The Society was constituted in 1997. It aims to stimulate the production and exchange of information and research in naval dockyards and related organisations. It runs annual conferences, publishes Transactions, conducts UK and overseas tours and campaigns to preserve dockyard sites at Sheerness, Deptford, Devonport, Gibraltar and Bermuda. The NDS is supported by the National Maritime Museum.


Sheerness Dockyard: Officers’ houses saved
An eight-year campaign by the Naval Dockyards Society and other local, national and international heritage groups to prevent an unacceptable development of the officers’ houses in Sheerness Dockyard was concluded in May 2011. After two planning applications by developer George Demetriou were rejected, Spitalfields Historic Buildings Trust (helped by an Architectural Heritage Fund loan) purchased the estate (on the English Heritage At Risk Register) for £1.85m. This complete 1820s naval officers’ residential quarter of six Grade II* and four Grade II buildings is set in four acres of land. Regency Terrace (a row of five elegant houses) and the magnificent Dockyard House, built for the Chief Superintendent of the yard, have been refurbished by the Trust. The investors are restoring the properties as single homes, the conservation outcome desired by the cross-community amenity groups which had opposed the developer’s plans since Swale Borough Council allowed him to buy the estate for £350K in 2003.
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1 Recruit members and encourage them to exchange relevant views and information
2 Publish two newsletters a year which may include information and members’ reports of activities and issues
3 Publish annual Transactions of conference papers, related articles and book reviews
4 Organise meetings and tours of UK and overseas dockyards and connected sites.
5 Increase public awareness of historic dockyards and related sites
6 Create links with related organisations in Britain and abroad
7 Coordinate and promote new research into the topics relevant to the Aim
8 Coordinate the historical, architectural and technical expertise available within the society to enhance dockyard sites and campaign against threats of damage or the destruction of dockyards or related sites
9 Compile a dockyards bibliography and index of Transactions articles
10 Endeavour to increase access to historic dockyards and related sites
11 Create a database of the present status of historic dockyards and related sites worldwide
12 Offer assistance to those establishing dockyard heritage sites
13 Encourage the storage and collection of relevant archives and oral history interviews related to dockyard history

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