

The shell in the Car Park (and another in Middleton) were for the 15" guns, which were the main armament of the Queen Elizabeth Class Battleships.

These formed the 1912 Dreadnought building programme, when Winston Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty.

They were completed in 1914-1915 at a cost of £2,500,000 each and formed the Fifth Battle Squadron, consisting of

H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth.

H.M.S. Warspite.

H.M.S. Valiant.

H.M.S. Malaya.

H.M.S. Barham.

They were capable of 24 knots and were the most formidable Capital Ships of the period.

The two shell cases, in Aislaby and Middleton, were given to the villages in honour of the local men, who served in the Royal Navy during 1914-1918.