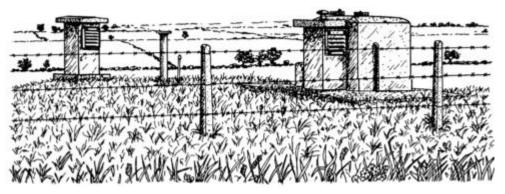
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Mae'r astudiaeth hon, gan Ymddiriedolaeth Archeolegol Dyfed ym 2020-21, o safleoedd y Royal Observer Corps y Rhyfel Oer wedi diweddaru'r Cofnod Amgylchedd Hanesyddol gyda 36 o safleoedd newydd ac wedi diweddaru'r deg a gofnodwyd o'r blaen. Canolbwyntiodd y prosiect ar y safleoedd hynny a grëwyd yng nghyfnod y Rhyfel Oer ond roedd gwreiddiau'r ROC yn yr Ail Ryfel Byd, a nodwyd tri safle sy'n ymddangos yn dyddio o'r cyfnod cynharach hwn. Casglwyd gwybodaeth am safleoedd o gofnodion y Royal Observer Corps ac o ffynonellau eraill, ond nid oedd yn bosibl ymweld â safleoedd oherwydd cyfyngiadau Covid 19 ac o ganlyniad nid yw cyflwr presennol y rhan fwyaf o'r safleoedd hyn yn hysbys. Y safleoedd hyn, a leolir yn rheolaidd ar draws y dirwedd wledig, yw etifeddiaeth gudd y Rhyfel Oer; nodyn atgoffa llesol na fyddai unrhyw ran o'r Deyrnas Unedig yn ddiogel rhag effeithiau rhyfel niwclear.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study, undertaken by Dyfed Archaeological Trust in 2020-21, of the Cold War Royal Observer Corps sites has updated the Historic Environment Record with 36 new sites and updated the ten which had been previously recorded. The project focussed on those sites created in the Cold War period however the origins of the ROC lay in the Second World War, and three sites have been identified which appear to date from this earlier period. Information on sites has been gathered from Royal Observer Corps records and from other sources, however site visits were not possible due to Covid 19 restrictions and consequently the current condition of most of these sites is unknown. These sites, situated at regular intervals across the rural landscape, are the hidden legacy of the Cold War; a salutary reminder that no part of the United Kingdom would be safe from the effects of a nuclear war.

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INTRODUCTION

This study of the Cold War Royal Observer Corps sites forms part of a phased programme of work being undertaken by the Welsh Archaeological Trusts, addressing the lack of information on the archaeology and historic environment which stems from the conflicts of the twentieth century. Cadw have grant-aided the investigation of various classes of site across Wales, and within Dyfed, these include: Military Airfields and their dispersed sites, crashed Military Aircraft sites, the archaeology of the First World War, and Camps and Ranges. These assessments build on the work carried out through the Defence of Britain programme, coordinated by the Council for British Archaeology and now archived with the Archaeology Data Service and the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments for Wales.

The project addresses one of the key monument site types for the Cold War theme identified in the research agenda of *Modern Military Matters* (Schofield 2004, p31), that of the Royal Observer Corps Underground Monitoring Posts.

The information collated in this report will contribute to our understanding of the impact of the twentieth-century conflicts through its archaeology and surviving structures, and provide information and advice for heritage management purposes, for development control and forward planning in Local Planning Authorities.

PROJECTS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The project's aims and objectives are set out in the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Cadw Grant-Aided Programme Project Proposals 2020-21;

The overall **aims** of the project are:

- 1. to record twentieth century military sites on the Dyfed HER
- 2. to make scheduling recommendations for twentieth century military sites

The **objectives** of the project are:

1. to identify twentieth century military sites from aerial photographs, map sources and easily accessible documentary sources

2. to undertake field visits to selected sites to assess survival, condition and vulnerability

3. to enhance existing HER records and create new HER records of twentieth century military sites

- 4. to identify sites that are of national importance and make scheduling recommendations
- 5. to produce a short report on the project
- 6. to create Glastir management polygons around sensitive archaeological areas.

NB. Due to the restrictions in place during the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020-2021, no site visits could be undertaken.

METHODOLOGY

The way in which this project has been approached mirrors that of previous threat related projects undertaken by the Welsh Archaeological Trusts with grant-aid from Cadw. Sources were consulted for each site. Records were created and new point and polygon-based GIS data compiled as a result of the research. This information is now integrated into the regional Historic Environment Record and is available through the HER and through the Archwilio website.

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

- An assessment of existing records within the HER,
- An assessment of existing records within the NMR / Coflein,
- An assessment of records held by the Royal Observer Corps archive held by the Royal Observer Corps Museum (ROCM),
- An assessment of data listed in secondary sources, on the internet or hard copy,
- An assessment of wartime and later aerial photographs,
- · Creation of new records and enhancement of existing records in the HER,
- Creation of Glastir management polygons,
- Production of a short report including a gazetteer of sites.

A number of key sources were the basis for the assessment, of foremost importance are the records held by the archives of the Royal Observer Corps, and provided by Neville Cullingford of the Royal Observer Corps Museum (ROCM), who provided digital copies of post histories, site visit records and photographs especially for this project, these have been referenced and uploaded as sources to the relevant records on the HER. The organisation Subterranea Britannica hosts a website <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u> and has comprehensive records of almost all of the sites, including visit descriptions (often including access to the below ground structure) and a number of photographs, generally dating from visits occurring in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Roger JC Thomas in 1993 recorded a number of sites in Pembrokeshire and has provided photographs of these as well as other supplementary information, including extracts from Derek Wood's book, Attack Warning Red, 1992.

All sources consulted are referenced in the individual site records.

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS MONITORING POSTS

Extensive and detailed histories of the ROC and its role are available in various publications and websites, therefore only a brief summary of the background to these monuments is provided based on the following sources; Cocroft and Thomas 2003, Dalton 2017, information accessed from the Royal Observer Corps Association website http://www.roc-heritage.co.uk/roc-history.html and the Subterranea Britannica website www.subbrit.org.uk/features/royal-observer-corps/ (Accessed 30/03/2021).

The origins of the Royal Observer Corps lie in the Second World War, where its key role was identifying enemy aircraft, and charting their movements, then reporting to a group headquarters to inform fighter squadrons to mount a counter attack. Whilst Radar became heavily relied on for this information during the war, the ROC provided an important role in filling the gaps in Radar cover. Initially observers would be expected to observe out in the open without any form of cover; however this gradually changed - with the provision of £5 for each post - to the construction of an Observation Post; with a variety of structures erected as a consequence. Many started as structures built of sandbags or corrugated iron, but went on to be replaced in brick, often (though not always) conforming to designs established by the Air Ministry Works Departments. Many posts were sited on local high points such as rooftops and church towers.

The ROC stood down on 12th May 1945 and many of the ephemeral posts were cleared away, however in 1947 the ROC stood to again, due to the recognition that visual and audio reporting was essential as a defence against low flying aircraft, and many posts then had to be established from scratch.

Around 1950 a survey by the RAF of all the ROC posts initiated a repair and upgrading programme finally giving adequate provision for observers with prefabricated, sectional, concrete shelters produced by Messrs Orlit Ltd. There were two types; Orlit A which was built at ground level or on top of an existing structure, and Orlit B, which was raised off the ground on 6 feet high concrete legs and accessed by a ladder. The first of these structures was built in 1952 and the last in 1956.

Despite these improvements, the speed of jet aircraft was too fast for these visual reporting methods and with the threat of nuclear attack ever present, the ROC's role changed from aircraft observation to the monitoring of nuclear blasts and subsequent fallout.

In 1955 the United Kingdom Warning and Monitoring Organisation (UKWMO) was established by the Home Office, and this, which was a combination of the ROC and the Air Raid Warning Organisation, was responsible for warning of air attack, nuclear strikes, and providing meteorological information to model the extent and direction of fallout.

A prototype monitoring post was constructed at Farnham, Hampshire and from 1957 a programme of replacing the above ground posts with underground monitoring posts began. The posts were generally 7-10 miles apart and by 1965 when the programme was complete, 1518 posts were in use across the UK. A reduction of posts was made in 1968 and a restructuring in 1973 (Fig. 2).

A standard design was followed generally for each post, built to provide the equipment and accommodation for those whose role was to confirm a nuclear detonation had taken place, record its location, strength and type (air or ground burst) and monitor the radioactive fallout for up to fourteen days.

Each post would accommodate four people and was essentially a monolithic reinforced concrete box with earth thrown over to create a mound. An access shaft, which also provided ventilation, and a further ventilation shaft at the other end of the structure, were left protruding above ground. Internally the posts measured 18 feet long, by 7 foot 6 inches wide and 7 feet 6 inches high. Below ground accommodation consisted of one room with bunk beds and a folding table and adjacent to the access shaft was a small compartment to house a chemical toilet, (see Fig 1).

The instrumentation consisted of a Ground Zero Indicator (GZI), which recorded the image of a nuclear burst, a Fixed Survey Meter (FSM) which recorded radiation levels, and a Bomb Power Indicator (BPI) recording the maximum peak blast. Other instrumentation included a unit to receive warnings, a dosimeter which each person carried to monitor the levels of radiation they were exposed to, and a Maroon training kit – explosive devices which were set off to warn of fallout.

Each post was part of a cluster of three or four which were interconnected by telephone, and one in each cluster was designated as the master and had a VHF radio and mast to communicate with the group headquarters should the landline be cut off.

The information would in the first instance be relayed to the group headquarters where the exact location, height and power of the nuclear blasts would be determined and fallout warnings would be issued.

In response to the perceived reduction of nuclear threats, the UKWMO was disbanded and the ROC was stood down in 1991. However six posts in the UK were retained for the installation of seismic equipment to monitor nuclear detonation.

