

Beachcombers

The British Seaside

The UK consists of four countries named Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. The seas which surround the UK are the British Channel, North sea and Irish sea. These are parts of the Atlantic ocean. As the UK is an island it is surrounded by coastlines. The seaside is a popular destination for many British tourists on their holidays. Many people enjoy sunbathing, swimming in the sea, going to amusement arcades and playing ball games on the sand. Some of the most popular seaside towns to visit include Blackpool, Brighton, Scarborough and Llandudno.



Glossary

Beach - a strip of sand or pebbles at the point where the land meets the sea.

Century - a period of 100 years.

Cliff - a high steep rock along a coast

Coast - land next to the sea.

Decade - a period of 10 years.

Pollution - when an area is unclean and has caused harm by damaging substances.

Pier - a platform built out into the sea.

Victorians - belonging to the time when



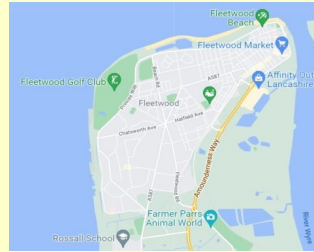
Fleetwood

Fleetwood is a coastal town in the Borough of Wyre in Lancashire. It is close to Cleveleys, Blackpool and Lytham St Anne's.

Marine Beach is the 'seaside' part of Fleetwood seafront which is near the Marine Hall. On and around the beach people can: paddle in the calm water, ride jet skis, eat ice-cream from the kiosks, walk their dogs along the promenade, relax on the sand, visit the arcade and eat traditional fish and chips by the sea. There is also a large park for children to play in and some pretty pastel-coloured beach huts.



Fleetwood Beach.



A map of Fleetwood.



Fleetwood town in the past.



The beach huts on Fleetwood beach

Beach Pollution.

One of the issues of visitors going to the beach is the amount of rubbish which can be left. People take picnics and will leave their rubbish on the beach which can cause pollution and damage the local environment. Many local communities now have beach litter picking volunteers to ensure that the beaches stay nice and clean for everyone to enjoy.



Seaside Past and Present.

British people have been enjoying the seaside for hundreds of years. However seaside visits were fairly different to how they are today. In Victorian times, people couldn't go abroad because there were no planes so going to the British coast was very popular. In those days, sunbathing wasn't popular and instead people sea bathed. They would wheel out on 'bathing machines' and swim into the water. Victorian's would be fully dressed at the beach and if they were to swim they would wear long bathing costumes which covered their bodies. Nowadays people like to wear smaller swimming suits and enjoy sunbathing. Beaches are a lot dirtier now because we have more litter and wrappers. However some things never change and people have always enjoyed ice creams, walks along the pier and playing games on the beach.



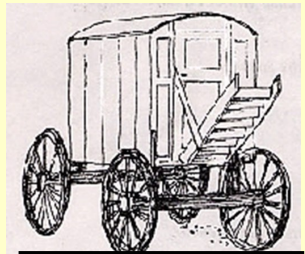
Victorian women having a paddle in the sea.



A family enjoying the beach today.



A Pedalo used today.



A Victorian sea bathing machine.