

Key themes for telling Newlyn's Story

Newlyn's past

- Newlyn before Newlyn – earlier history and prehistory of Mount's Bay
- From seasonal settlement to premier fishing port - Newlyn's historical development
- Shifting roles and fortunes within Mount's Bay – Newlyn in relation to Mousehole, Penzance and Marazion (with St Michael's Mount)
- Newlyn's wider historical context – within Cornwall & beyond
- Spanish raid of 1595 and its impact on Newlyn
- Piracy, smuggling and wrecking; regulation and control
- Loss at sea and maritime safety (lifeboats, lighthouses, buoys and marks)
- Fishing through the ages – different methods for different species at different times
- Fishing boats – their evolution, different types, boat names and famous examples
- Pilchard palaces, fishwives, jousts & merchants – fish processing, sale and export
- Impact of the arrival of the railway in Penzance
- Fishermen and fisherwomen – their equally vital roles within the industry
- Associated trades – coopering, rope making, boat building, iron founding, ice making
- Hearth and home – housing and living conditions
- Prominent fishing families and local characters
- Hearts & souls – church & chapel, Seaman's Mission
- Local voices – traditional music, songs and stories
- Newlyn during the wars – role of the fishing fleet, Sandy Cove WWI seaplane base
- Newlyn Tidal Observatory
- 1930s 'slum' clearances and the Rosebud's protest voyage to London
- Newlyn at Play – sports, fairs, pageants, regattas and raft races
- International links – Cornish fishing overseas and foreign fishermen/fleets in Newlyn
- Buccas versus Yorkies - Newlyn Riots of 1896
- Newlyn School of Artists – 'plein air' artists, their subjects, Newlyn Art Gallery
- Newlyn Industrial Class (artist-established fishermen's craft school), Newlyn copperware and other local arts and crafts
- Other significant industries in and around Newlyn - West Tolvaddon Mine, Tereife tin smelting works (Stable Hobba), Penlee Quarry, Crysède Company clothing workshop

Newlyn's present & future

- The fish – species, stocks, scientific research and monitoring
- Fishermen and women in today's industry
- Fishing boats & current fishing methods
- Fish processing, marketing & cooking
- Threats and opportunities affecting the industry
- Organisation & support - Newlyn Pier and Harbour Commissioners, The Fishermen's Mission, Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) etc
- Sustainability of the fishing industry
- Impact of climate change
- Balancing tourism with the needs of local people