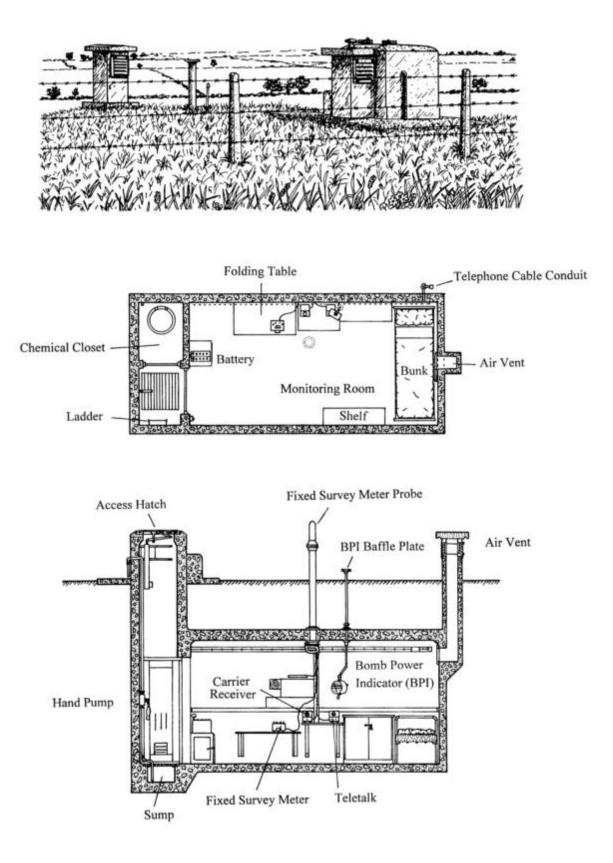


Figure 1: ROC Underground Nuclear Monitoring post (©Roger JC Thomas)

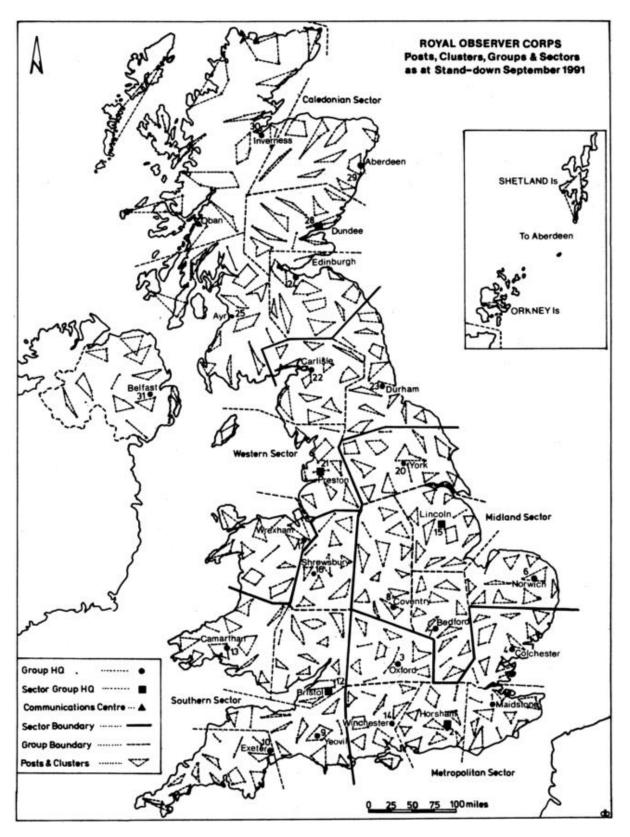


Figure 2: Clusters at Stand-down Sept 1991 (after Attack Warning Red, page xxiii)

RESULTS

Prior to the assessment being carried out ten records for Royal Observer Corps posts existed in the HER. These derived from Roger J C Thomas's study of military buildings in Pembrokeshire.

Records held on Coflein amounted to five in Dyfed, of which three in Pembrokeshire originated from the Defence of Britain project.

An additional 36 new records have been created for those sites which have been identified from the lists provided both by the Royal Observer Corps Museum and Subterranea Britannica; these have been listed in the table below and are shown on the map in Figure 3.

PRN	Site Name	Community	NGR	
26175	LAMPHEY/MANORBIER 13/F3	Carew	SN0416000824	
26176	LAMPHEY/MANORBIER 13/F3	Carew	SN0416400840	
26177 LAMPHEY/MANORBIER 28.1/S3		Carew	SN0416300834	
28547 CASTLEMARTIN/ST TWYNNELLS 13/E3; 13/G3		Castlemartin		
28548	CASTLEMARTIN 28.2/S1; 13/E3	Castlemartin	SR91509845	
28615	DALE 13/E2	Dale	SM80200401	
28639	DALE 28-1/T.1, E2; MARYBOROUGH FARM	Dale SM81490474		
28640	DALE 28.1/T1;	Dale	SM82240520	
28742	BROAD HAVEN 28.1/T2; 13/E1; 13/F3	The Havens	SM8595613142	
33465	SAUNDERSFOOT-TENBY 28.1/S2; 13/F4	Tenby	SN14330295	
121734	TALLEY 28.1/Q2; 13/N2; 13/E3	Talley	SN6364232638	
121735	PONTERWYDD 13/Q4; 13/A113/Q4; 13/A1	Blaenrheidol	SN7530381956	
121736	MAENCLOCHOG 28.1/X3; 13/C2;13/F2	Crymych	SN0707327875	
121737	CRYMYCH 28.1/X2; 13/C3	Crymych	SN1793134054	
121738	CARDIGAN 28.1/X4; 13/C4; 13/C3	Cardigan	SN1654744284	
121739	NEWPORT 28.1/X1; 13/C1	Newport	SN0442138987	
121740	NARBERTH 13/F2; 13/G2	Narberth	SN1114012400	
121741	LLANBOIDY 28.1/R3; 13/F1; 13/H1	Llanboidy	SN2061423232	
121742	FISHGUARD 28.1/U1; 13/D1	Fishguard and	SM9510136912	
		Goodwick		
121743	CROESCOCH 28.1/U3; 13/D2; 13/F1	Llanrhian	SM8213430168	
121744	HAVERFORDWEST 13/D3; 13/G1	Haverfordwest	SN0136615542	
121745	LETTERSTON 28.1/U2; 13/D4	Letterston	SM9488429349	
121746	LAUGHARNE 28.1/R1; 13/G2; 13/H3	Laugharne Township	SN3001709890	
121747	KIDWELLY 28.1/Q4; 13/G3; 13/JT1	Kidwelly	SN4159106414	
121748	CARMARTHEN 28.1/Q1; 13/G1; 13/H2	Carmarthen	SN41082124	
121749	DRYSLWYN 28.1/Q3; 13/G4; 13/K1	Llanegwad	SN5424521622	
121750	LLANDOVERY 25/M1; 13/N1; 13/E2	Llandovery	SN7657035353	
121751	CONWILL 28.1/R4; 13/B3	Cynwyl Elfed	SN3480827439	
121752	PENCADER 28.1/P3; 13/B4; 13/D3	Llanfihangel-ar-arth	SN4512637047	
121753	NEWCASTLE EMLYN 28.1/Y3; 13/B2; 13/C2	Llandyfriog	SN310418	
121754	ABERPORTH 13/B1	Aberporth	SN2233750527	
121755	NEWQUAY 28.1/Y4; 13/A1; 13/C1	Llanllwchaiarn	SN3829060098	
121756	LLANDYSSUL/PONT SHAEN 13/A2	Llandysul	SN3925643154	
121757	LLANDYSSUL/PONT SHAEN 28.1/Y1	Llandysul	SN433482	
121758	LAMPETER 28.1/P2; 13/A3; 13/D2	Lampeter	SN5829148143	
121759	TREGARON 28.1/P1; 13/A3; 13/D1	Lampeter	SN6769959806	
121760	LLANON 28.1/Q4; 13/Q2; 13/A3	Llansantffraed	SN5175966804	
121761	CROSSWOOD 28.1/Q2; 13/Q3; 13/A2	Trawsgoed	SN6794972236	

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121762	ABERYSTWYTH 13/Q1	Tirymynach	SN5960782896
121763	ABERYSTWYTH 28.1/O1	Tirymynach	SN59268333
121764	ABERPORTH 28.1/Y2	Aberporth	SN243502
121765	HAVERFORDWEST 28.1/T3; 13/D3	Haverfordwest	SM929153
121766	NARBERTH 28.1/R2, 13/F2	Narberth	SN103149
121767	CARMARTHEN ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS No 13. GROUP HEADQUARTERS	Carmarthen	SN405198
121768	AMMAN VALLEY (GWAUN-CAE-GURWEN) 13/M.2	Cwmamman	SN69891207
121769	PONTERWYD 28.1/O2	Blaenrheidol	SN75008100

Table showing the total sites recorded in Dyfed.

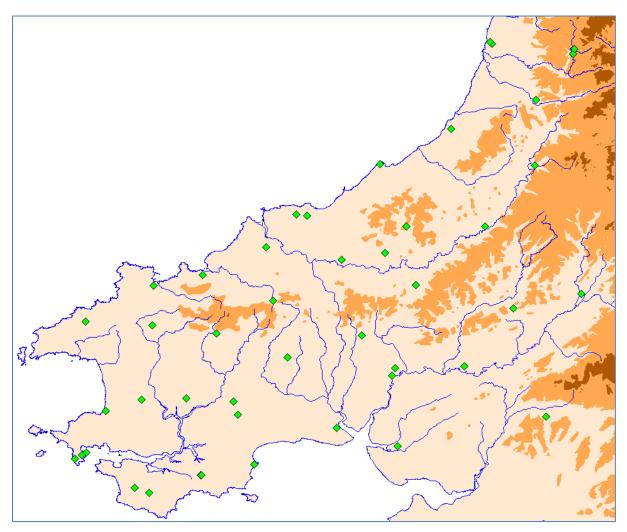


Figure 3: Distribution of ROC posts across Dyfed.

For over 50 years the ROC responded to changing threats, which necessitated a change from above-ground observation posts for identifying and tracking enemy aircraft, to underground monitoring posts to record nuclear strikes and subsequent fallout. In most cases the same site was reused and redeveloped however in some cases a new site was found to build a monitoring post. In this study of the counties of Dyfed; Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion,

thirty four posts are recorded of which eight have been relocated. Each new geographical site has been given a new record.

Those sites which have been relocated and therefore have new numbers for the new locations are listed below;

Aberystwyth PRN 121763 relocated; PRN 121762

Ponterwyd PRN 121769 relocated; PRN121735

Castlemartin PRN 28548 relocated; PRN 28547

Llandysul PRN 121757 relocated; PRN 121756

Aberporth PRN 121764 relocated; PRN 121754

Haverfordwest PRN 121765 relocated; PRN 121744

Narberth PRN 121766 relocated; PRN 121740

Dale PRN 28640 relocated to PRN 28639 and relocated again to PRN 28615

In one case at Lamphey, which was recorded as part of Roger Thomas's survey in 1993, the three periods of construction on the same site have been recorded individually; the first structure established during the Second World War (PRN 26177), the subsequent erection of an Orlit B observation post (PRN 26175) and finally the construction of the underground nuclear monitoring post (PRN 26176).

