## Former Royal Dockyard Church, Garrison Road, Sheerness Dockyard

In 1828 George Ledwell Taylor, the architect for the Navy Board, alongside the engineer Sir John Rennie, built the Former Royal Dockyard Church in a neo-classical style.

The yellow-brick church is made more prominent by the attached quatrastyle portico on the main elevation. Behind the apex of the pediment is a clock tower. This had to be rebuilt in 1884 following a fire.

Since it was made redundant, the church has been used as a community centre and even as squash courts! Although the latter was an innovative new use, the internal fittings were

sacrificed in order to enable the sport.

The church, which lies within the boundary of the Royal Dockyards at Sheerness, has been granted planning permission for conversion into residential accommodation which will create twenty units. However, it is rumoured that the developers may sell the building rather than carrying out their plans. The church is within the dockyards which were established by Samuel Pepys in the seventeenth century. There are others in the dockyard which reside in a similar condition.





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