Welcome to

Penlee House Gallery and Museum



Penzance

An Easy Read guide

Penlee House is an art gallery and museum. It has a large collection of paintings and objects from the past.

Some of our most famous paintings are of the village of Newlyn and the people who lived there about 100 years ago.

The artists who painted them came from all over the country, but they are called 'Newlyn Artists' because they painted Newlyn and its people so often.

The Newlyn Artists painted ordinary people going about their everyday lives. Many of the people they painted were fishermen and their families.



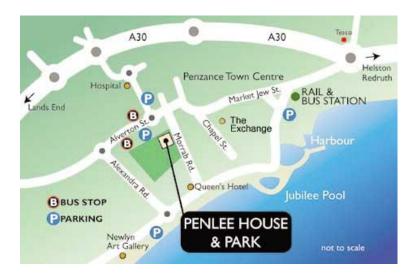


Today, you can see these paintings in our galleries. In our museum, you can also see objects that people owned and used many years ago. On display are objects from all over the Penwith area, dating from prehistoric times up until the 1940s and 1950s.

We hope you enjoy your visit to Penlee House Gallery and Museum!



This is Penlee House Gallery and Museum.



Penlee House Gallery and Museum is in Penzance.

In the winter, it is open between 10.00 in the morning and 4.00 in the afternoon.

In the summer it is open between 10 in the morning and 4.30 in the afternoon.



Inside, there are lots of paintings to look at.

Most of the paintings are by artists who lived in Newlyn a long time ago.



There is also a museum. In the museum there are lots of old things to look at.

These things show us how people used to live a long time ago.



There is a café.





There is also a shop.



This is the John Daniel Centre art group.

They are going to show you around Penlee House.



We have come to visit Penlee House.

Our bus can park next to the gallery.



There are also some disabled car parking spaces.





The signpost tells you which way to go.



There are steps up to the gallery.

There is also a ramp.





We are standing at the front door of the gallery.

Welcome to Penlee House!



It costs £5 to get in, or £4 if you are over 60. If you are under 18, it is free to get in.

If you live in Penzance you can get in for free with a Penzance Pass!



If you need help, you can ask the gallery staff.

They are very friendly!



The gallery has 2 floors. You can go up the stairs, or you can go up in the lift.



There are toilets, and a disabled toilet.





There are seats in the gallery. You can sit down if you are tired.

You can still see the paintings properly.



There are 4 rooms downstairs. They all have paintings in them.

Different paintings are put up every 3 months.

There is always something different to see.



There are paintings in the hallway too.

Sometimes there are things to look at in cabinets.



There are stairs leading up to the museum.

Remember there is a lift too!



At the top of the stairs is the upstairs landing.

In the display cases are lots of interesting things that have been found in Penwith or in other places.



There is a cabinet to look at on the upstairs landing.

There are lots of things to see.

This is a model of a Chinese boat.



From the upstairs landing, you can walk into the archaeology room.

The things in this room have been dug up from out of the ground.

These are the oldest things in the museum.



In the display cases in this room are lots of ancient archaeological exhibits found in west Cornwall.



There are more things to look at in this part of the museum.



All these things are made out of copper.

They were made in Newlyn about 100 years ago.

They have pictures of birds and fish on them.



There are some colourful costumes.



There are trains and boats.



This bird is called a chough.



Some of these things were used by sailors at sea.



This is a very old bicycle.

Do you think it would be easy to ride?



This is not a wind up! Can you tell which one is the Grandfather clock?

This clock was made in Penzance.



There are lots more things to see in the museum.

Have a good look around.



There is another room on this floor.

There are more paintings to see.



There are steps to this room, or there is a lift.



You can take the lift to go back down to the shop.



Or you can walk down the back stairs.



The shop is downstairs.



In the shop you can buy books, postcards and souvenirs.



The café sells hot and cold drinks and food.

You can sit at a table inside the café.



If the weather is nice, you can sit at a table outside.



The gardens around Penlee House are very interesting, with exotic plants and trees.

There are lots of walks with good wheelchair access.



There are lots of places where you can sit and relax, including the sensory garden.



In the sensory garden, you can listen to the water flowing in the fountain and smell the perfume of the flowers and herbs.



Now you have seen everything. We hope you enjoyed your visit to Penlee House. Come again soon!



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