For the purposes of this study, even though there may be more than one phase of use represented on the same site, each ROC post has been given one record. Until the remains can be verified on the ground through site visits, it was decided to allocate just one record with a narrative history of the site.

All records have been allocated site types which are derived from the Thesaurus of Monument Types for Wales, which is based on the Defence of Britain thesaurus definitions. Descriptions of site type and scope notes are available at the web address: http://orapweb.rcahms.gov.uk/apex/f?p=200:1::Go:NO:RP:P1 SHOW DETAILS%2CP1 REPORT OFFSET:1%2C0

ROYAL OBSERVER	A site or structure associated with the activities of the Royal Observer Corps. The Corps was formed on 1 January 1947
	and disbanded in 1991.

The earliest map showing the distribution of sites is undated but believed to be early 1944 to May 1945 (evidenced by the inclusion of RAF Brawdy, which did not open officially until February 1944). This shows the earliest designation or identity, and the prefix to identify the post (Figure 4). The clusters are prefixed with a letter from M to Y (excluding V).

Later maps of 1959 and 1966 show new designations and how each post was grouped in a cluster (Figures 5 and 6). At this stage all the posts within the Dyfed area fall within 13 Group which then remained consistent throughout the lifetime of the ROC, though elsewhere in the UK there was significant reorganisation in 1968, 1973 and 1982. Clusters within 13 Group are prefixed A to Q – though as the sector does not follow county boundaries some clusters and parts of clusters lie in Powys and Glamorgan (Clusters G – P). The group headquarters was located at Carmarthen PRN 121767.

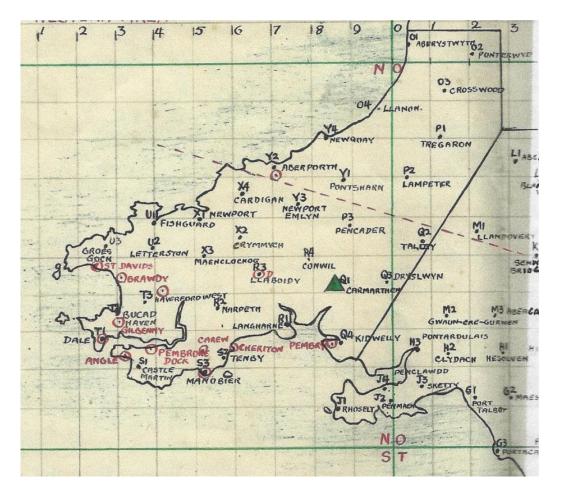


Figure 4: South Wales and West ROC posts, c1944-45, Second World War military grid (Richard Sirley / ROCM). NB. Names in red record the existence of an airfield.

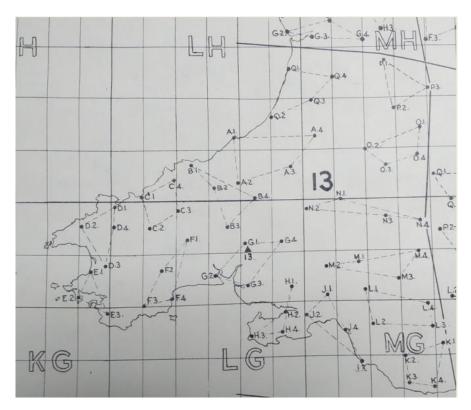


Figure 5: Map 13 Group 1959 (ROCM)



Figure 6: Map 13 Group 1966 (ROCM)

DISCUSSION

The study has successfully recorded ROC monitoring posts across Dyfed for the period from the Second World War through to the ROC stand down in 1991. The earlier wartime posts were ephemeral and mostly do not survive, however the posts at Castlemartin PRN 28548, Ponterwyd PRN 121769 (now demolished) and Aberystwyth PRN 121763, which consist of brick built above-ground posts represent the earliest ROC posts which have been recorded. Subsequent development of and upgrading of the above ground posts is represented by the Orlit B structures which are recorded at Lamphey PRN 26175, Letterston PRN 121745, Llandysul PRN 121756, and Laugharne PRN 121746.

The fact that the majority of these nuclear monitoring posts are mostly subterranean with only access hatches and ventilation shafts protruding above ground level, makes it very difficult to locate them from aerial photographs or to assess from recent aerial photographs if they still survive. Indeed at Talley, PRN 121734, the ROC site has been developed and a bungalow now stands on the site of the post, however the below-ground remains still survive and have been incorporated into the bungalow.

CONCLUSION

The ROC monitoring posts demonstrate the changing roles of the ROC and the physical response to the changing threats of 20th century warfare. The importance of these structures is now being recognised; one ROC post has been scheduled to date in Wales; RD270 Llananno Royal Observer Corps Monitory Post <u>https://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/sam/FullReport?lang=&id=1273</u>

and in England at least ten structures have statutory protection in their own right; nine of which are listed and one is scheduled, though it is worth noting that many more posts are scheduled in association with other nationally important remains, (<u>https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/advanced-search/</u> (Accessed 30/03/2021).

Subterranea Britannica records show that many sites have been used for mobile telephone companies to erect masts and hold equipment, many making use of the structure and carrying out maintenance on it, however it is little understood what changes may have been made to accommodate these new uses. Clearly the few remaining above-ground remains – both brick built and Orlit structures – represent the most vulnerable to damage and decay and it is recommended, when possible, to carry out site visits to establish if these or any of the underground monitoring posts would be worthy of designation in their own right.

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Map 13 Group 1959 (ROCM)

Map 13 Group 1966 (ROCM)

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GAZETTEER OF SITES

Source prefixes: Ph = Published, historic (pre-1900) Mh = Unpublished, historic

- Pm/Mm = Published/Unpublished modern (post-1899)
- Desc Text = Descriptive text.
- GP/AP = Ground photograph/Aerial photograph.

PRN 26175 NAME LAMPHEY/MANORBIER 13/F3 TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern NGR SN0416000824 COMMUNITY Carew CONDITION Near Intact STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Observation Post, in use from 1953 through until 1963. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

An Orlit 'B' observation post of precast concrete. A Pyper based on www.Subbrit.org.uk

1950-63, Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning, Observation Post, Orlit Type, now used as a radio aerial plinth. Pre-fabricated concrete panels forming a redtangle 10x6 (3.05x2.03m) raised off the ground on four 6 feet (1.83m) concrete legs, reached by a steel rung ladder. Internally divided into shelter/store and observation post. RJC.Thomas, 14.01.93.

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PRN 26176 NAME LAMPHEY/MANORBIER 13/F3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern
NGR SN0416400840 COMMUNITY Carew
CONDITION Near Intact STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning, Underground Monitoring Post, in use from 1963 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

1963-68, Royal Observation Corps, Early Warning, Underground Monitoring Post, now derelict. Comprising of a re-inforced concrete 15'x 7'6" (4.57 x 2.29m) underground chamber, accessed by a vertical shaft via a hatch and steel rung ladder. Covered ventilator adjacent to hatch and at opposite end of structure. Two pipes extend above ground level from chamber. RJC.Thomas, 14.01.93.

SOURCES Mm AP Vertical RAF 07.07.46. Sortie No. 106G-UK-1625 Frames 4345-4346 Mm GP Thomas,R 1993 Mm Record Form Thomas,R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No.^003-002 Pm Desc Text Thomas,R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire

Pm Desc Text Wood,D 1992 Attack Warning, Red Carmichael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8 **OTHER SOURCES**

Unknown, 1997, Lamphey ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u> Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Lamphey - Manorbier Post History



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Lamphey Post 13-E3, view from north Roger JC Thomas



Subterranea Britannica, 1997, (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica, 1997, (Nick Catford)

PRN 26177 NAME LAMPHEY/MANORBIER 28.1/S3 TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern NGR SN0416300834 COMMUNITY Carew CONDITION Destroyed STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE Building

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Observation Post, in use during 1942. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

1942-, Early Warning, Observation Post, now demolished. The original post comprised of a single

storey, rectangular, brick built structure, covered with a flat concrete roof which supported an observation post. RJC.Thomas, 14.01.93.

SOURCES Mm AP Vertical RAF 07.07.46. Sortie No. 106G-UK-1625 Frames 4345-4346 Mm Record Form Thomas,R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No.^003-003 Pm Desc Text Thomas,R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire

Pm Desc Text Wood,D 1992 Attack Warning, Red Carmichael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8 OTHER SOURCES

Report RJC Thomas 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th C Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire



RAF Aerial Photograph 9th October 1946 CPE_UK_1774_3030

PRN 28547 NAME CASTLEMARTIN/ST TWYNNELLS 13/E3; 13/G3
TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern
NGR SR9422097522 COMMUNITY Castlemartin
CONDITION Intact STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning, Underground Monitoring Post, in use from 1958 - 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

1958-91, Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning, Underground Monitoring Post, now disused. Reinforced concrete, 15'X 7'6" (4.57 x 2.29m) underground chamber, accessed by a vertical shaft via a hatch and steel rung ladder. Lourved ventilator adjacent to hatch and at opposite end of structure. Mushroom plate for Ground Zero Indicators adjacent to hatch. Two pipes extend above ground level from chamber. RJC.Thomas, 25.01.93.

SOURCES Mm GP Thomas, R 1993

Pm Desc Text Thomas, R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire Mm Record Form Thomas, R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No. 078-000 Pm Desc Text Wood, D 1992 Attack Warning Red Carmichael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8 OTHER SOURCES

Neville Cullingford 2000 Castle Martin-St Twynells Post History

Unknown, 2003, Castlemartin ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk



St Twynells Post 13 C3 general view from the north E29-15, 1994, © Roger JC Thomas

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St Twynells Post 13 C3 general view from the northeast E29-05, 2012, 1994, \odot Roger JC Thomas



Subterranea Britannica, 2003, (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica, 2003, (Nick Catford)

PRN 28548 NAME CASTLEMARTIN 28.2/S1; 13/E3
TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern
NGR SR91509845 COMMUNITY Castlemartin
CONDITION Near Intact STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Building

SUMMARY

A Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Observation Post, an above ground post for aircraft observation, in use from 1940 -1962. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

This post represents one of the few remaining aircraft observation posts from the Second World War, being entirely above ground before the ROC were concerned with detecting and measuring nuclear blasts and fallout, when the post was moved to St Twynells, PRN 28547.

1940-62, Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning, Observation Post, used currently as a livestock shelter. Two storey concrete, block construction, rectangular plan, flat concrete roof with concrete block open observation post and shelter on roof. Doorway in north wall gives access to a lobby, toilet, cloakroom and rest room. Timber three light mullion windows in east wall. Built into the rampart of an iron age fort. RJC.Thomas, 25.01.93. Following the site being abandoned in 1962 the post was then moved to nearby St Twynnells (PRN 28547).

