

Clevedon Pier - History Fact Sheet

- 1847 Railway reaches Clevedon offering possible link to South Wales by steamer
- 1863 Application for the construction of a pier at Clevedon
- 1866 Clevedon Pier Company formed with Sir Arthur Elton as Chairman
- 1867 Construction of the pier started, by Hamilton's Windsor Ironworks of Liverpool. Total cost: £10,000.
- 1868 The official opening of Clevedon's Pier, on Easter Monday 29th March
- 1892-3 Original wrought iron pier head was replaced. Rebuilt in cast iron and reopened on 3rd April. New timber landing stage added. Regular steamer traffic began at the pier.
- 1894 Two storey pavilion and two shelters were completed.
- 1913 Pre-cast concrete landing stage was built, to replace original timber one, which was in poor condition
- 1950 Introduction of weight testing to obtain insurance cover
- 1970 The furthest two spans of the pier collapsed during loading test for insurance purposes – estimate for repairs £75,000
- 1971 Clevedon Pier Preservation Trust is established on 6th September
- 1979 Application made to demolish. Estimate for restoration £379,000
- 1980 A public enquiry saves the pier from demolition. Fundraising starts
- 1981 Clevedon Pier Trust Ltd. Is formed
- 1982 The pier head buildings were dismantled and taken to a local car park for storage and to await restoration.
- 1983 The restored Toll House is opened
- 1984 Monies raised by English Heritage, the Public and other sources enables the trust to begin repair work. To dismantle and repair off site, the promenade and provide new deck, also repair the concrete landing stage
- 1985 The pier is dismantled and taken to Portishead for restoration
- 1988 The pier is reconstructed
- 1989 The pier reopened, without the pier head on 27th May. Sailings return. Further fundraising and a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, a contract for the final phase of restoration – costing £2,500,00, bringing the total cost to £3,600,000

- 1998 The pier is fully restored and opened on 23rd May
- 1999 Awarded 'Pier of the Year
- 2002 Awarded Grade 1 Listed status, one of only two piers in the country