

Martello Tower No.24

Bespoke Visits by Appointment

Martello Tower No. 24 in Dymchurch High Street was one of 74 towers built along the south coast between 1805 and 1812 to resist the threatened French invasion.

Of the 74 Martello Towers built on the Kent and Sussex coast, Martello24 is considered to be the best surviving example, being closest to its original condition and it can be seen as it was when occupied by the military in 1806. It has been restored to its original design and layout with almost all of the original tower still in place.

The tower contains almost all of the features of the original design including brickwork, front and parapet doors, window openings, fireplaces, ventilation shafts, the original 24 pounder muzzle-loading cannon on the gun platform, parapet shot lockers, hauling rings, replica gunpowder barrels, and replica 'Brown Bess' muskets.

The Friends of Martello24, a Registered Charity, act as custodians of the tower on behalf of English Heritage and manage its openings to the public, both on a regular basis and bespoke visits.

Martello Tower No. 24 in Dymchurch is open to the public every Saturday and Sunday 2pm to 4pm from Easter until end of October. Children, accompanied by an adult, and dogs on leads, are always welcome.

At other times, bespoke visits by appointment are available for recognised groups eg History Societies, WI Schools, Scouts & Girl Guides etc, comprising of more than 10 people.

Notes:

- Entry to the tower is free but as a charity we are dependent on donations and these are always appreciated.
- We suggest to allow about an hour for a bespoke visit
- Access to the tower is by a metal staircase to the first floor, and once inside access to the roof/gun platform and to the ground floor is by very steep stairs. Thus the tower is not really suitable for people with mobility problems.
- There are no facilities inside the tower.
- The tower is in the middle of Dymchurch village (postcode TN29 0NU) and there are many places to eat and drink close by. (see theromneymarsh.net/eat)
- There are two large car parks in Dymchurch
- There is a public toilet about 3 mins walk away, adjacent to one of the car parks.

Please see our website www.martello24.net for a map and other information. There are also some photos of the stairs, so you can see what the inside is like.

If any such group would like such a visit, please contact the Secretary Peter, email peter@martello24.net or telephone 01797 212507.

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Secretary
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