SOURCES Mm AP Vertical RAF Sortie No 106G-UK

Mm GP Thomas, R 1993
Pm Desc Text Thomas, R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of
Pembrokeshire
Mm Record Form Thomas, R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No. 079-000
Pm Desc Text Winslow, TE 1948 Forewarned is Forearmed William Hodge and Co
Pm Desc Text Wood, D 1992 Attack Warning Red Carmichael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8
OTHER SOURCES

Neville Cullingford 2000 Castle Martin-St Twynells Post History



The ROC post lies in the northwest quarter of the circular hedgebank marking the Iron Age enclosure RAF Aerial photograph 106G/UK1626 7th July 1946

PRN 28615 **NAME** DALE 13/E2

 TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern

 NGR SM80200401 COMMUNITY Dale

 CONDITION Near Intact STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Underground Monitoring Post, in use from 1963 -1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

1963-68, Royal Observer Corps, Underground Monitoring Post. Consisting of a Re-inforced concrete 15'(4.57m)X 7'6"(2.29m) underground chamber, accessed by a vertical shaft via a hatch and steel rung ladder. Lourved ventilator adjacent to hatch and at opposite end of structure. RJC.Thomas, 14.01.93.

In July 1962 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post equipped with a security fence was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968. A Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

SOURCES Mm GP Thomas, R 1993

Pm Desc Text Thomas, R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire

Mm Record Form Thomas, R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No. 084-000 Pm Desc Text Wood, D 1992 Attack Warning Red Carmicael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8

OTHER SOURCES

Museum record Neville Cullingford 2020 Dale Post History.

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Subterranea Britannica 1997 (Nick Catford)



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PRN 28639 NAME DALE 28-1/T.1, E2; MARYBOROUGH FARM
TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern
NGR SM81490474 COMMUNITY Dale
CONDITION Destroyed STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning, Observation Post, in use from 1946 -1960. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The 1946 aerial photograph and post war Ordnance Survey maps consulted provided no evidence for this former post within the listed location. A Shobbrook

Resited from previous post at SM173333, (PRN 28640). A Pyper based on Wood 1992.

1946-60, Royal Observation Corps, Early Warning, Observation Post, now demolished. RJC.Thomas, 29.01.93.

SOURCES Pm Desc Text Thomas, R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire

Mm Record Form Thomas, R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No. 096-000 Pm Desc Text Wood, D 1992 Attack Warning Red Carmichael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8 (2nd Edition)

OTHER SOURCES

Report RJC Thomas 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th C Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire

PRN 28640 **NAME** DALE 28.1/T1

 TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern

 NGR SM82240520 COMMUNITY Dale

 CONDITION Destroyed STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Building

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps monitoring post, in use from 1940 -1961. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active from July 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site and is depicted on RAF aerial photographs dated 1941 and 1946.

Following a period of disuse the site again became active from January 1947 until 1961. During this period the structure occupying the site is listed as unknown, although a rectangular structure is depicted within the suspected location of the observation post on the Ordnance Survey map dated 1953. A Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

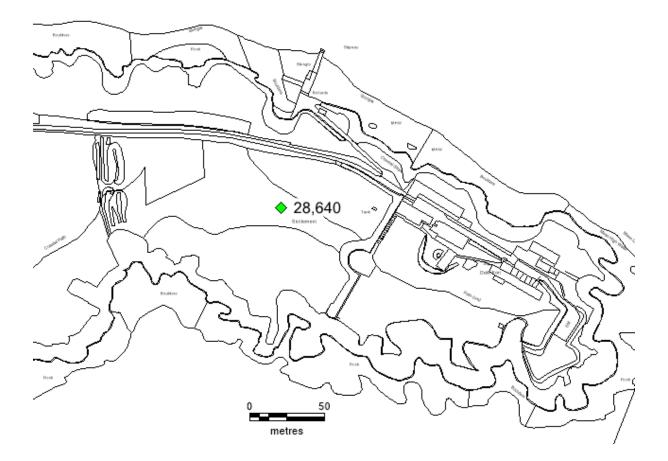
(RT245),1946-60, Royal Observation Corps, Early Warning, Observation Post, now demolished. Two storey, brick built, flat concrete roof, shelter and rest room ground floor, observation post on roof. RJC.Thomas, 29.01.93. Completely demolished, no trace seen. BA & KM 1997

SOURCES Mm Desc Text Allen, B & Murphy, K 1997 Milford Haven Survey SMR Library Pm Desc Text Thomas, R 1994 Survey of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire

Mm Record Form Thomas, R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No. 097-000 Pm Desc Text Wood, D 1992 Attack Warning Red Carmichael and Sweet, ISBN 0-9517283-1-8 (2nd Edition)

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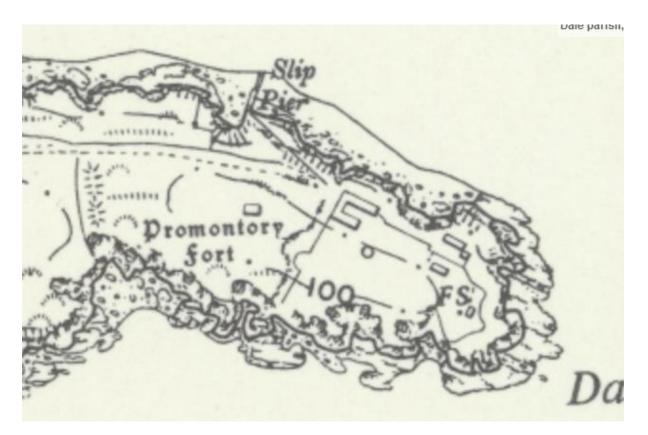


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RAF Aerial photograph 106G_UK_1625 (07.07.1946)

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OS 1:10560 SM80SW & part of SM70SE Surveyed / Revised : Pre -1930 to 1963, Published : 1964

PRN 28742 NAME BROAD HAVEN 28.1/T2; 13/E1; 13/F3
TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern
NGR SM8595613142 COMMUNITY The Havens
CONDITION Destroyed STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

In 1960 the later standard Royal Observer Corps Underground Monitoring Post was constructed in the northwest corner of the field immediately to the east of the former site. A.Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active from July 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site but was later replaced by a permanent structure of an unknown type sometime during the war. Depictions of this unknown structure can be seen on AP's taken during 1942, 1946 and 1950. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020 A site visit undertaken by Roger Thomas during 1994 describes 'the Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post as now demolished but would have been a single storey brick built structure covered with a flat roof and containing an observation post'. RJC.Thomas, 12.03.94.

In September 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed in the immediate northwest corner of the adjacent field and remained in use until September 1991. The slight relocation of the later post is suspected to have been undertaken to obtain an uninterrupted view for the ground zero indicator. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020 and RJC Thomas, 27.01.21

SOURCES Mm AP Vertical RAF 08.07.46. Sortie No. 106G-UK-1629 Frames 1009-1010 Pm Desc Text Thomas,R 1994 Survery of 19th and 20th Century Military Buildings of Pembrokeshire Mm Record Form Thomas,R 1994 Disused Military Buildings Study Site No. 393-000 Pm Desc Text Wood,D 1992 Attack Warning Red, ISBN 0-951728318 Carmichael and Sweet

Limited, Portsmouth

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2021 Broadhaven Post History Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Broadhaven location finding form

Unknown, 1997, Broad Haven ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Subterranea Britannica, 1997, (Nick Catford)



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TYPE Observation Post , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD Modern
NGR SN14330295 COMMUNITY Tenby
CONDITION Restored STATUS Pembrokeshire Coast National Park EVIDENCE Structure

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post in use from 1961 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

Post has been damaged and a mound behind the coastguard lookout now indicates its position, A Pyper based on Subterranea Britannica.

The observation post at this site became first active from September 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site. Following a period of disuse the site again became active from January 1947 with the original observation post reused until January 1960. In January 1960 a standard ROC Monitoring post structure was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

This WW2 post has been rebuilt and currently serves as a Coastguard lookout. KM 1996

SOURCES Mm List Murphy,K & Allen,B 1997 Coastal Survey 1996-7 - Strumble Head to Ginst Point SMR Library

Pm List Thomas,RJC 1994 Survey of 19thno and 20th century military buildings of Pembrokeshire No. 202

OTHER SOURCES

Neville Cullingford 2020 Saundersfoot - Tenby Post History

Unknown, 2004, Saundersfoot ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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RAF Aerial photograph 5426 MAL90_54 10761 (18 May 1954)

PRN 121734 **NAME** TALLEY 28.1/Q2; 13/N2; 13/E3

TYPE OBSERVATION POST , ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN NGR SN6364232638 COMMUNITY Talley CONDITION INTACT STATUS *None recorded* EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

A Royal Observer Corps post, now with a bungalow named 'Swn-Y-Coed' built over the top, though the underground bunker still survives and is accessed from inside the bungalow. A Pyper 2020

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active from August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard observation hut occupied the site. Following a period of disuse the site again became active from January 1947. In March 1961 a Royal Observer Corps, Underground Monitoring Post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

SOURCES Word document Neville Cullingford 2020 POST HISTORY-TALLEY **OTHER SOURCES** Descriptive Text Wyn Edwards 2015 'The Observers in Talley Felt the Nuclear Bomb Blast and..."

Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Talley location finding form

Report 2021 Talley Post History

Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Tally Post visit form

Unknown, 1997, Talley ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Location of the Talley ROC monitoring post with the bunker still intact beneath (Roger JC Thomas)

PRN 121735 NAME PONTERWYD 13/Q4; 13/A113/Q4; 13/A1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN7530381956 COMMUNITY Blaenrheidol
CONDITION INTACT STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps monitoring post, in use from 1963 -1991. A Pyper

DESCRIPTION

An observation post at Ponterwyd became first active from September 1940 and continued in use

through until May 1945 and is believed to be PRN 121769 almost a kilometre to the southwest of this site.

