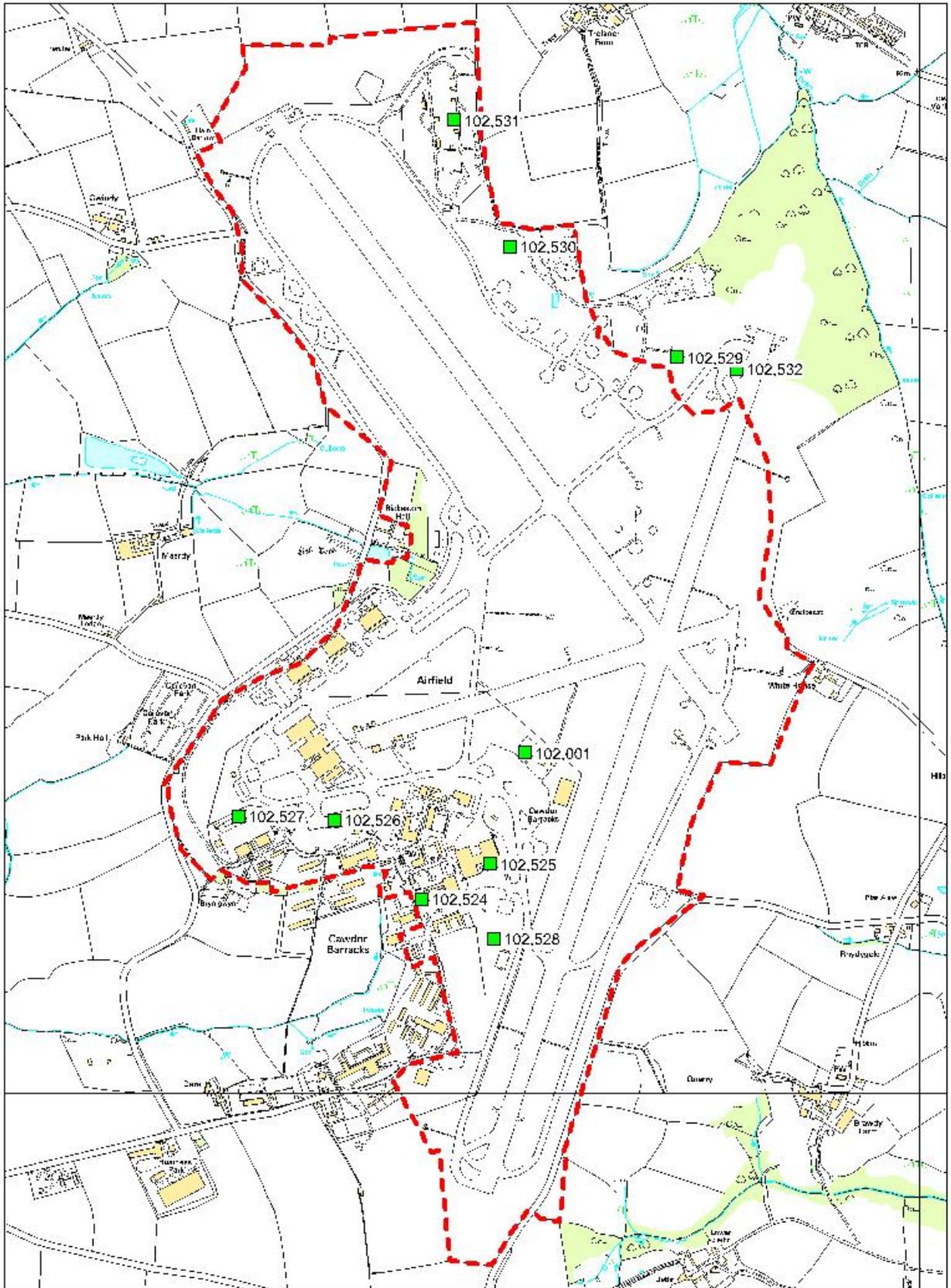
There have been various phases of development subsequently with the Naval use of the site, most notably 1951-6 and 1961-63. Redevelopment during 1961 and 1963 equipped Brawdy to become one of three dispersed 'Quick Reaction Alert' (QRA) airfields in Wales. These were designed to accommodate the V-bomber 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

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**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.

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**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 re-clad. 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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

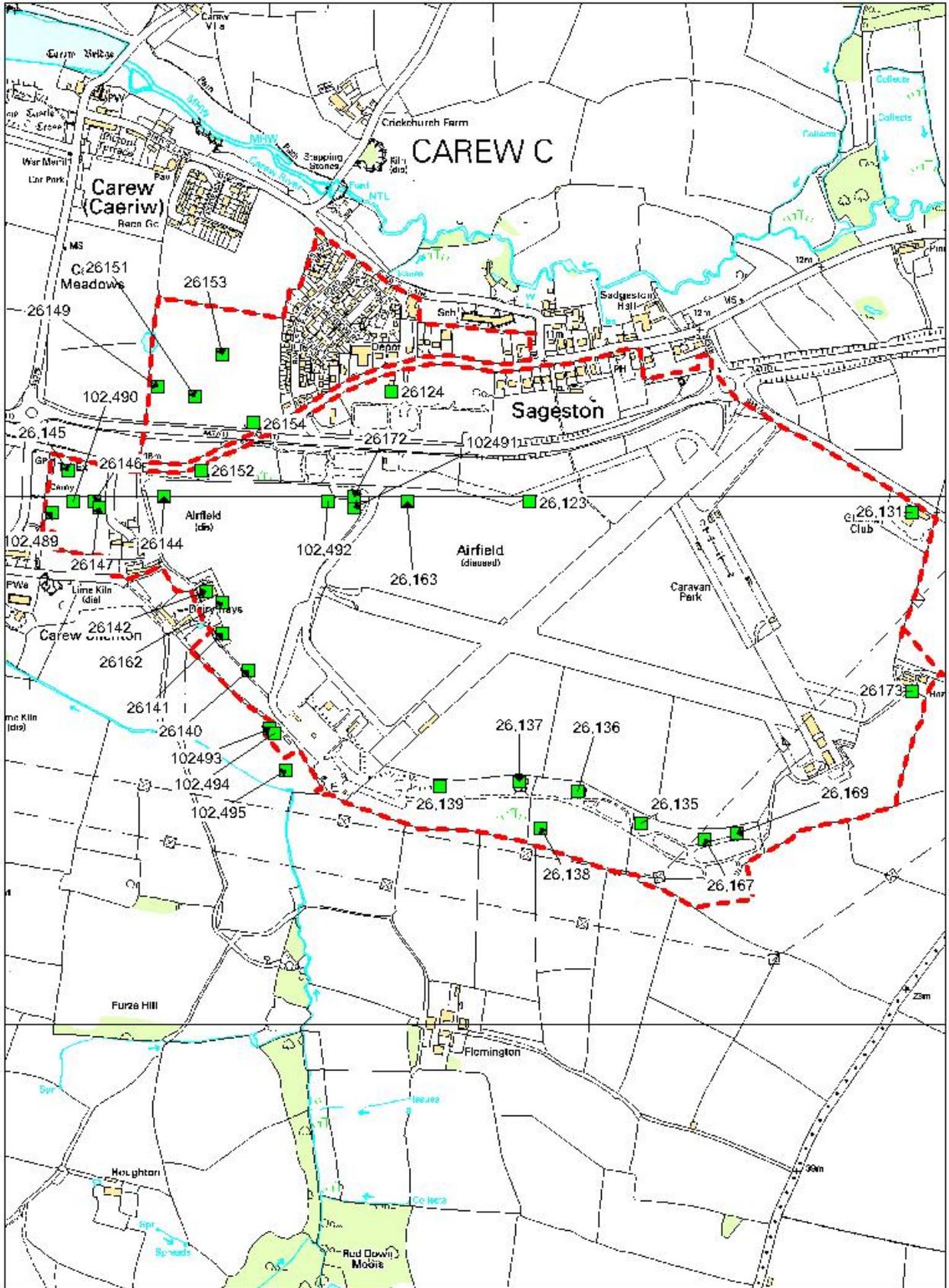
Later in the war it took more of a training role. It continued in use until closure in 1946.

