

Annex 2**List Entry****List Entry Summary**

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: HMS Thunderer Memorial

List Entry Number: 1428094

Location

HMS Thunderer Memorial, Clayhall Royal Naval Cemetery, Clayhall Road, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 2BE

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County	District	District Type	Parish
Hampshire	Gosport	District Authority	Non Civil Parish

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II

Date first listed:

Date of most recent amendment:

Legacy System Information

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Asset Groupings

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List Entry Description

Summary of Building

Memorial and grave marker of 1876 to a fatal explosion on board HMS Thunderer.

Reasons for Designation

The memorial to HMS Thunderer of 1876 is listed at Grade II for the following principal reasons:

- * Historic interest: marking the accidental explosion of the submarine at nearby Stokes Bay, in which 15 of her crew were killed immediately, and a further 30 of whom died subsequently, at the Haslar Royal Naval Hospital;
- * Artistic value: a restrained, dignified design in good-quality materials;
- * Group value: for its place in the Royal Naval Cemetery and its relationship with the other listed memorials and the cemetery chapel, and within the wider naval landscapes of Haslar, Gosport and Portsmouth.

History

HMS Thunderer was a steam-powered battleship built to the designs of Edward James Reed and launched in 1872. On 14 July 1876 on the short journey from Portsmouth to Stokes Bay, one of her boilers exploded, instantly killing 15 of her crew and injuring 70, of whom 30 subsequently died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. The memorial, constructed by White Brothers of Landport, was erected at the Royal Naval Cemetery and marks the graves of the Chief Engineer, TC Slade, and Engineer, Robert Winfield, and commemorates the other lives lost.

Details

Memorial and grave marker to a fatal explosion on board HMS Thunderer, 1876.

MATERIALS and PLAN: a square limestone slab, square pink granite plinth, and marble base and shaft.

DESCRIPTION: the memorial is an obelisk that stands on a stepped granite plinth, rising to an inscribed pedestal with a moulded shoulder at the junction with the shaft. It is inscribed with applied metal lettering: 'THIS MONUMENT WHICH STANDS ON THE GRAVES / OF / MESS. TC SLADE CHIEF ENGINEER RN / AND ROBERT WINFIELD ENGINEER RN / IS ERECTED BY BROTHER OFFICERS / FELLOW WORKMEN AND FRIENDS / TO THE MEMORY OF ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR / LIVES THROUGH THE EXPLOSION OF A BOILER / ON BOARD HMS THUNDERER AT SPITHEAD ON JULY 14TH 1876. / THE GREATER PART OF WHOM ARE BURIED IN / THE GRAVES ADJOINING THIS MONUMENT.'

The other three faces list the names of the dead, ordered by rank and role. The granite plinth is signed with the name of the masons, White Bros.

Selected Sources

Websites

Clayhall Cemetery, Haslar Heritage Group, accessed 5/3/2015 from
http://www.haslarheritagegroup.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=49:clayhall-cemetery&catid=20:the-buildings-of-haslar&Itemid=109



Heritage Category:
Listing

County: Hampshire
 District: Gosport
 Parish: Non Civil Parish

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