In October 1963 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at this site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 30/09/2020

SOURCES Word document Neville Cullingford 2020 POST HISTORY-LAMPHEY/MANORBIER **OTHER SOURCES**

Site notes N Cullingford 2000 Ponterwydd Visit Form Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Ponterwyd location finding form Neville Cullingford 2000 Post History - Ponterwyd ROC Monitoring Post

Unknown, 2002, Ponterwydd ROC Post - Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk



Ponterwydd ROC post (Bill Ridgeway)



(Nick Catford)

PRN 121736 NAME MAENCLOCHOG 28.1/X3; 13/C2;13/F2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN0707327875 COMMUNITY Crymych
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps monitoring post, in use from 1940 -1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active from August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site. Following a period of disuse the site again became active from January 1947 until July 1959. During this period it is listed that the original observer post was reused until January 1960 when a standard

ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. This later structure was also equipped with stock proof fencing. A Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

This post is recorded as a master post, which would have been the one post in its cluster to be equipped with a VHF radio and mast. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

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Unknown, 2003, Maenclochog ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Maenclochog External View 1, 5 Sep 2000 (Neville Cullingford, ROCM)



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PRN 121737 NAME CRYMYCH 28.1/X2; 13/C3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN1793134054 COMMUNITY Crymych
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post in use from 1940 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active from August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947. During this period the original observation post was reused. In July 19602 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and continued in use until October 1968 when the site was abandoned. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

SOURCES OTHER SOURCES

Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 POST HISTORY CRYMCH

Unknown, 2000, Crymych ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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Subterranea Britannica (Nick Catford)



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PRN 121738 NAME CARDIGAN 28.1/X4; 13/C4; 13/C3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN1654744284 COMMUNITY Cardigan
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE STRUCTURE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in July 1940 and continued in use through

until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

In January 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Cardigan Post History Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Cardigan location finding form Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Cardigan Post visit form

Unknown, 2002, Cardigan ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Post Cardigan External View 1, 6 Sep 2000 (Neville Cullingford, ROCM)



Post Cardigan External View 2, 6 Sep 2000 (Neville Cullingford, ROCM)



Subterranea Britannica Jack Hanlon 2015



Subterranea Britannica Jack Hanlon 2015



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PRN 121739 NAME NEWPORT 28.1/X1; 13/C1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN0442138987 COMMUNITY Newport
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post in use from 1940 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active from August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site. Following a period of disuse the site again became active from January 1947 with the original observation post reused until January 1960.

In January 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post structure was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Documents Neville Cullingford 2020 POST HISTORY-NEWPORT (PEMBS) Documents Nick Cullingford 2020 POST HISTORY-NEWPORT (PEMBS) Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Newport(Pembs) Post visit form

Unknown, 2002, Newport (Dyfed) ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk



Newport Post 13-C1, from south, 1995, © Roger JC Thomas



Newport External View, 6 September 2000 (Neville Cullingford, ROCM)



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PRN 121740 NAME NARBERTH 13/F2; 13/G2 TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN NGR SN1114012400 COMMUNITY Narberth CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1960 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

In January 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. During this period the post was also used by the Royal Observer Corps as a metrological station This post was relocated from former post location at (SN103149) (PRN 121766).A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

Map evidence suggests that the site is now occupied by a modern mast installation. A Shobbrook 56

This post is recorded as a master post, which would have been the one post in its cluster to be equipped with a VHF radio and mast. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

SOURCES OTHER SOURCES

Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Narberth location finding form Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Narberth Post History

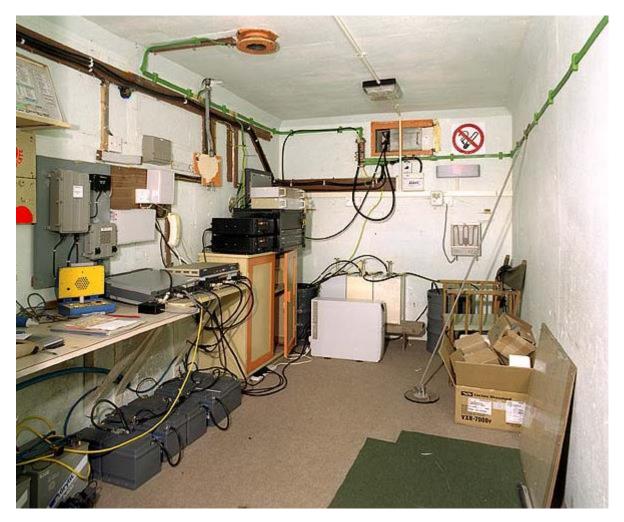
Unknown, 2003, Narberth ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Narberth Post 13-G2 general view from the west 2007_0214 \odot Roger JC Thomas



Narberth Post 13-G2 view from east showing ventilator 2007_0214 \odot Roger JC Thomas



Subterranea Britannica, 2003, (Nick Catford)

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PRN 121741 NAME LLANBOIDY 28.1/R3; 13/F1; 13/H1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN2061423232 COMMUNITY Llanboidy
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the

Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

In January 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

SOURCES

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Unknown, 2003, Llanboidy ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk



Llanboidy External View, 5 Sep 2000 (Neville Cullingford, ROCM)

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RAF Aerial Photograph 4604 106GUK_1625 2074 (07.07.46)

PRN 121742 NAME FISHGUARD 28.1/U1; 13/D1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SM9510136912 COMMUNITY Fishguard and Goodwick
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The true location of this site is not known, however aerial photographs dated to 1946 and 1954 both depict a small ROC type hut located near to the summit of Bigney Hill.

The observation post at this site became first active in July 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

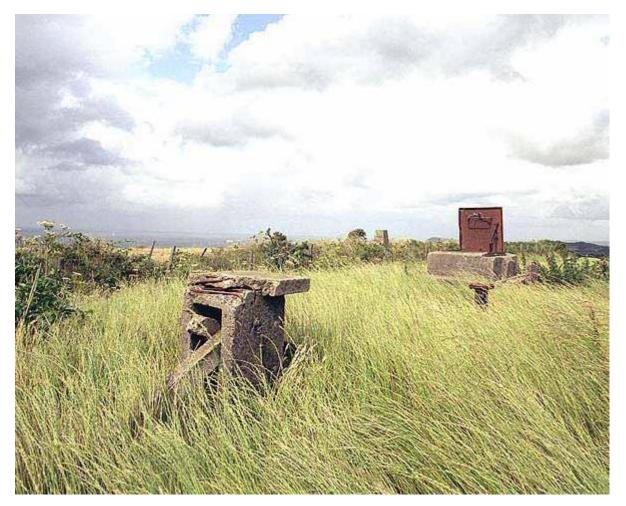
In July 1963 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Neville Cullingford 2020 Fishguard Post History

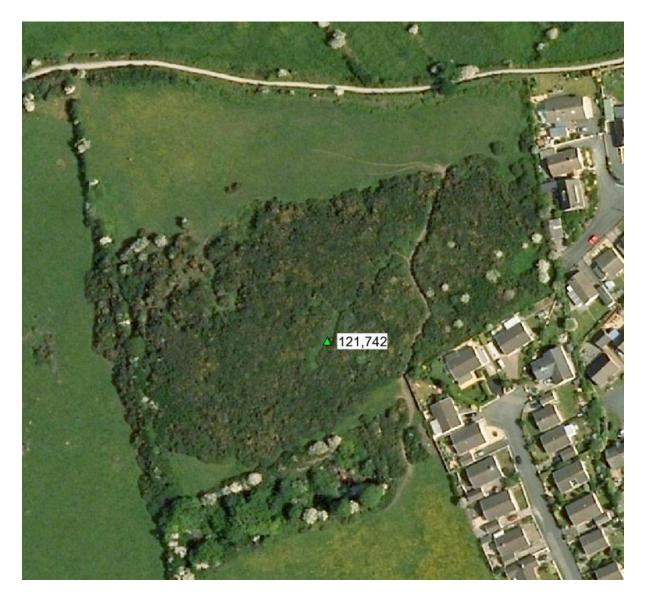
Unknown, 2003, Fishguard ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Subterranea Britannica (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica (Nick Catford)



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PRN 121743 NAME CROESCOCH 28.1/U3; 13/D2; 13/F1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SM8213430168 COMMUNITY Llanrhian
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through

until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

In January 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

Aerial photographic evidence currently depicts that a small reservoir has been constructed immediately next to the bunker on its northern side. A Shobbrook

SOURCES OTHER SOURCES

Neville Cullingford 2020 Croes Goch Post History Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Croesgoch location finding form Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Croesgoch Post visit form



Croesgoch External View, 5th September 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)

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PRN 121744 NAME HAVERFORDWEST 13/D3; 13/G1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN0136615542 COMMUNITY Haverfordwest
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1962 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

In July 1962 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. This post was relocated from former post location Haverfordwest call sign 28.1/T3; 13/D3 (SM 929153) (PRN 121765).A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

SOURCES OTHER SOURCES Neville Cullingford 2020 Haverford West Post History Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Haverford West location finding form

Unknown, 2003, Haverfordwest ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



Subterranea Britannica, 2003, (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica, 2003, (Nick Catford)

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PRN 121745 NAME LETTERSTON 28.1/U2; 13/D4
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SM9488429349 COMMUNITY Letterston
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1968. The exact location of this site was identified by viewing past historic AP's dating to 1946 and 1954. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The exact location of this site was identified by viewing past historic Ap's dating to 1946 and 1954. The observation post at this site first became active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

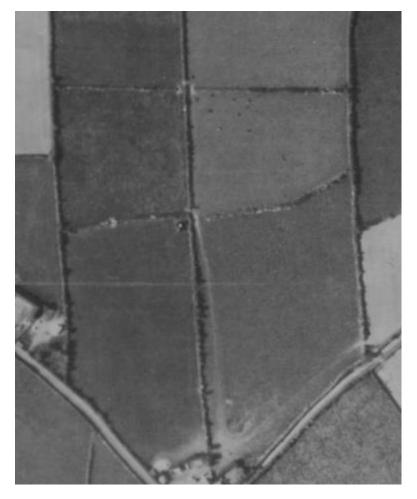
In January 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

The monitoring post includes an Orlit 'B' raised observation post. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Neville Cullingford 2020 Letterston Post History

Unknown, 2003, Letterston ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



RAF Aerial photograph (1946) showing structure in field corner. 106GUK_1472_4095 (04.05.46)



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Subterranea Britannica 2003, (Nick Catford)

PRN 121746 NAME LAUGHARNE 28.1/R1; 13/G2; 13/H3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN3001709890 COMMUNITY Laugharne Township
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

From 1953 until 1963 an ORLIT elevated pre fabricated post was in installed at the site.