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**PRN** - 26142  
**NAME** - RAF CAREW CHERITON  
**TYPE** - Military Store  
**CONDITION** - Near Intact/ Damaged  
**STATUS** - None recorded  
**NGR** - SN04920282  
**COMMUNITY** - Carew  
**COUNTY** - Pembrokeshire

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**PRN** - 26162  
**NAME** - RAF CAREW CHERITON  
**TYPE** - Transformer Box  
**CONDITION** - Damaged  
**STATUS** - None recorded  
**NGR** - SN04950280  
**COMMUNITY** - Carew  
**COUNTY** - Pembrokeshire

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### **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,

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

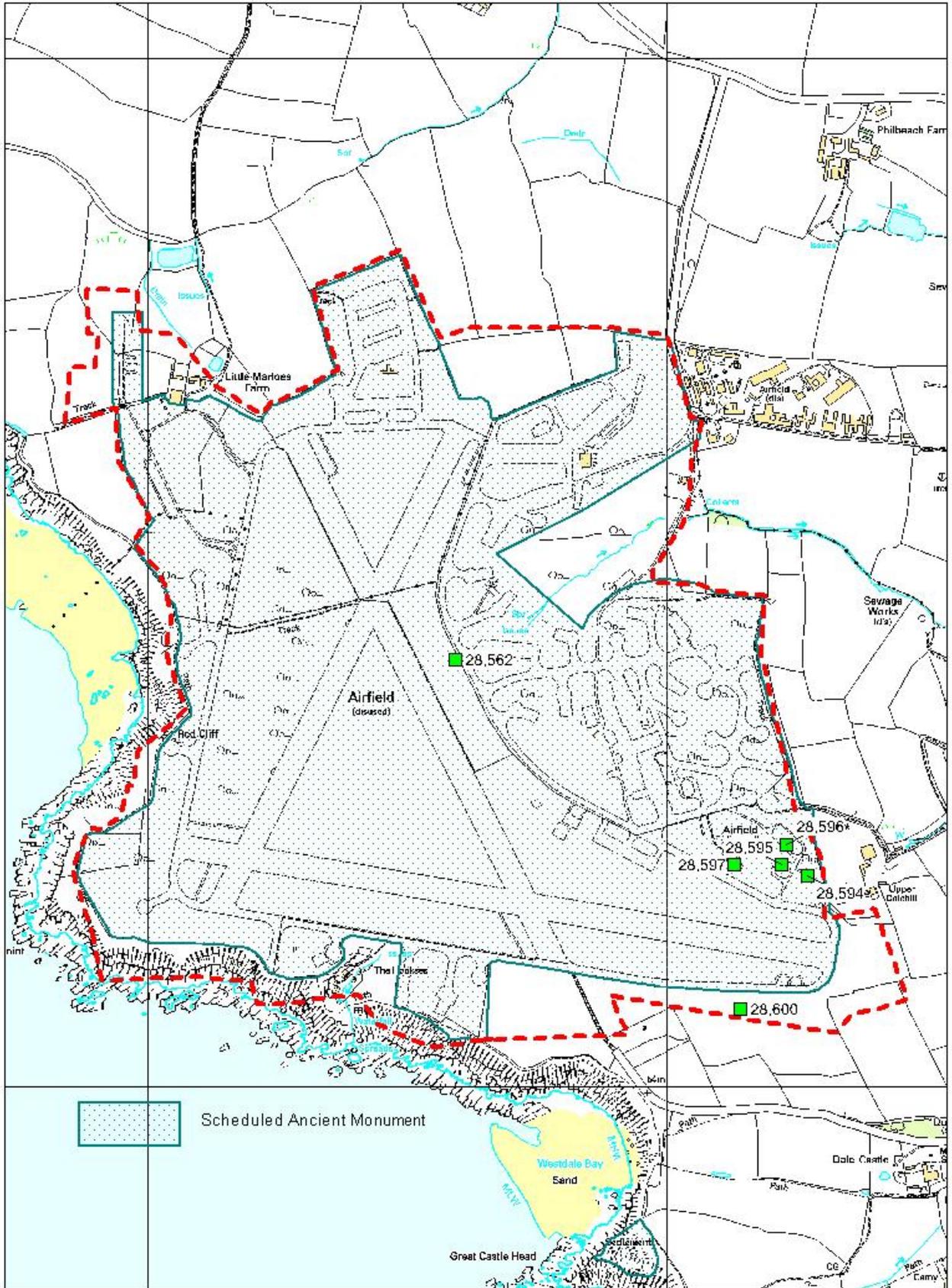
In 2011 only the skeleton of one hangar remains, along with a few of the technical buildings, however the footprint of the runways, hardstandings and many of the buildings survive intact and show the phasing of RAF and Naval construction. A Pyper 2012.

**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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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

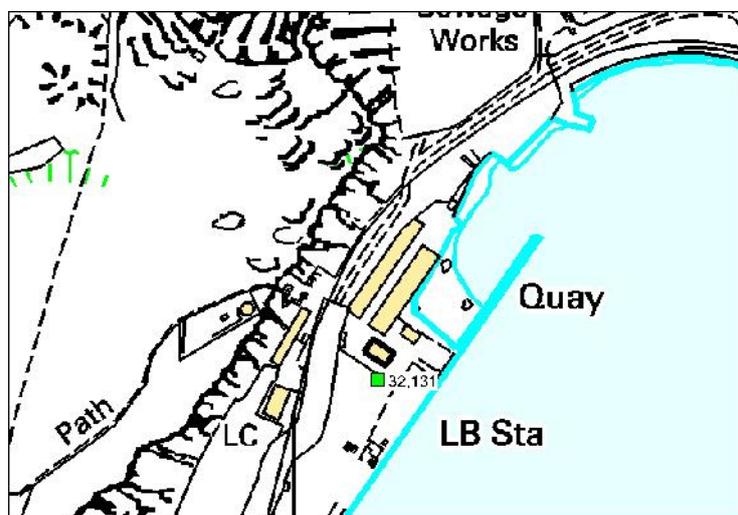
**COUNTY** - Pembrokeshire

**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.



**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.

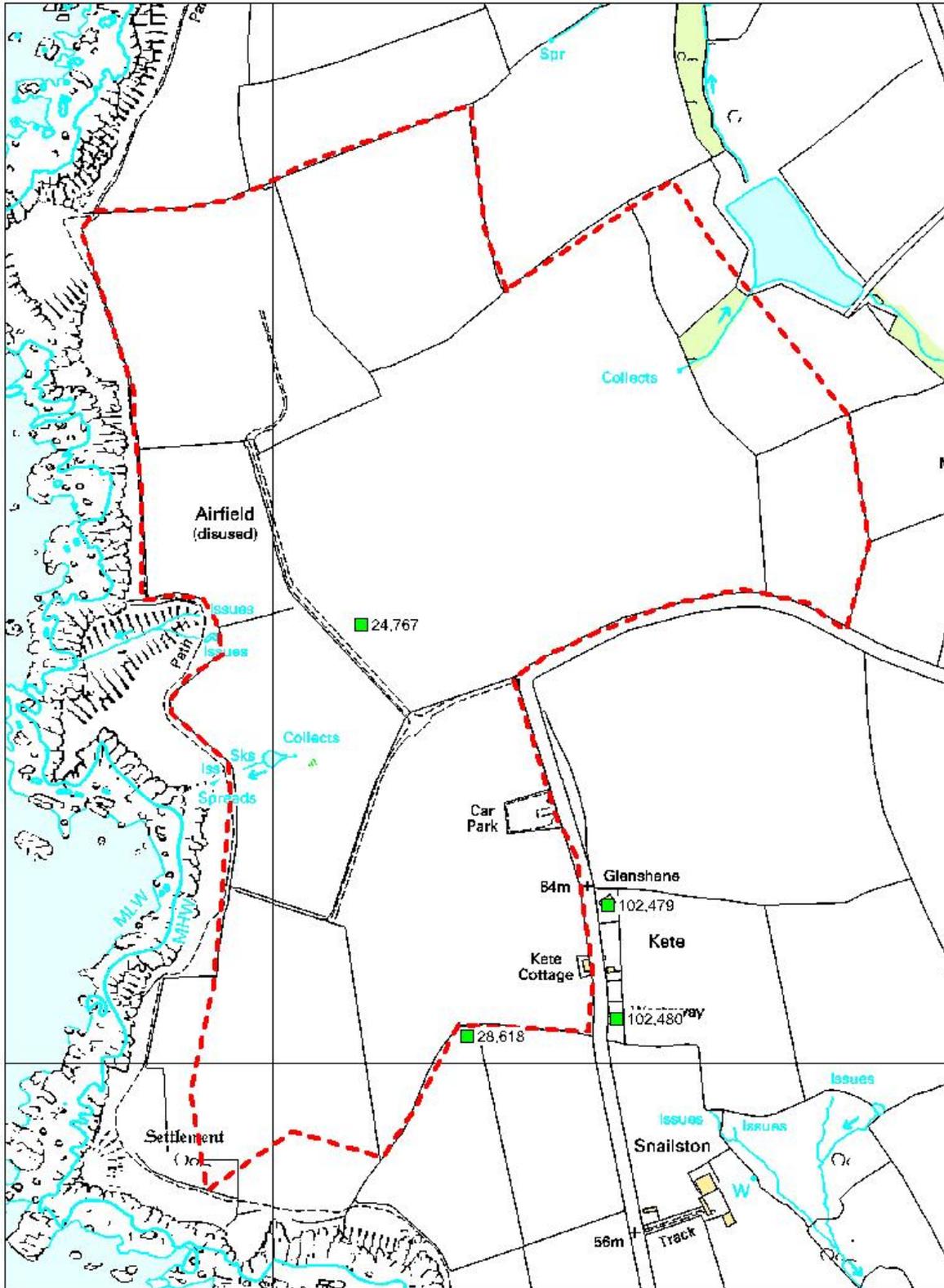
The complex consisted of many buildings and huts, but now the site has been cleared and lies under pasture. Dumps of the demolition rubble lie beside the coast path. Two dwellings, which lie on the roadside to the east, 'Glenshane' and 'Kete House' (PRNs 102479 and 10280) are associated with the complex.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

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**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.

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**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.

