

The Wish Tower



Welcome to The Wish Tower

You are standing next to a Martello Tower which is one of over one hundred built on the English coasts between 1805 and 1810 to defend against the anticipated invasion from the sea by the forces of Napoleon Bonaparte.

If you look around you will see the remains of a brick moat wall. Originally the Tower was completely surrounded by a dry moat for extra protection.

During its past it has defended the shoreline from smugglers and aerial bombardment. More recently it has housed museums and entertained families with its puppets.



A view of the inside of the tower looking towards the arched roof



Today, it is suffering from deterioration of its roof and walls but The Wish Tower remains very special to Eastbourne.

A local voluntary community group - The Wish Tower Friends - opens The Tower for tours from time to time.

To find out the time of planned tours and events please check our website

www.wishtower.org.uk

Meanwhile you can find out a little more information on the fascinating history of this little tower on the other signs nearby.