Subsequently during 1963 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

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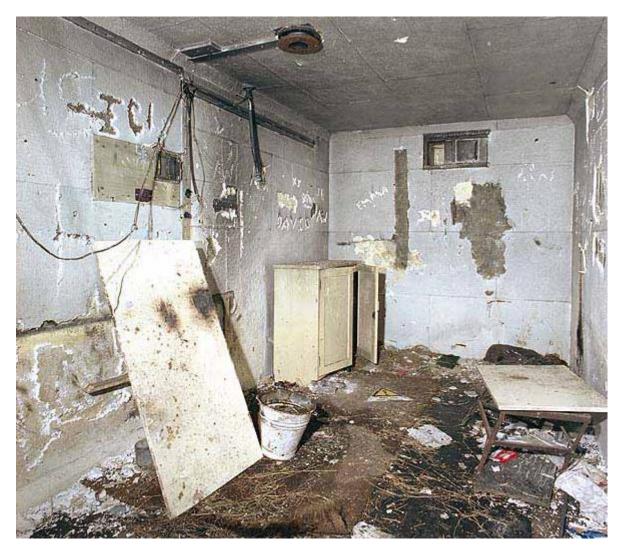
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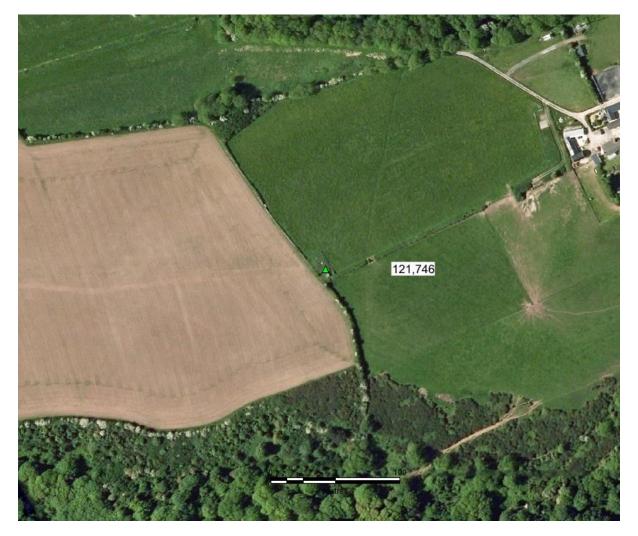
Neville Cullingford 2020 Laugharne Post History Site Visit Form Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Laugharne location finding form Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Laugharne Post visit form

Unknown, 2003, Laugharne ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>









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PRN 121747 NAME KIDWELLY 28.1/Q4; 13/G3; 13/JT1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN4159106414 COMMUNITY Kidwelly
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1941 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

Documentary and past aerial photographic sources would seem to indicate that the former position of the underground observation post is now occupied by a agricultural reservoir. The observation post at this site became first active in November 1941 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During 1963 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

This post was a master post, which was the only one of its cluster to have been fitted with VHF radio and mast, identified as such by a metal dome on the ventilation shaft. It is also recorded as having been built back to front to the standard plan. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Kidwelly Post History Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Kidwelly location finding form Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Kidwelly Post visit form

Unknown, 2000, Kidwelly ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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RAF Aerial Photograph 1946 106GUK_1629 1193 (08.07.46)



Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121748 NAME CARMARTHEN 28.1/Q1; 13/G1; 13/H2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN411213 COMMUNITY Carmarthen
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During June 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

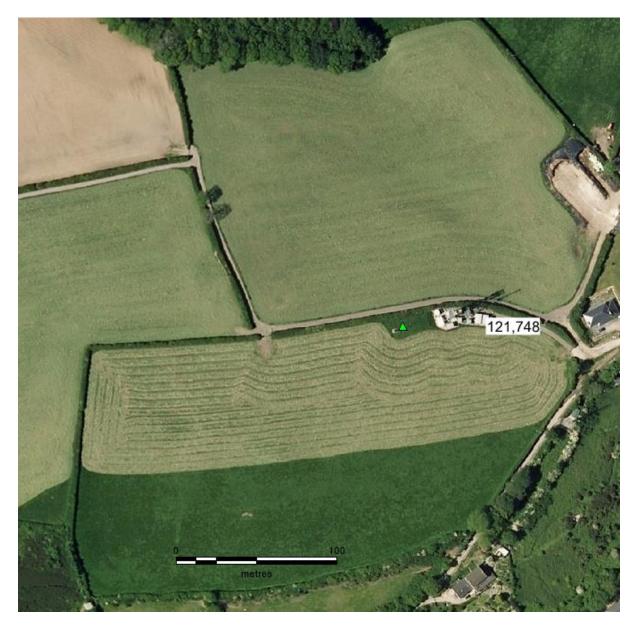
It is recorded as having been built back to front to the standard plan. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Unknown, 2003, Carmarthen ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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Carmarthen Post 6 March 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)



Subterranea Britannica 2003 (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica 2003 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121749 NAME DRYSLWYN 28.1/Q3; 13/G4; 13/K1 TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN NGR SN5424521622 COMMUNITY Llanegwad CONDITION STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During October 1967 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

A metal dome on the ventilation shaft indicates that this post was a master post, being the only one of its cluster to be equipped with VHF radio. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Dryslwyn External View, 6 March 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)



Dryslwyn External View, 6 March 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)

PRN 121750 NAME LLANDOVERY 25/M1; 13/N1; 13/E2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN7657035353 COMMUNITY Llandovery
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1938 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in September 1938 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During March 1961 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

The site of the post lies in a small enclosure planted with trees. A Pyper 2021.

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Unknown, 2000, Llandovery ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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Llandovery External View, 5 March 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)



Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121751 NAME CONWILL 28.1/R4; 13/B3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN3480827439 COMMUNITY Cynwyl Elfed
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1942 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in July 1942 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

In June 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

It is recorded as having been built back to front to the standard plan. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Conwill Post History

Unknown, 2000, Convill ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121752 NAME PENCADER 28.1/P3; 13/B4; 13/D3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN4512637047 COMMUNITY Llanfihangel-ar-arth
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945.

During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During March 1961 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

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Unknown, 2000, Pencader ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)



Subterranea Britannica 2000 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121753 NAME NEWCASTLE EMLYN 28.1/Y3; 13/B2; 13/C2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN310418 COMMUNITY Llandyfriog
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused. During August 1958 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

A metal dome on the ventilation shaft indicates that this post was a master post, in that it was the only one of its cluster to be equipped with VHF radio and mast. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Newcastle Emlyn External View, 6 September 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)



Newcastle Emlyn External View, 6 September 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)

PRN 121754 NAME ABERPORTH 13/B1**TYPE** ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE**PERIOD** MODERN

NGR SN2233750527 COMMUNITY Aberporth

CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1966 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

In July 1961 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968.

This post was relocated from former post location Aberporth call sign 28.1/Y2 (SN 243502) (PRN 121764). A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

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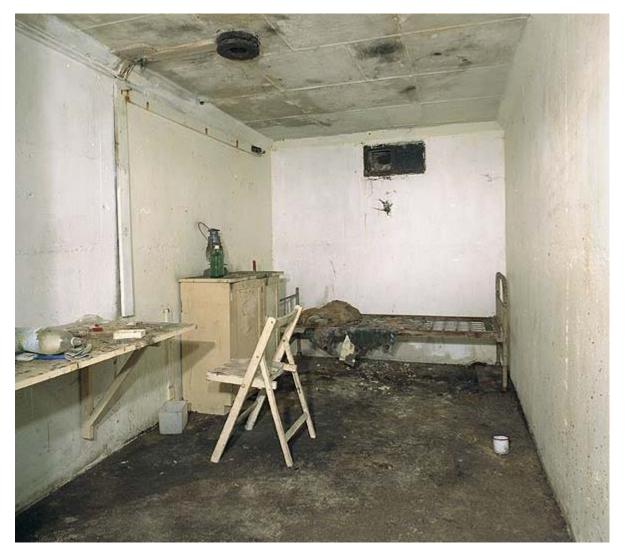
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Unknown, 2003, Aberporth ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



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Subterranea Britannica 2003 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121755 NAME NEWQUAY 28.1/Y4; 13/A1; 13/C1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN3829060098 COMMUNITY Llanllwchaiarn
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1941 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in September 1941 and continued in use

through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During 1959 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

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Unknown, 2002, Newquay (Dyfed) ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk



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New Quay External View, 6 September 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)

PRN 121756 NAME LLANDYSSUL/PONT SHAEN 13/A2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN3925643154 COMMUNITY Llandysul
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1960 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

During 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968.

This post had been relocated from an earlier position at grid reference SN433482 call sign 28.1 Y1 (PRN 121757). A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

An Orlit B raised observation post is recorded at the site. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

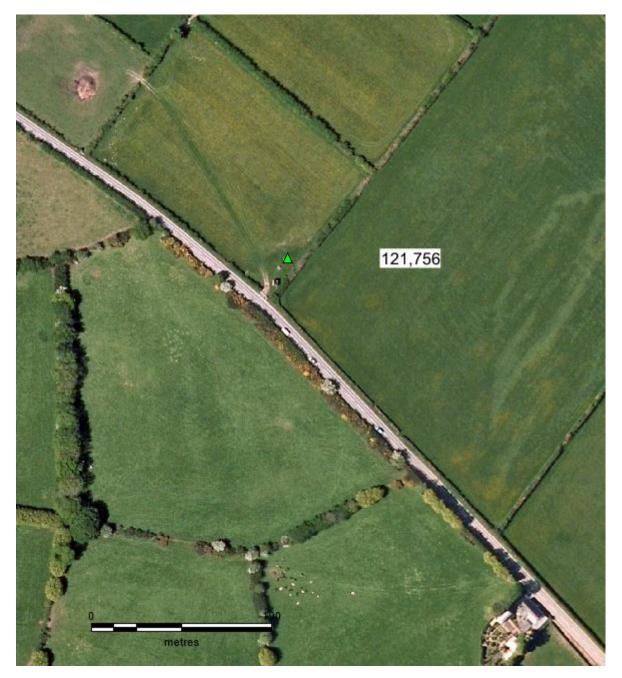
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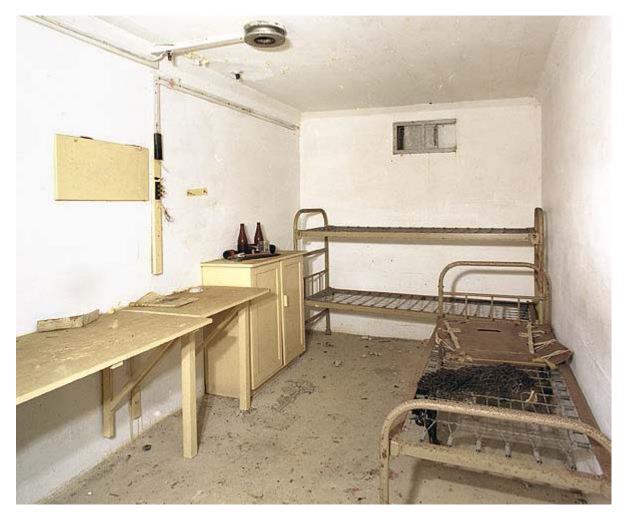
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Unknown, 2002, Llandyssul ROC Post - Subterranea Britannica



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Subterranea Britannica 2002 (Nick Catford)



PRN 121757 NAME LLANDYSSUL/PONT SHAEN 28.1/Y1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN433482 COMMUNITY Llandysul
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1959. The exact location for this post is not known. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused and continued in service until 1960. During 1960 this post was relocated to grid reference (SN 39256 43154) under new call sign 13/A2. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

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Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Llandyssul - Pontshaen Post History

PRN 121758 NAME LAMPETER 28.1/P2; 13/A3; 13/D2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN5829148143 COMMUNITY Lampeter
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook Cartographic evidence indicates that this post is currently being used as an agricultural reservoir. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused. The exact location of the post between 1940 through until 1959 is listed as unknown.