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## 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

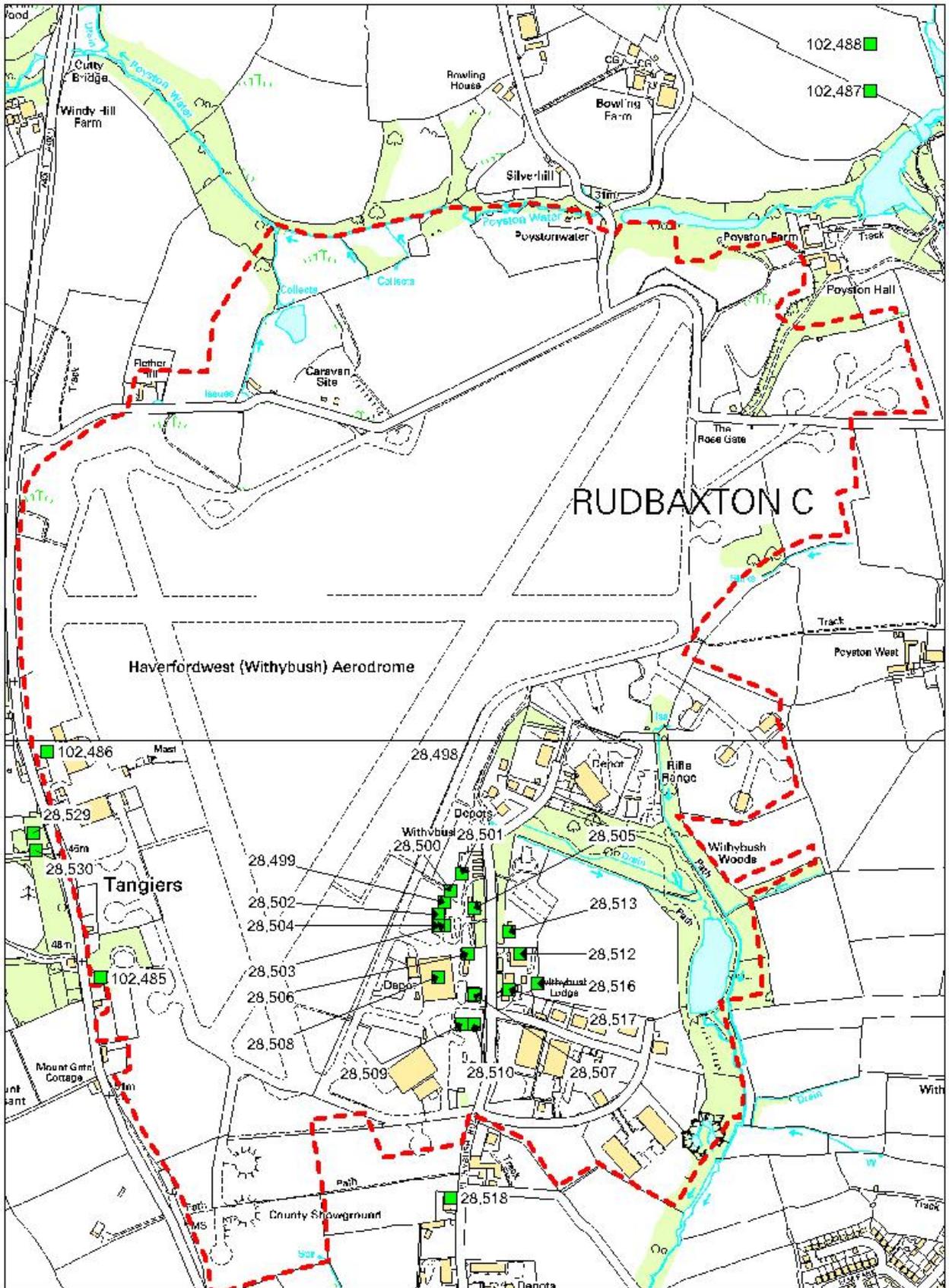
The airfield is now in use as a civil airport, managed by Pembrokeshire County Council with a new control tower and hangars to the west. The old control tower forms part of the Pembrokeshire show ground and many other buildings survive and have been incorporated into showground or industrial use. The 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 re clad, 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.

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**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.

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**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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## Twentieth Century Military Sites: Airfields

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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,

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

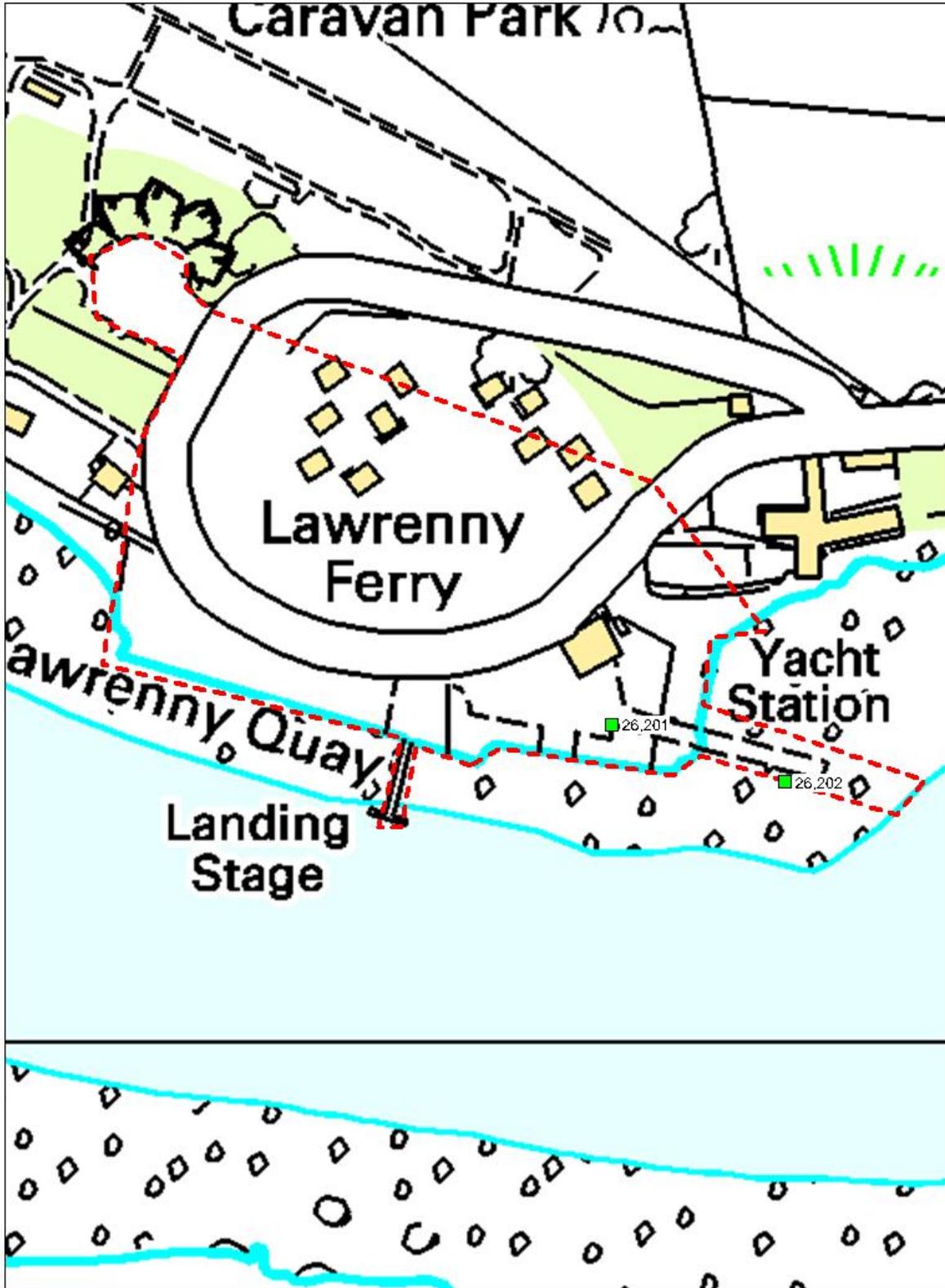
RNAS Lawrenny Ferry was also known as HMS Daedalus II, and it was established in October 1941 when the flying boat training squadron, No 764, moved to Lawrenny Ferry following the bombing of Pembroke Dock, although aircraft had used this base for some time before that. Here the Fleet Air Arm trained 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** - Manorbie

