

HISTORY OF NEFYN



Today **Nefyn** on the north coast of the Llŷn Peninsula is well known for its beautiful sandy beaches and clean seas but it also has a long history. First established in early medieval times, the town became one of the most important manors of the Princes of Gwynedd. It is still renowned as the borough chosen by King Edward I to host a tournament to celebrate his conquest of Wales in 1284. To this day, there is an area on the outskirts of the town known as Cae Iorwerth (Edward's Field).

Over the centuries **Nefyn** would have been a resting place for the many pilgrims on their way to Enys Enlli (Bardsey Island), at the tip of the peninsula. The old church of St Mary's - built in Victorian times on the site of an ancient Celtic priory - is now a maritime museum and tells the story of the maritime tradition which has always been such an important part of **Nefyn's** history. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries it was established as a centre for shipbuilding, repair and ownership. Fishing was also a major source of local income - indeed the town's coat-of-arms bears three herrings.



The Llŷn Coastal Path weaves its way through the oldest part of the town en route from the slopes of the Rivals via Nant Gwytheyrn to Porth Dinllaen and on to Bardsey Island. The views from the path across the clear blue waters of **Nefyn** beach are phenomenal, with the Rivals to the east and the headland of Porth Dinllaen to the west.

This leaflet outlines a trail from the museum to the beach - follow it and learn a little more about this historic town!

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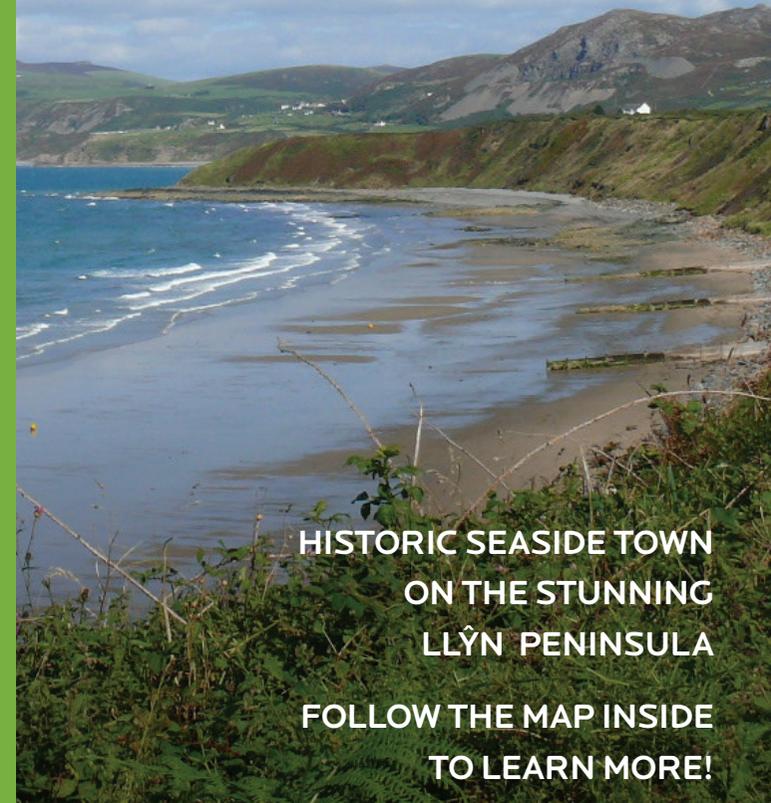


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TOWN TRAIL MARKERS

- 01 Llŷn Maritime Museum** St Mary's Church, Stryd y Mynach. Following extensive structural renovation, the museum offers a range of maritime-related artefacts and activities of cultural or historical importance to Nefyn and the Llŷn Peninsula. A grade II listed building, St Mary's church is the site of an early medieval Celtic priory, and a stopping off point on the pilgrims' trail to the holy island of Bardsey. For more information see: www.llyn-maritime-museum.co.uk
- 02 Tŷ Receiver** One of a pair of eighteenth century cottages built by the local Nanhoron estate on the site of an earlier house owned by Humphrey Jones, Receiver General of Revenues for North Wales on behalf of Charles I.
- 03 The Town Well** A stone structure built in 1868 over the original town well which had provided Nefyn residents with water for centuries.
- 04 The Three Herrings Inn** Now a private residence, this was once a hostelry owned by the Nanhoron estate and known as the Nanhoron Arms. The sign of three herrings - the town's symbol - still hangs outside.
- 05 Drws Agored** community centre and O Ddrws i Ddrws community transport hub. Meeting room and internet.
- 06 Caffi Penwaig**
- 07 The Watchtower** This was built in 1846 on top of a previous wooden structure and a Norman motte. From the top the magnificent view of the bay and shore would allow the watcher to alert the town to the arrival of herring shoals and returning ships.
- 08 Nanhoron Arms Hotel** Named after a prominent local landowning family. Bar open to non residents.
- 09 Canolfan Nefyn** Community centre providing information about local activities.
- 10 Nefyn Public Library** Internet access available.
- 11 Caeau Capel Hotel** This was built in the nineteenth century as a country house for the Miller family. Prime Minister Clement Atlee was a frequent visitor and married Violet, daughter of Henry Edward Miller.
- 12 Beach Café** (summer only)

