



Newbiggin by the Sea has always been popular as a holiday destination and by the early 1900s was Northumberland's favourite seaside village.



According to the national press in the early 1870's, Newbiggin by the Sea was fast becoming a 'fashionable watering place'. The new promenade was officially opened on 26th May 1932.

Visitors today can still enjoy a stroll along the sandy beach; try some traditional fish and chips; or delicious snacks in one of the quaint cafes. Take a leisurely walk along Front Street where you will find a variety of independent shops selling souvenirs and locally produced arts and crafts.



The novel "Room at the Top" was written by John Braine when he worked at Newbiggin Library in the 1950s.


The promenade is an excellent place to start any visit to the village. Look out to the bay and you will see the UK's first offshore sculpture "Couple". A short walk along towards the northern end of the promenade will bring you to the oldest operational boathouse in the UK.



Newbiggin Colliery was sunk in 1908. The Colliery closed in 1967, but at its peak in 1940, 1400 men were employed there.

Continue along the promenade to find the Heritage Centre which is a local history centre that hosts a permanent exhibition of local information and artifacts.

At the very end of the promenade the beautiful St. Bartholomew's medieval church stands dramatically at the edge of the cliff tops.




St. Bartholomew's Church contains the finest collection of medieval gravestones in Northumberland. **Woodhorn Church** is the oldest building in Wansbeck, with parts dating back to the 11th century.

Newbiggin by the Sea is an attractive seaside village which, over the centuries has made good use of its links with the sea. At one time the town was third only in importance to London and Hull for the shipping of corn, and still maintains a small fleet of cobsles.



In 1868 the first telegraph cable from Scandinavia was laid from Jutland (Denmark) to Newbiggin by the Sea.

The village is full of historic interest - look out for the blue heritage plaques dotted around the village. The "Heritage Trail" highlights some of the village's features and history.



The Lifeboat Station, opened in 1851, is the oldest operational boathouse in the British Isles. **In 1869** there were 142 cobsles in Newbiggin by the Sea.

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