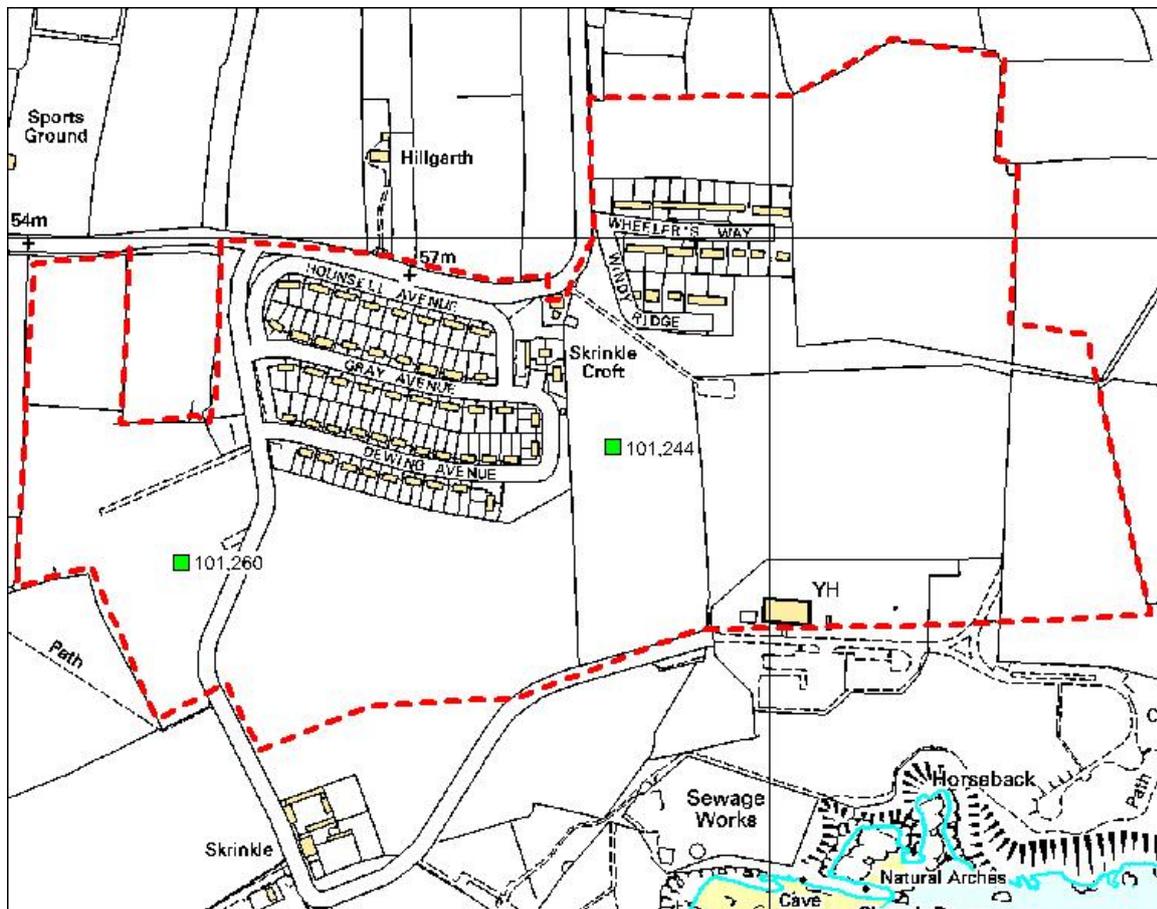
**COUNTY** - Pembrokeshire

### 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.

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**RAF PEMBREY**

**PRN** - 31405

**NAME** - RAF PEMBREY

**TYPE** - Airfield

**CONDITION** - Various

**STATUS** - None recorded

**NGR** - SN40300350

**COMMUNITY** - Cefn Sidan

**COUNTY** - Carmarthenshire

**SITE DESCRIPTION**

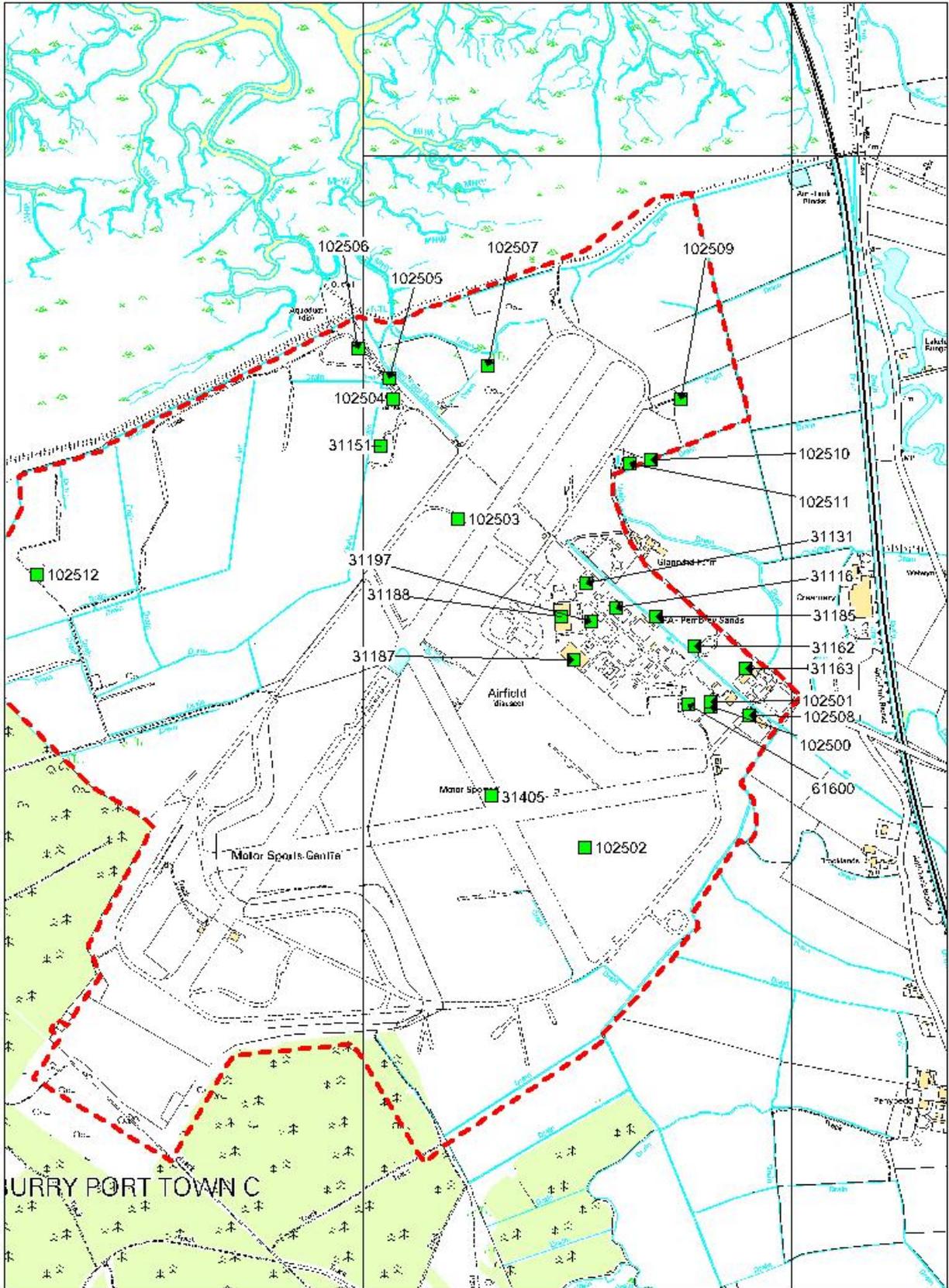
RAF Pembrey was initially a bombing and gunnery school from 1939 Until May 1940 when it became an important fighter station defending Bristol, South Wales and the Midlands. From June 1941 the airfield passed to Flying Training Command training gunners for Coastal and Bomber Commands. One notable event 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.

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**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.

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**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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## Twentieth Century Military Sites: Airfields

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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## Twentieth Century Military Sites: Airfields

**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 reclad with tin sheeting and now has garage workshops adjoining it to the east. A Pyper 2012.

### **CONDITION DESCRIPTION**

Substantially modified. A Pyper 2012.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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**

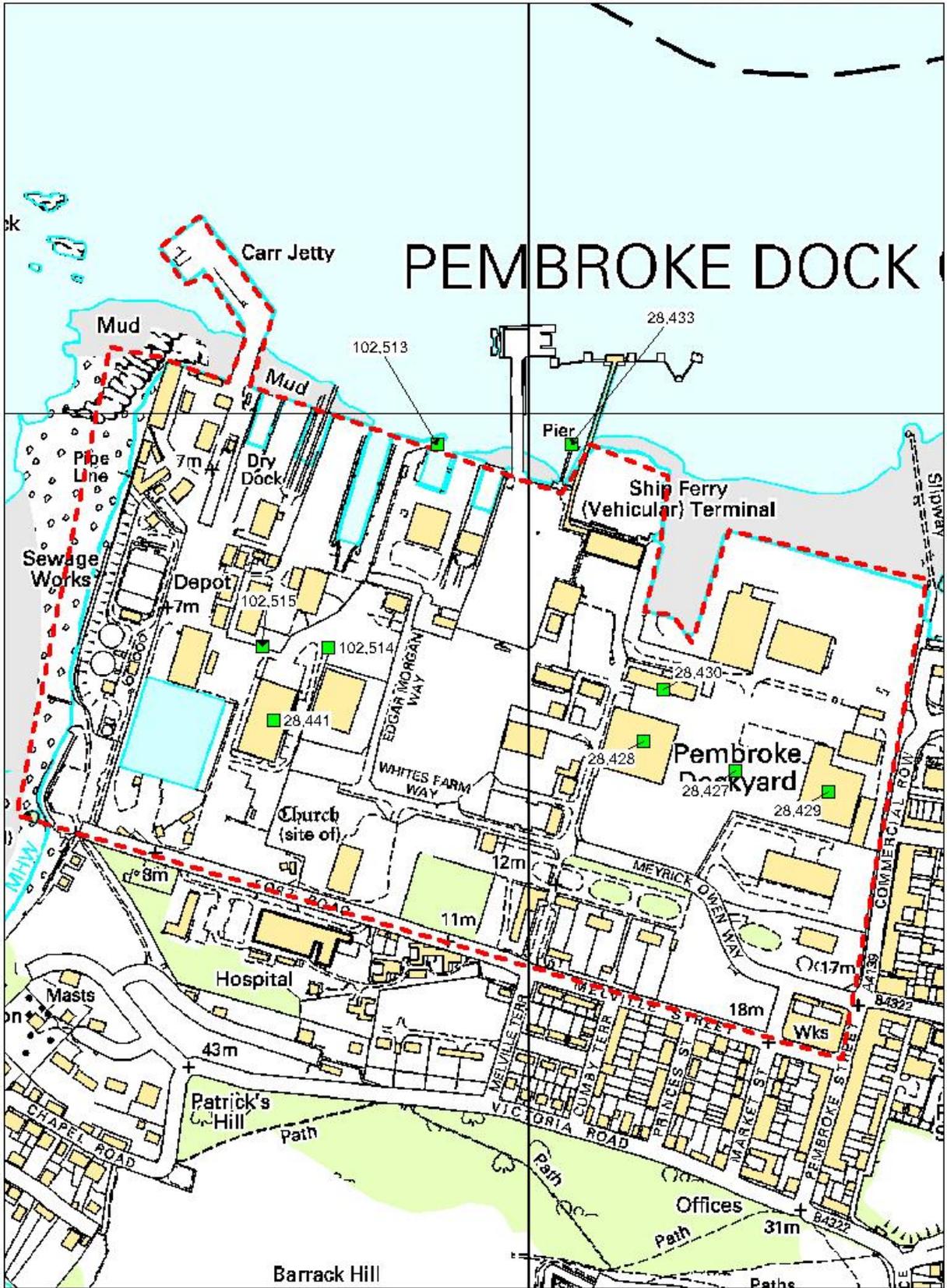
Pembroke Dock was transferred to the Air Ministry from the Admiralty in 1930 and to begin with there were no hangars, sheds or slipways to accommodate the first flying boats based there. By 1934 hangars and slipways had been constructed and adapted for use by flying boats.

