



# Sheerness Dockyard Church

Heritage Open Day: Saturday 11 September

Naval Terrace,  
Sheerness,  
Kent ME12 1RR

10.30am -3.00pm

**Coniston Ltd & Sheerness Dockyard Preservation Trust** invite you to join us for a hard hat tour of the **Sheerness Dockyard Church** as part of **Heritage Open Days**.

Find out more about the world class restoration of this iconic Sheppey landmark, as the building is restored to its former Georgian splendour

as a business enterprise centre for young people. Visitors to our open day will be able to enter the building guided by members of the Coniston team and Trustees. You will be able to see the building taking shape, find out more about the meticulous heritage restoration techniques, the reinstated parapet and the

impressive construction solutions needed for a building of this scale, as well as see artefacts discovered during the renovation. The £7.98 million project has been made possible thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, matched with grants from leading philanthropic trusts, foundations and individuals.

Internally we will be preserving what is left of the 1881 interior including the cast iron columns and combining this with simple modern finishes. The scheme has been designed by the award-winning team of Hugh Broughton Architects working with conservation specialists Martin Ashley. An on-site scannable QR code for your phone will bring to life plans for the interior of the building.

The Grade II\* listed Church was built in 1829 and was badly damaged by fire in both 1881 and 2001. It is an outstanding example of Palladian architecture designed by George Ledwell Taylor.

The restored building will house an exciting business start-up centre for young entrepreneurs, and will also display sections of the Great Dockyard Model as well as offering a cafe, meeting and event spaces, due to open in Autumn 2022

#### INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

**Safety:** The Church is a live construction site and as such access is via uneven ground and includes temporary scaffold steps. Visitors must wear enclosed sensible footwear (people in sandals etc will not be allowed on site). The site can be muddy if it has rained. We regret access for wheelchair users or pushchairs is currently difficult. Once complete the building will be fully accessible. Hard hats and hi vis will be provided for all our visitors. Accompanied children are welcome but must remain with an adult at all times for their safety. Tour participants must remain with the tour leader.

**COVID-19 Considerations:** This event will run in line with local & national government guidelines at the time. Hand sanitiser will be available for use on arrival. Tours will be in groups. This is a large site which makes social distancing easy.

**Additional Information:** Max 15 people per tour/session lasts 30mins. You can just turn up for a tour which are on a first come first served basis and will run approx every half hour from 10.30am - 3pm.

**Contact for the day:** Andy Wood 07557 823708  
or Allison Young 07775 782412

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**Directions:** We are on the left as you approach the Sheerness Port control gates, our scaffolded tower is a 29m high landmark. On site parking is limited but you can park in Bluetown or nearby Sheerness public car parks. We are less than a 10 minute walk from Sheerness town centre.

We look forward to welcoming you to our exciting project!



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