

THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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NEW HAVEN

Wernfach - little marsh - Morfa Borth

At the very southern end of Morfa Borth with the road to Clarach, boat park and beach in front and the Lôn Glan-y-môr at the back. Built after 1914 but by 1925. Formerly called Tŷ Mawr (big house).



Newhaven in 2016. It is on the right and is one of a semi-detached pair of houses.

These houses are much taller than their neighbours, and are built of red brick though today its front wall is rendered. Newhaven has a deep gable, slate coloured roof with red ridge tiles, having two dormer window lighting an upper floor, and it shares a brick chimney with four chimney pots with Sŵn-y-môr next door. There are canted bay windows on the upper and lower floor. Newhaven's front door is on the south side of its front, inside a glazed porch. Above is a railed balcony from which is a good view across Cardigan Bay. French windows lead out on to it. All the front windows are large and modern. One downstairs window inside the porch has an interesting pattern of glazing bars - in the style of the 1920s and 1930s. The narrow front garden is enclosed with a low rendered brick wall. The south side wall is still red brick - the top of it shows above Wayside next door's roof. The house opens directly on to the road to Clarach and there is no pavement.

Called Ty Mawr for the rates of 1934 James Crawford then Paul Crawford had owned it, this was changed to Mrs Partridge, and living there was Richard Griffiths. James Crawford paid the rates in 1938. By 1949 the house name had changed to Newhaven and paying the rates was H. S. Holden for a 'house'. Paying the rates in 1963 was L. R. Guy and the house and garage were valued at £64. The garage was a private garage at the rear. With votes for the house were John and Elizabeth Wright (Electoral Registers and Rates, Ceredigion Archives)



LEFT The back of Newhaven is still brick. It has both a dormer window and a roof light in the roof. There is an extension on the south side, and as the site slopes downwards there are steps from the back door down to the yard. The house has both a garage and room to park a car.

The house was built on a strip of land that was 'beach'. The embankment of stones had been thrown up by the sea, and belonged to the Crown Manor. On a Crown Manor map surveyed in 1925 it was mostly shown as beach, the manor owning eastwards of a line from the edge of the beach cottages to the corner

of the road to Llandre. (National Archives LRRO 1/3060) However, after an embankment was built which enabled our present road to run along the edge of the beach it was possible to have buildings on the strip of land opening on to the new road and the beach with the Lôn Glan-y-môr behind them.



ABOVE A view from a postcard sent in 1914. At that time the Lôn Glan-y-môr (Sea bank Lane) on the far left was the only road and it was unfenced (Post card Private Collection)



On a postcard dated 1925 it was the third house from the left, one of the first in this row of houses. In the foreground were the Beach Cottages and the tall Craigfryn.

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