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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

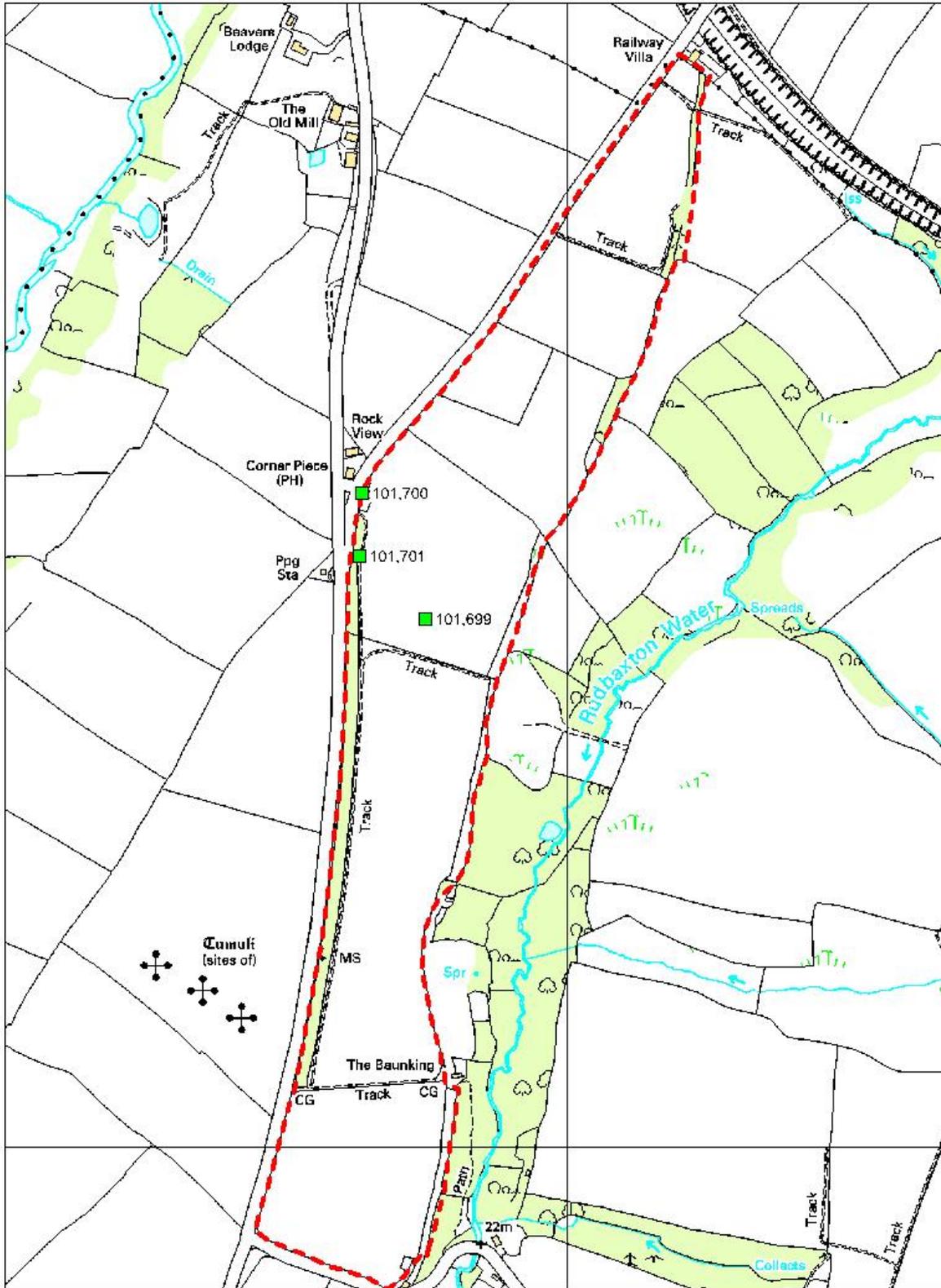
The former Watch Office, (PRN 101700) lies opposite the Corner Piece, and a Tractor shed (PRN 101701) lies to the south. Dispersals for parking the aircraft were built up from the natural slope to the east, in some instances by 2m to create a platform approximately 12-15m square. The landowner believes 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.

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**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**

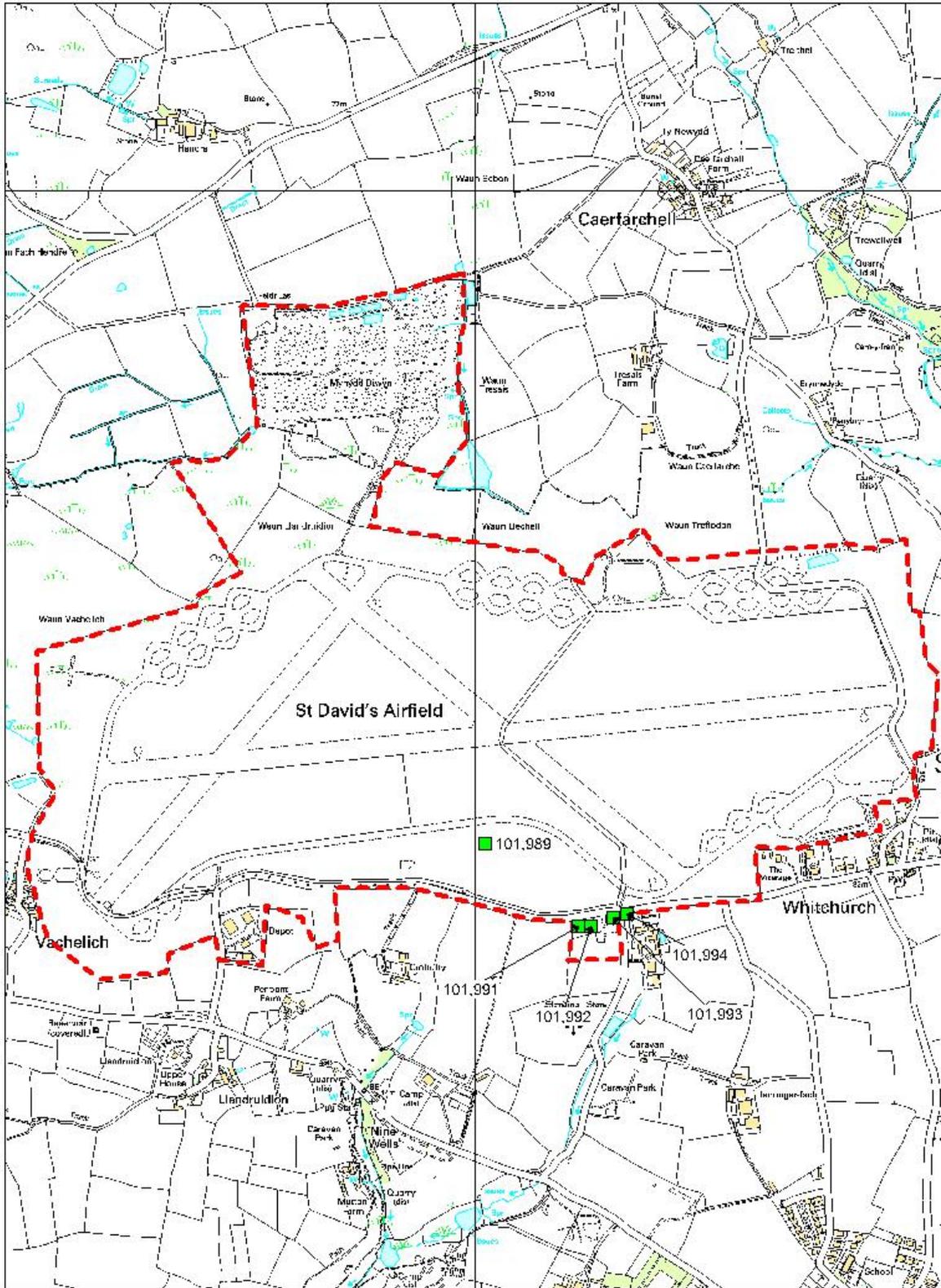
The airfield at St David's was opened in 1943 under Coastal Command with a satellite station at Brawdy. The main role of the aircraft here was submarine hunting and attacking as far as the Bay of Biscay. Three concrete runways were constructed; 2000yards E-W, 1400 yards NW-SE and 1200 yards NE-SW. There 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.

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**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.

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**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.

