

STORY OF A LIGHTHOUSE

Renovation project: The lighthouse which is now owned by the RSPB has recently been renovated using Local Heritage & Initiative Funding. LHI is a partnership between The Countryside Agency, Heritage Lottery Fund and Nationwide Building Society.



Haverigg Primary School began a campaign to restore the lighthouse after adopting the structure as its logo as symbolising local mining heritage and a beacon shining out to the future

A committee of local community groups worked together to seek funding, commission a structural survey, source contractors and eventually succeeded in receiving a Countryside Agency grant in 2002

Lighthouse History: The lighthouse was first constructed in 1905 to coincide with the completion of the Sea Wall or Outer Barrier which was constructed by The Hodbarrow Mining Company and completed in the same year.

Under the earth beneath the lighthouse lies the highest grade iron-ore in the world, mined at Hodbarrow between 1853-1968.



HODBARROW LIGHTHOUSE 1905 to 2003



Hodbarrow Mining Company used shipping to transport its ore using vessels from around the world so the lighthouse was an important structure for the business.

Since the closing of the mines many artefacts and relics have been lost or removed and the lighthouse remains one of the few reminders of a busy and successful industry

Lighthouse Construction: Important documents relating to its history have been scattered although research has revealed that the lighthouse has an illustrious past and is quite unique.

The base was probably constructed on site but the top was manufactured by Barbier, Benard & Turenne, in Paris, France who were renowned lighthouse manufacturers

THE LANTERN - The Lantern, Lamp and Fog Signalling system were also manufactured by Barbier, Benard & Turenne, of Paris.

The Lantern was delivered after the 15th May 1905, and was erected by the 15th June, when the lamp was tried out for the first time.



THE TOWER - The Tower for the lighthouse was ordered from Cochrane & Co in November 1904. The tower consisted of 16 sections made out of cast iron.