During September 1960 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. The exact location for the post during 1940 to 1959 is listed as unknown but it is assumed that the earlier post would have either been located at or near to the position of the later underground monitoring post. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

A metal dome on the ventilation shaft indicates that this post was a master post and that it was the only one of its cluster to be equipped with VHF radio and mast. High fencing was erected around the site in the early 1980s as a result of anti-nuclear protests taking place. It is also recorded as being one of 6 posts within the UK which contained seismograph equipment "These form a part of the Ministry of Defence network of seismic stations used in connection with the nuclear test ban verification." A Pyper based on <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>

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Unknown, 2002, Lampeter ROC Post – Subterranea Britannica



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Lampeter External, 6 March 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)



PRN 121759 NAME TREGARON 28.1/P1; 13/A3; 13/D1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN6769959806 COMMUNITY Lampeter
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused. This post is clearly depicted on a RAF AP dated 1954. During July 1961 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

The post has been demolished. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 TREGARON Post History Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Tregaron location finding form Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2000 Scan - Tregaron Post visit form

Unknown, 2002, Tregaron ROC Post - Subterranea Britannica



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Tregaron (Site of) External View, 7 September 2000 (Neville Cullingford)

PRN 121760 NAME LLANON 28.1/Q4; 13/Q2; 13/A3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN5175966804 COMMUNITY Llansantffraed
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in September 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel.

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused.

During December 1959 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

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PRN 121761 NAME CROSSWOOD 28.1/Q2; 13/Q3; 13/A2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN6794972236 COMMUNITY Trawsgoed
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post and later standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1991. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused. During December 1959 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until 125 September 1991. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

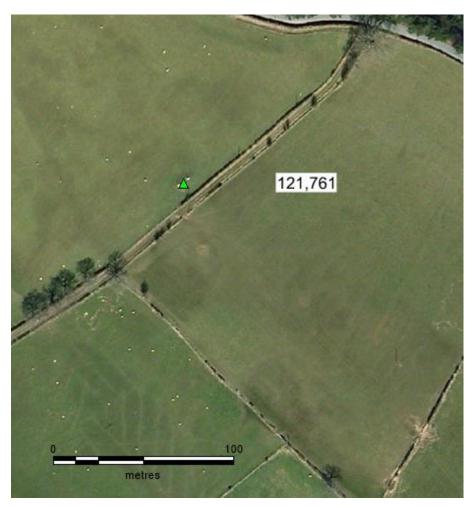
A metal dome on the ventilation shaft indicates that this was a master post, being the only one of its cluster to be equipped with VHF radio and mast. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

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Cross Wood External View, 7 September 2000 (Neville Cullingford ROCM)

PRN 121762 NAME ABERYSTWYTH 13/Q1 TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN NGR SN5960782896 COMMUNITY Tirymynach CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps standard Underground Monitoring post. Site in use from 1966 through until 1968. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

In February 1966 a standard ROC Underground Monitoring post was constructed at the site and remained in use until October 1968.

This post was relocated from former post location Aberystwyth call sign 28.1/O1 (SN 593 834) (PRN 121763).A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

Apparently demolished. A Pyper based on <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u> **SOURCES**

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Unknown, 2002, Aberystwyth ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>

PRN 121763 NAME ABERYSTWYTH 28.1/O1
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN593834 COMMUNITY Tirymynach
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1959. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

A brick built aircraft observation post was recorded in 2002 with a protected blast entrance leading to an open topped observation area with an octagonal hole in the roof. A metal column in the floor allowed for mounting an instrument table. Two crew rooms lead off from the structure. A Pyper based on Subterranea Britannica.

The observation post at this site became first active in October 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused and continued in service until 1965. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

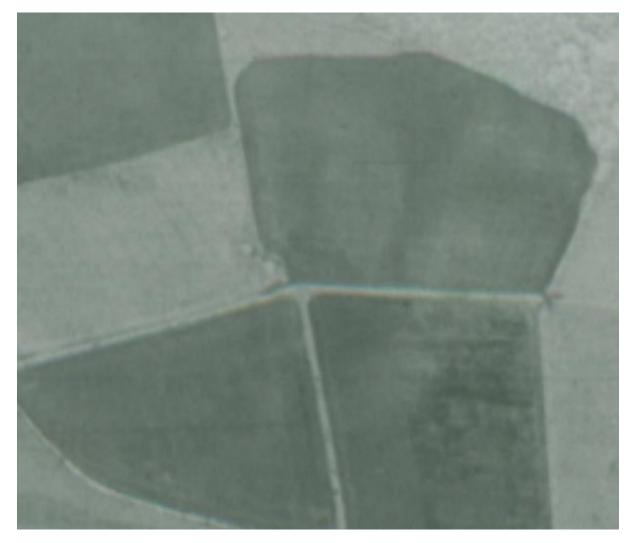
During 1965 this post was relocated to grid reference (SN 5960782896) under new call sign 13/A2 (PRN 121762). A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

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Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Aberystwyth Post History

Unknown, 2002, Aberystwyth ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica <u>www.subbrit.org.uk</u>



RAF Aerial Photograph, 6th May 1948, 4801 540_25 Aberystwyth Barmouth 5016

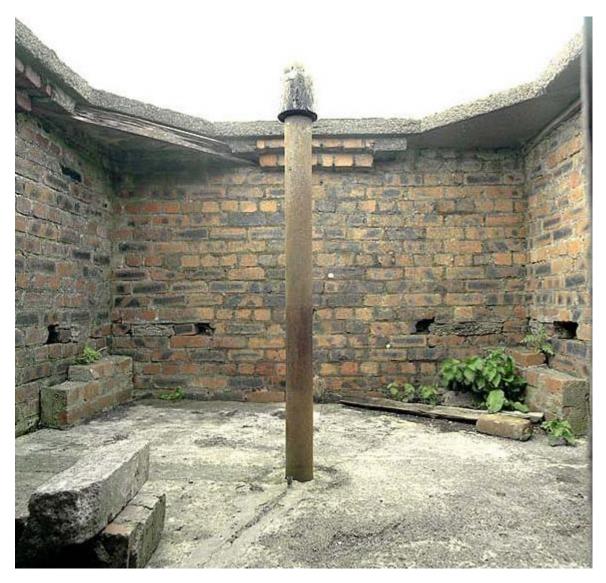


Next Perspectives 2009.



Showing protected entrance 2002, (Nick Catford)





Subterranea Britannica 2002 (Nick Catford)

PRN 121764 NAME ABERPORTH 28.1/Y2TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITEPERIOD MODERNNGR SN243502 COMMUNITY AberporthCONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recordedEVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1959. The exact location for this post is not known. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in August 1940 and continued in use through 133

until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused and continued in service until 1959. During 1959 this post was relocated to grid reference (SN 223750527) under new call sign 13/B1 (PRN 121754). A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 10/12/2020

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

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Unknown, 2002, Aberporth ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk

PRN 121765 NAME HAVERFORDWEST 28.1/T3; 13/D3
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SM929153 COMMUNITY Haverfordwest
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1962. The exact location for this post is not known. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in October 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020 Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused and continued in service until 1962. A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020 During 1962 this post was relocated to grid reference (SN01366155) (PRN 121744). A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Neville Cullingford 2020 Haverford West Post History

Unknown, 2003, Haverfordwest ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk

PRN 121766 NAME NARBERTH 28.1/R2, 13/F2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN103149 COMMUNITY Narberth
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Post. Site in use from 1940 through until 1960. The exact location for this post is not known. A Shobbrook

DESCRIPTION

The observation post at this site became first active in October 1940 and continued in use through until May 1945. During this period a standard hut first occupied the site to provide shelter for the Observer personnel. Following a period of disuse from May 1945, the site again became active from January 1947 during which the original observation post was reused and continued in service until 1960. During January 1960 this post was relocated to grid reference (SN114012400) (PRN 121762). A. Shobbrook based on information provided by Neville Cullingford, ROCM, 16/12/2020

A metal dome on the ventilation shaft indicates that this post was a master post, and that it was the only one of its cluster to be fitted with a VHF radio and mast. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Museum Record Neville Cullingford 2020 Narberth Post History

Unknown, 2003, Narberth ROC Post – Suterranea Britannica www.subbrit.org.uk

PRN 121767 NAME CARMARTHEN ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS No 13. GROUP HEADQUARTERS
 TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
 NGR SN405198 COMMUNITY Carmarthen
 CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

The group headquarters for the No 13. South Wales Royal Observer Corps from 1961 to 1992.

DESCRIPTION

A protected Group Control was established in 1961, consisting of a surface blockhouse and a two storey brick administration centre. A Pyper based on visit by Nick Catford 2000, www.subbrit.org.uk

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Nick Catford, Subterranea Britannica 2000 Carmarthen South Wales ROC Group HQ Book Cocroft, W & Thomas, R 2004 Cold War: building for nuclear confrontation 1946 - 1989



Block House (Nick Catford)



Administration Block (Nick Catford)



Control Room (Nick Catford)



Display maps (Nick Catford)



Control Room (Nick Catford) 139



Subterranea Britannica, Plant Room, Nick Catford.