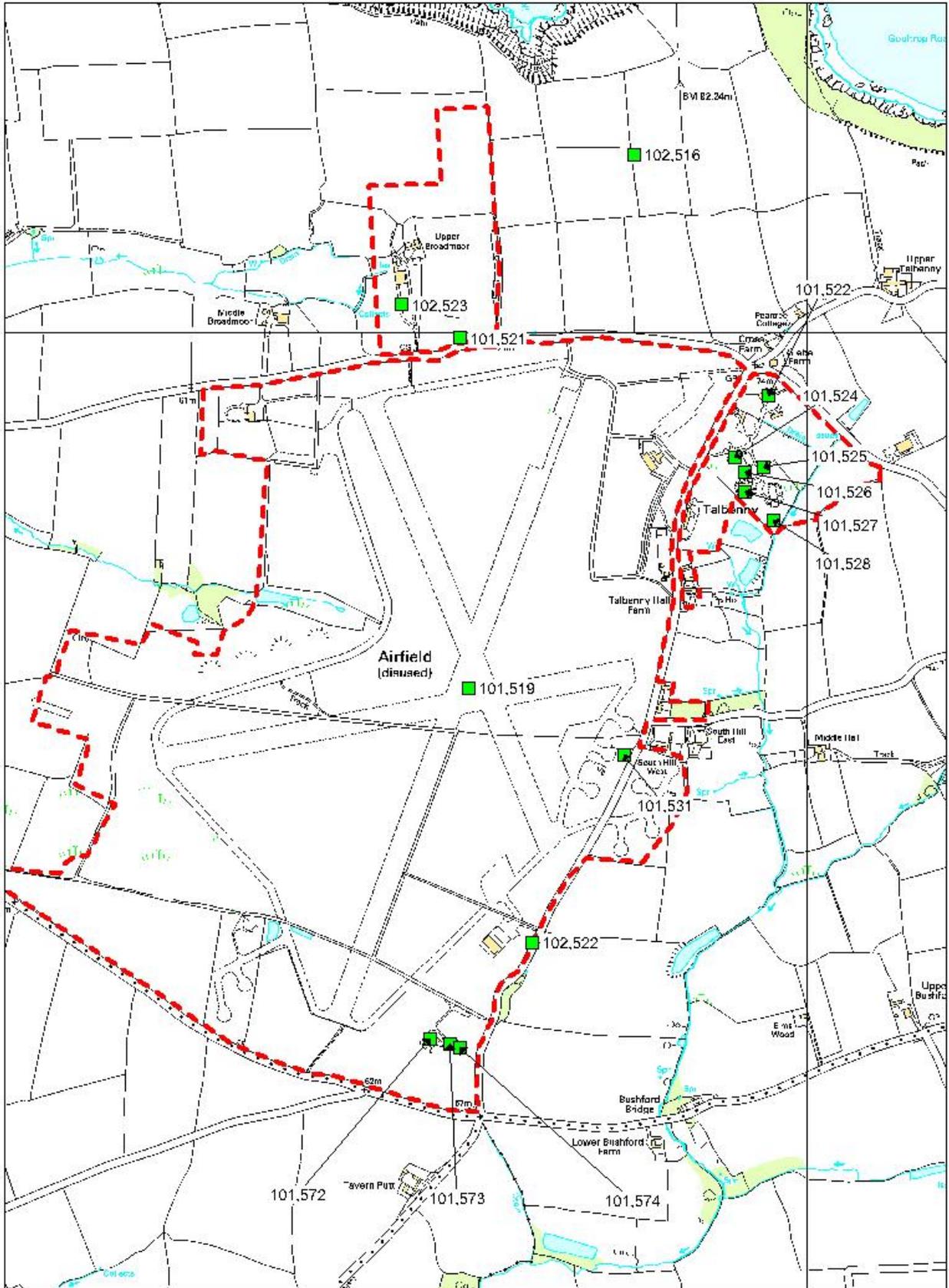
In January 2012 these have largely been removed, although some sections on the southern side of the airfield survive and are occasionally used for motorsport. It originally consisted of two T2 type Hangars, now gone, and 36 Frying Pan hardstandings, additional concrete aprons could accommodate 22 aircraft. 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 in 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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### **RAF TEMPLETON**

**PRN** - 101649

**NAME** - RAF TEMPLETON

**TYPE** - Airfield

**CONDITION** - Various

**NGR** - SN09701139

**COMMUNITY** - Templeton / Begelly

**COUNTY** - Pembrokeshire

### **SITE DESCRIPTION**

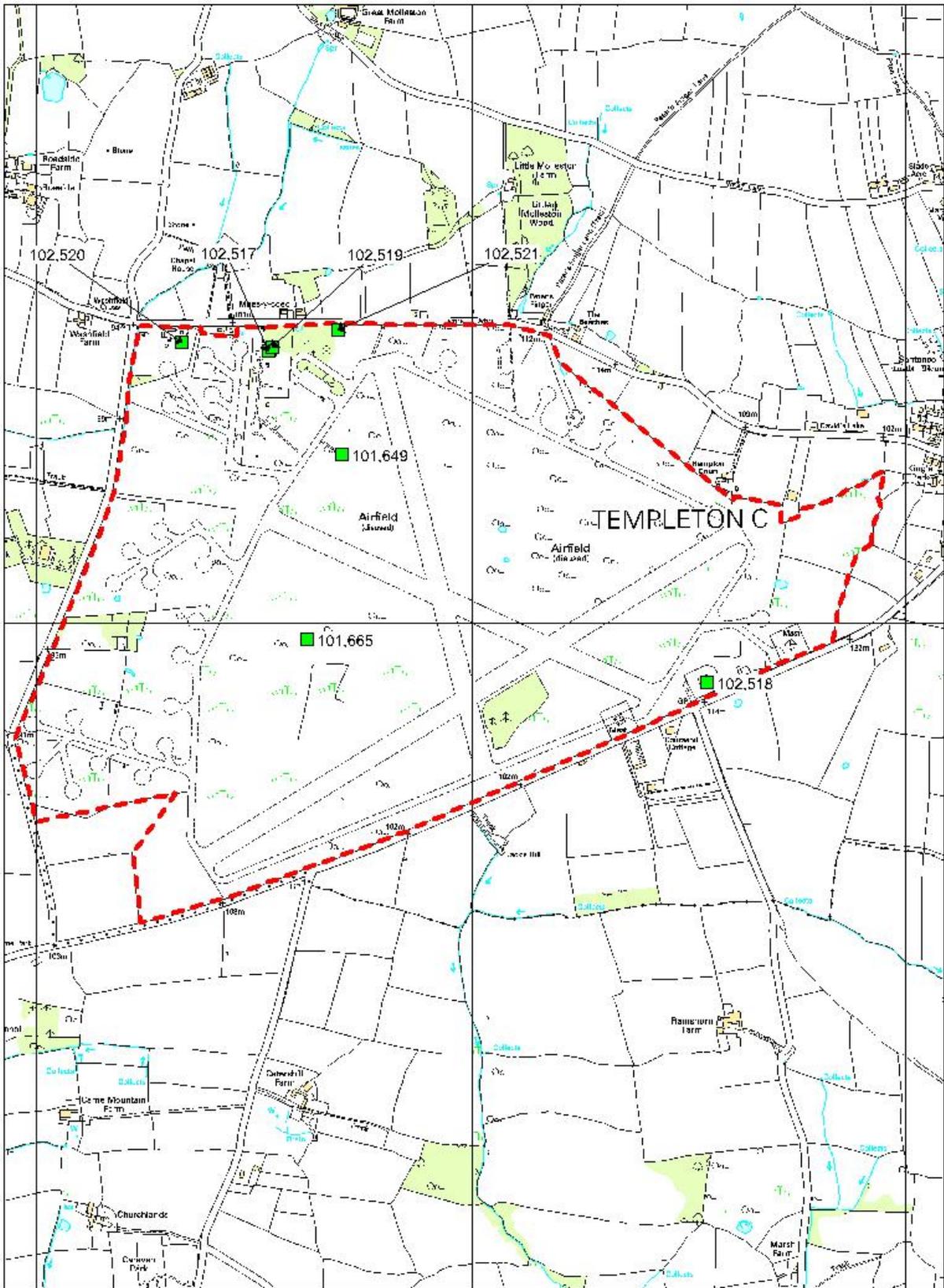
Templeton airfield was a satellite to Haverfordwest, both becoming Coastal Command Support bases. It was opened in 1943 and one of its primary roles was the training of aircrews in general reconnaissance and the use of Leigh Lights, for submarine searching and identification. The airfield closed in 1945. (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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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### ABERAERON CAMP CUBSTRIP

