

Lymington Open Air Sea Water Baths

The **Lymington Open Air Sea Water Baths** (or "historic Roman Seawater Baths") is a lifeguarded open air lido in Lymington, Hampshire, England. Built in 1833, it is the oldest lido in the United Kingdom, and at 110 metres long by 50 metres wide it is also one of the largest in area. The baths reopened in 2010 following a campaign by local people who also completed the baths' refurbishment.

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Description

The pool uses filtered and chlorinated seawater

Owned and managed by Lymington and Pennington Town Council, the opening season is normally from May to September

History

A seawater pool and smaller baths were on the same site in the 1780s. (There was a Roman camp near Lymington (*Lentune*, *Lementon*), but there is no evidence of baths.)

The current lido was built in 1833 by William Bartlett of the Lymington Bath and Improvement Co. with donations of £6,000. From 1872 the lido was run by Mrs Beeston.^[1] The local Corporation acquired the site in 1937.

The main building, erected from the elegant and gratuitous design of Mr. William Bartlett, of this town; and the machinery fixed under the direction of Mr. John Silvester, civil engineer, affords every convenience for hot, cold or vapour bathing: one wing for the use of ladies, the other for gentlemen.

— A new guide for Lymington, 1841^[2]

The local St Barbe Museum has information on the pool history^[3]

References

- ↑ "We take a look at the Georgian market town's unique oasis, the historic open air sea water swimming baths"(http://www.bbc.co.uk/hampshire/content/articles/2008/08/04/lymington_lido_feature.shtml) BBC. 6 August 2008 Retrieved 18 November 2009.
- ↑ A resident gentleman (1841) *A new guide to Lymington* (https://books.google.com/books?id=J8cHAAAAQAAJ) p. 23.
- ↑ St. Barbe Museum website(http://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk/)

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September 2009, drained pool

50.7528°N 1.5282°W﻿ / ﻿

Address Bath Road, Lymington

Postcode SO41 3RU

Opened 1833

Closed 2008 (reopened 2010)

Owned by Lymington and Pennington Town Council

Type seawater lido

Length 110 metres (361 ft)

Width 50 metres (164 ft)

Website [1]

External links

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 - [Proposals for a multi-purpose lymington Sea Water Centre](#)
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