PRN 121768 NAME AMMAN VALLEY (GWAUN-CAE-GURWEN) 13/M.2
TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITE PERIOD MODERN
NGR SN69891207 COMMUNITY Cwmamman
CONDITION NOT KNOWN STATUS None recorded EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

SUMMARY

A standard Royal Observer Corps, Early Warning Observation Post, in use from 1950's through until 1991. A Pyper 2021

DESCRIPTION

The following description is taken from the Subterranea Britannica description in 2000, 'All surface features remain intact with some flaking of the light green paint. The top of the access shaft was rebuilt in 1990 (date on concrete) and a new larger hatch fitted. This hatch is now detached but the shaft has been filled with rubble and a concrete plug and a further concrete slab has been cast on top of the hatch. The position of the surface features indicate that the construction is back to front. Opened in 1959 and closed in 1991.'

This post has been recorded as constructed back to front. A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

SOURCES

OTHER SOURCES

Nick Catford, Subterranea Britannica 2000 Amman Valley ROC Post Nick Catford, Subterranea Britannica Amman Valley ROC Post – Subterranea Britannica_image List Air Ministry 1952 No13 Group ROC Carmarthen



PRN 121769 NAMEPONTERWYD 28.1/O2TYPE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS SITEPERIOD MODERNNGR SN75008100COMMUNITY BlaenrheidolCONDITION DAMAGED STATUS None recordedEVIDENCE STRUCTURE

SUMMARY

Brick built two storey aircraft observation post built for the Royal Observer Corps A Pyper based on www.subbrit.org.uk

DESCRIPTION

The building consists of a brick observation room raised on two brick stilts at one end and attached to a single storey brick building with a hipped roof at the other end. There is a crew room adjacent to the open observation area. The single storey crew building is reduced to a few course of bricks along three sides. A Pyper based on Subterranea Britannica entry 2002. Google Earth images from 2009 indicate the building is no longer standing and is a pile of rubble. A Pyper based on Google Earth 2009.

SOURCES OTHER SOURCES

Descriptive Text Unknown 2002 Ponterwyd ROC Post - Subterranea Britannica

Descriptive Text Neville Cullingford 2020 Post History - Penterwyd ROC Monitoring Post



Brick built aircraft observation post, Nick Catford 2002



Brick built aircraft observation post, Nick Catford 2002



Brick built aircraft observation post, Nick Catford 2002



Google Earth Imagery date 10/2009

Archaeological data, from the Regional Historic Environment Record, supplied by The Dyfed Archaeological Trust in partnership with Local Authorities, Cadw and the partners of ENDEX DAT, 2011 (and in part Crown, 2011).

APPENDIX A

No.13 Group, Carmarthen (AIR 20-10699)

NO.13 GROUP, CARMARTHEN

LOC.TION	POST NO.	FORMER POST NO.	N.G.R.	RESITE N.G.R.	MAP NO.	STRUC- TURE	WORKS AREA	FRIORITY	STRUC- TURE REQD.	REMARKS
NERQUAY	A.1	20.1/7.1	N. 381601	-	139	_	9	1	E	
PONTSHAEN	A.2		N.433482		139	_	9	-	-	
LAMPETER	4.3		N.532480		140	-	9	ī	E	
TREGARON	A.4		N.676597		140	P	9	1		
ABERPORTH	3/B.1		N.243502	_	139		9	<u>.</u>	un.	P
NEWCASTLE EMLYN	3/B.2		N 309422		139	-	9	44	2	Present structure beyand repair .
CONVIL	B.3		N.349277	-	139	P	9	-	6	/
	B.4	20.44.4	N.449365	N.453371	139		9	ī		
GENCADER NEWPORT	13/C.1			N.455571	138		9	4	E	Run L C I L L L L L
MAENCLOCHOG	C.2	20.1/A.1	N.064378 N.078279	N.070280	151	-	9	ī	E	Present Stanstein keyment nep air .
CRYMMCH	0.2	20.44.9	N.173333	N.070200		-	9	i		
				167117	139	-		0.0050 0.00	G.L.	
CARDIGAN	C.4 D.1		N.173449	N.167443	139	P	9	3	G.L.	
FISHGUARD			M.952368	-	138 138	F	9	-	-	end and a set
GROESGOCH	3 D.2	28.1/U.3				-		4	Ę	" adout sometime key wit rybar.
HAVERFORD WEST	D.3		M.929153	-	151	-	9	1	e E E	Present structure keywal spain. Present structure keywal up ain.
LETTERSTON	D.4	28.1/U.2			138	-	9	1	E	P. L.J. J. L. J. '
BROADHAVEN	13/E.1		M.859132	-	151	P	9	4	- 2	maint structure algorit up air.
DALE	E.2		M.815047	-	151	P	9	-		
CASTLE MARTIN	E.3		R.915984	-	151	P	9	-		
LIANBOIDY	F.1		N.206233	-	139	-	9	1	G.b.C	N 2
NARBERTH	F.2		N.103149	N.111124	152	-	9	1	E	
MANORBIER	F.3		N.042009	-	151	-	9	1	Z	
SAUNDERSFOOT (TENBY)	F.4		N.133015	N.145031	152	-	9	1	E	
CARMARTHEN	G.1	28.1/0.1		-	139	-	9	1	G.L.	
LAUCHARNE	3 G.2		N.299099	-	152	- 1	9	4	€.±E	
KIDWELLY	G.3	28.1/9.4		-	132	P	9	- 1	-	a
DRYSLWYN	13 G.4	28.1/Q.3		-	υp	-	9	\$	E	Poper t stanching beyond apair.
PONTARDULAIS	H.1	25/H.3	N.605035	H-600054	153	-	9		*	to be resilved after many, on NGR. 58204
PENCLAWDD	H.2	25/J.4	S.541957	-	153	-	9	4	61.	Elevated part required.
RHOSILLY	н.3	25/J.1	S.420880		152	- 1	9	4	E	Present christian beyond space ,
PENMAEN	н.4	25/J.2	S.528809	- :	153	- 1	9	1]	G.L.	
CLYDACH	J.1	25/H.2	N.694022	- (153	-	9	1	E	
· .	1		1			1	1	1	1	SKETTY

NO.13 GROUP (CONTD.)

LOCATION	POST NO.	FORMER POST NO.	N.G.R.	RESITE N.G.R.	MAP NO.	STRUC- TURE	VORKS AREA	PRIORITY	STRUC- TURE REQD.	REMARKS
SKETTY PORTICANL PORT TALBOT	J.2 J.3 J.4	25/J.3 25/G.3 25/G.1	s.625939 s.800775 s.765907	- - S.753805	153 153 153		9 9 9	1 4 3	E E G.L.	
HENTYRCH PENCOED LLANTVIT MAJOR	K.1 K.2 K.3	25/D.2 25/F.1 25/F.2	T.100326 S.964326 S.972692		154 154 154		9 9 9	1 4 2	e E	Present structure beyond repair.
RHOOSE RESOLVEN MAESTEG	L.1 L.2	25/F.3 25/H.1 25/G.2	T.059666 N.836027 S.850907	- s.853903	154 153 153		9 9 9	4-1-4-	E G.L. C.E.	special structure myniced.
PONTYHRIDD MOUNTAIN ASH ABERCRAVE AMMAN VALLEY	L.3 L.4 M.1 M.2	25/B.4 25/B.1 25/M.3 25/M.2	T.060888 T.053974 N.814129 N.703125	-	154 154 153 153	P P	9 9 9 9	441	<u>G</u> .	Entrie bruchen by out commical up air .
(GWAUN-CAE-GURWEN) HIRWAUN DOWIAIS	M.3 M.4	25/E.2 25/E.3	N.951062 0.066080	-	154 154	-	9 9	1 4	E G.L	To be resited after reary. at NOR. N 699119. Elevated structure hegined.
LLANDOVERY TALLEY SENNY BRIDGE	N.1 N.2 N.3	25/11.1 28.1/0.2 25/K.2	N.922288	- - -	140 140 141	Р Р	9 9 9	1 - 4	E G.L.	EL. patro structure now provided .
BRECON LLANDRINDOD WELLS ABERGWESSYN	N.4 13/0.1 0.2 .0.3	25/K.3 25/L.4 25/L.1 25/L.3	0.046268 0.061605 N.850531 N.928476	0.049269 - -	141 128 140 141		9 9 9 9	1 4 1 1	с.ц. Е Е	62, fabril structur now provided . Prosent structure bayand repair.
LLANGAMMARCH WELLS BUILTH WELLS LLANIDLOES	0.4 3 P.1	25/L.2 26/S.2	N.945854	-	141 141 128	-	9	1	E P	Post being upgraded to permanent Sunda. category. converted & Permanent status.
RHAYADER LLANANNO ABERYSTWYTH	P.2 P.3 Q.1	26/R.3 26/R.1 28.1/0.1	N.974685 0.098746 N.593834	N.972689 - -	128 128 127	- - P	6 6	2 1 -	E G.L. -	
LLANON CROSSWOOD PONTERWICD	Q.2 Q.3 Q.4	28.1/0.3	N.521668 N.679723 N.750810	- - -	127 127 127	P P P	9 9 9	-	-	

APPENDIX B

List of ROC Groups, numbers of posts and clusters, 19 December 1952 (AIR 20-10699)

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RE-ORGANISATION OF ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS POSTS AND GROUP BOUNDARLES

NAME OF	GROUP	NO. OF POST	NO. OF CLUSTERS
No. 1 Group, " 2 " " 3 " " 4 " " 5 " " 6 " " 7 " " 8 " " 8 " " 9 "	HECKENHAM / HORSHAM / OXFORD / COLCHESTER / WATFORD / NORWICH / HEDFORD / COVENTRY / YEOVIL /	63 57 39 53 44 63 56 53 40	16 13 + 4 overlap clusters 8 + 6 " " 11 + 4 " " 9 * 6 " " 15 + 2 " " 12 + 5 " "
2 10 " " 11 " 1/212 "	EXETER TRURO BRISTOL	53 38 48	11 14 11 12 + 3 overlap clusters
"13 " "14 "	CARMARTHEN / WINCHESTLR /	62	16
		59	13+4 " "
×)	DERBY /	60	13+4 " "
10	SHREWSBURY /	54	12 + 3 " "
" 17 "	CAERNARVON /	42	11
" 16 "	LAELS /	59	13 + 4 " "
" 19 "	MANCHESTER -	45	12
" 20 "	YORK -	45 68	17
" 21 "	LANCASTER -	40	ii .
" 22 "	CARLISLE /	27	7
" 25 "	DURHAH /	60	
" 24 "	EDINBURCH /	43	
" 25 "	AYR /	42	
" 26 "	GLASGOW /		TT + T
" 27 . "	OBAN	47	13+1 " "
" 28 "		28	8
	DUNDES /	47	13
23	AERDEEN	37	10
" 30 "	INVERNESS -	39	10
		10 + 66	

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