**PRN** - 102533

**NAME** - ABERAERON CAMP CUBSTRIP

**TYPE** - military camp

**CONDITION** - Not known

**NGR** - SN44576182

**COMMUNITY** - Llangunnor

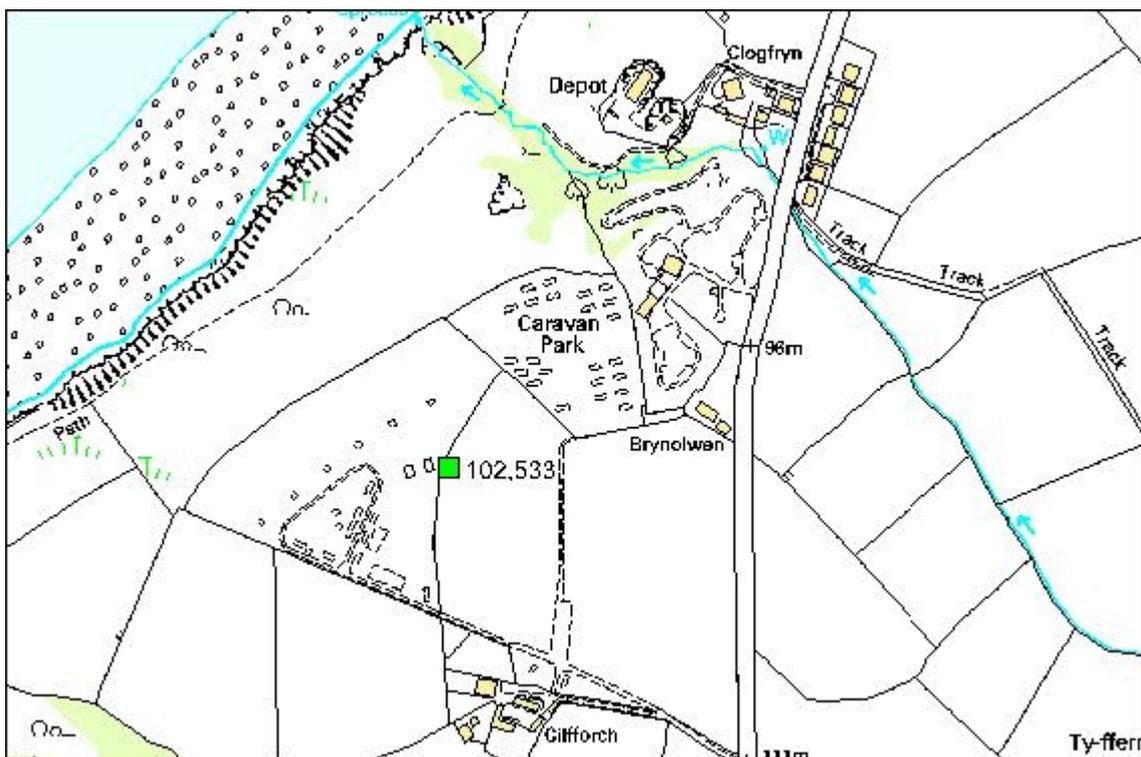
**COUNTY** - Ceredigion

#### 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

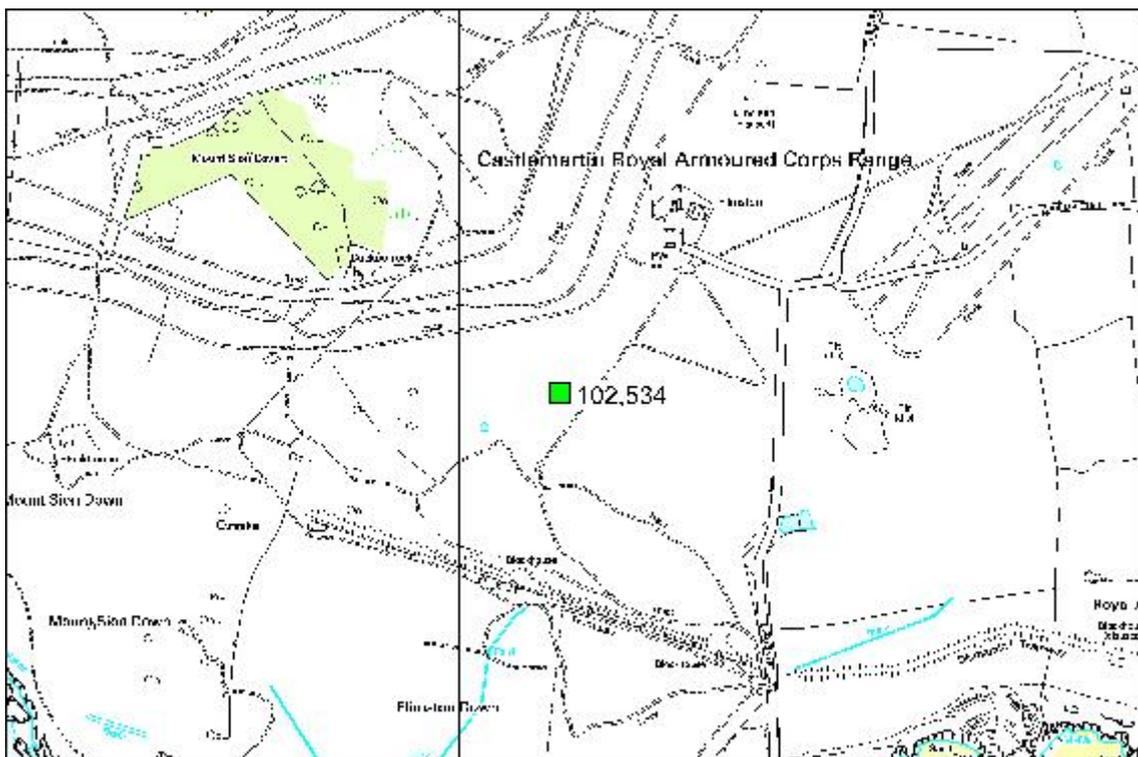
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**SITE DESCRIPTION**

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

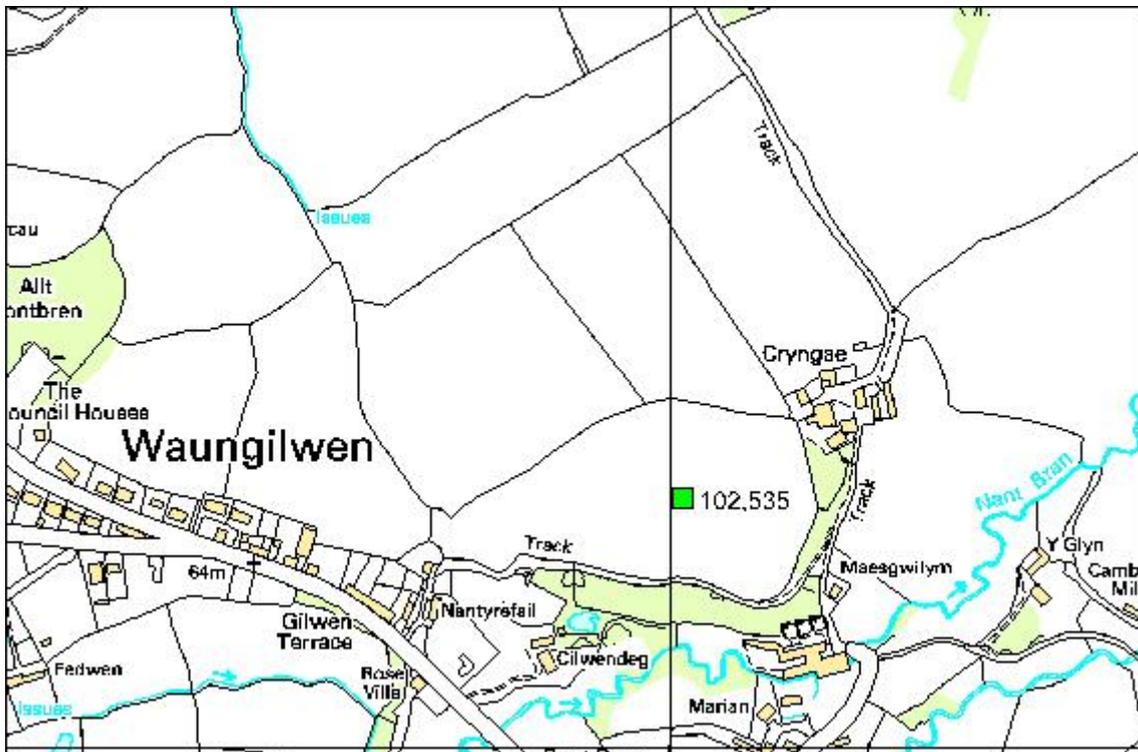
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**SITE DESCRIPTION**

