

The tunnel, the path leading to it and many caves were destroyed when the Admiralty Harbour was built at the turn of the century. Much of the cliff-face east of East Cliff was removed to reduce the chance of cliff-falls and to provide material for land reclamation. The military control over the right-of-way through the tunnel passed on to the path which replaced it. Oral tradition records the path being closed by the military for 24 hours annually.

Whilst the tunnel had a life of less than thirty years, it was clearly quite a feature in the lives of Dover's residents and visitors and, despite this limited existence, it does appear on Ordnance Survey maps of the period⁷. Some fifty years later, in 1924, East Cliff was the subject of another suggested project to help the unemployed but the proposed road from East Cliff to St Margaret's was not built.

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NEW HOMES AT OLD PARK BARRACKS

From Terry Sutton

The first of 133 homes, once housing army families, at Old Park, Whitfield have been handed over to tenants nominated by Dover District Council.

The handover has been made possible through the cooperation of the District Council, the Ministry of Defence, Dover Harbour Board, and the new owners of the homes, High Weald Housing Association.

When Dover Harbour Board bought the former barracks at Old Park, the port authority had no use for the 133 houses and flats there. So a deal was

worked out that on the day Dover Harbour Board purchased the many acres, High Weald immediately bought the homes from the port authority on the agreement that Dover District Council would have first option to nominate those families on its housing waiting list.

Since High Weald came into the ownership of the houses and flats, which had been empty for years, extensive repairs and upgrading of the properties has been carried out before the tenants began moving in.