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

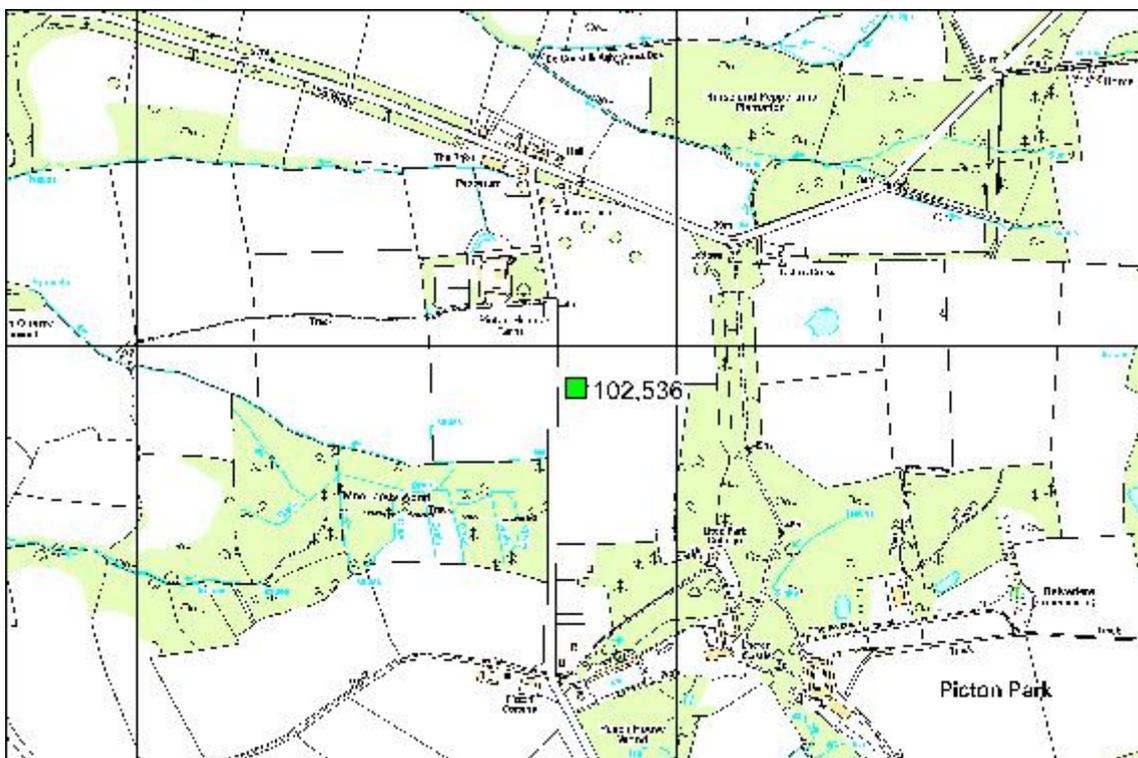
**COUNTY** - Pembrokeshire

**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

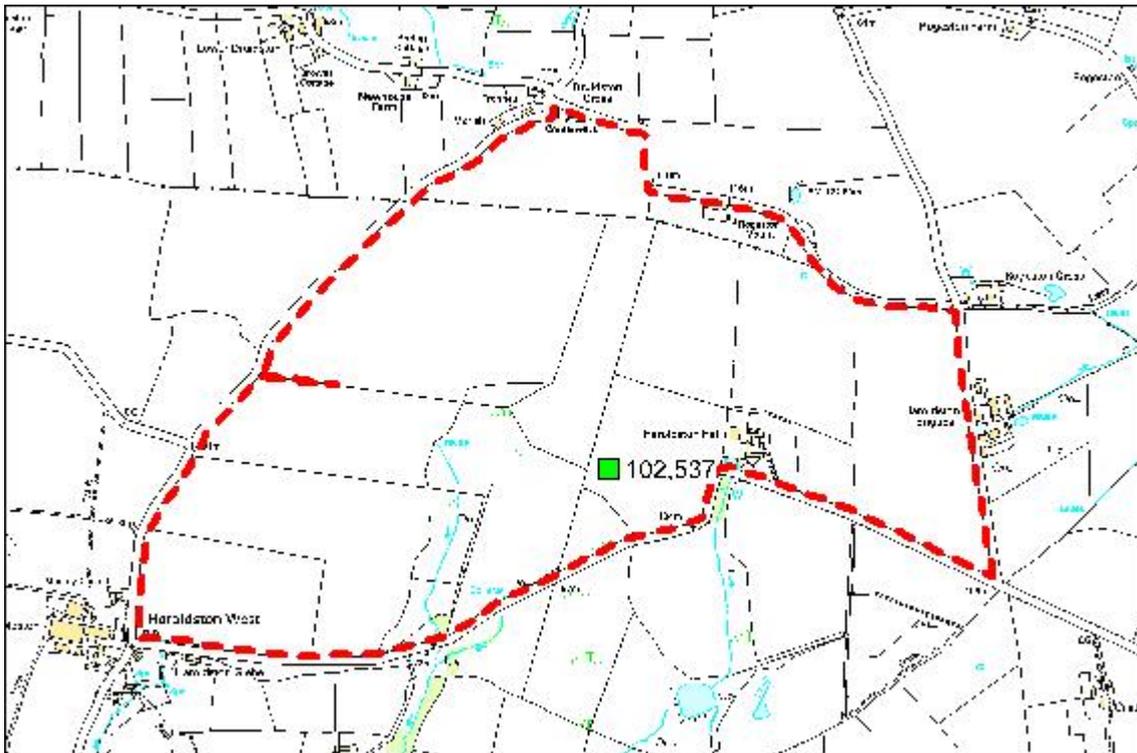
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**SITE DESCRIPTION**

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

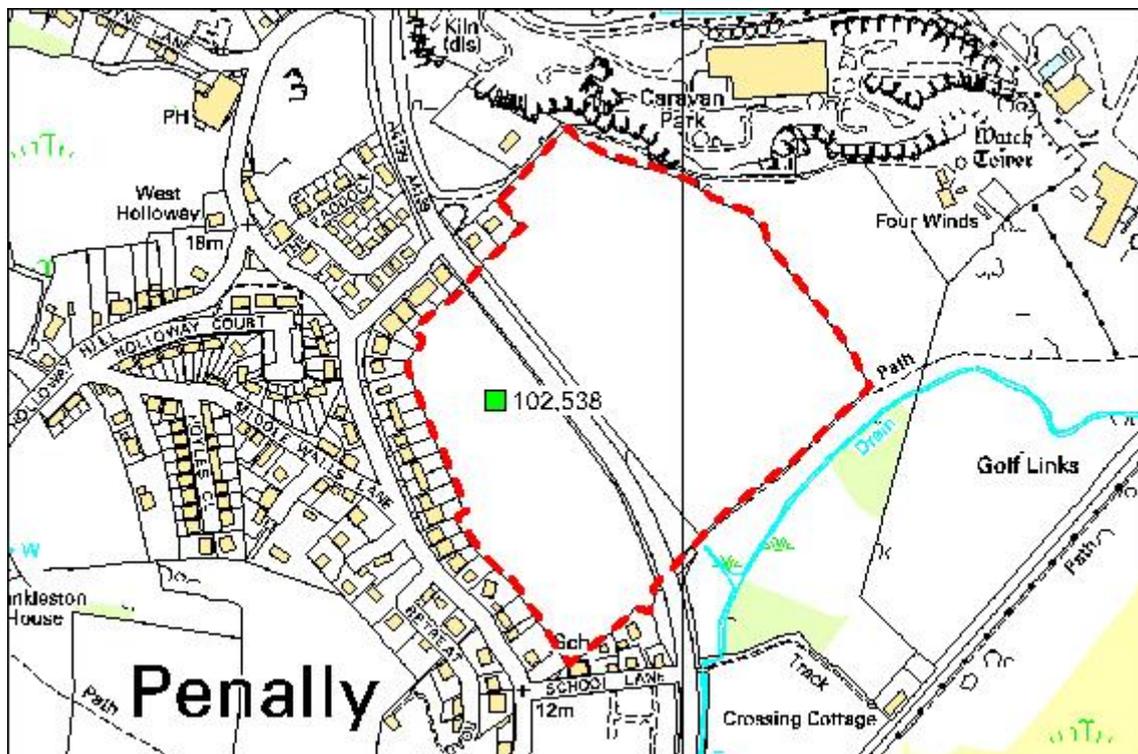
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### SITE DESCRIPTION

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

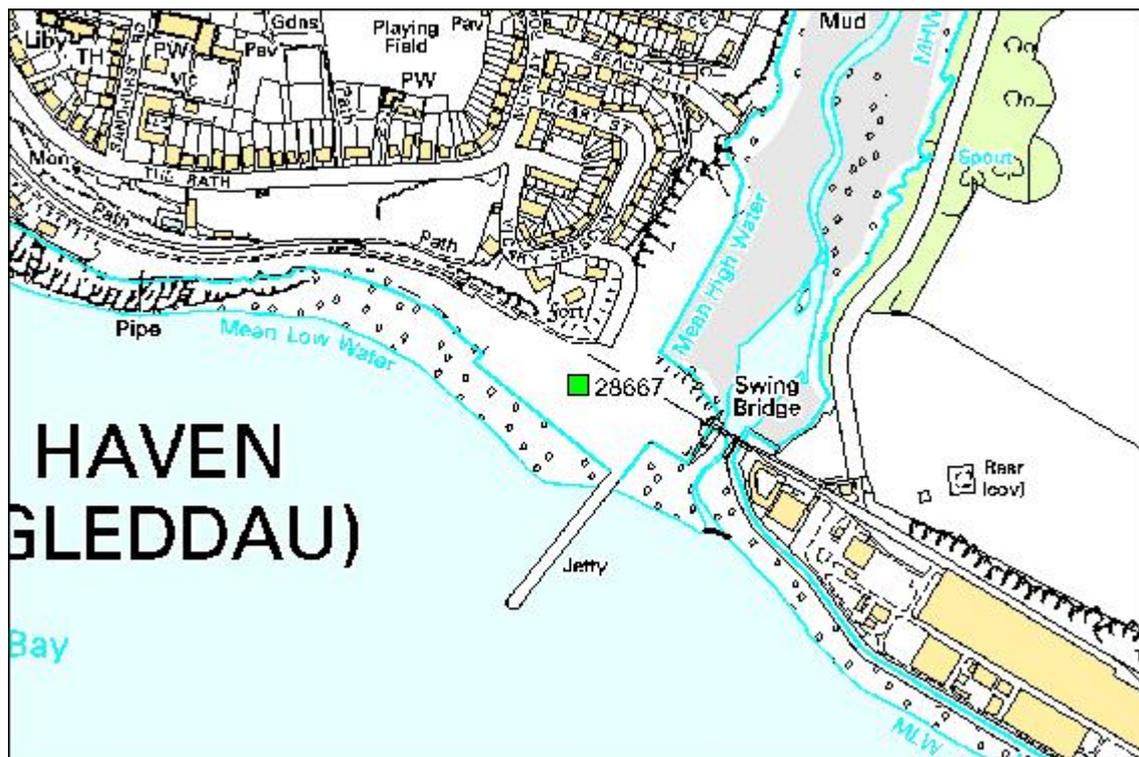
**NGR** - SM91220543

**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 were two 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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