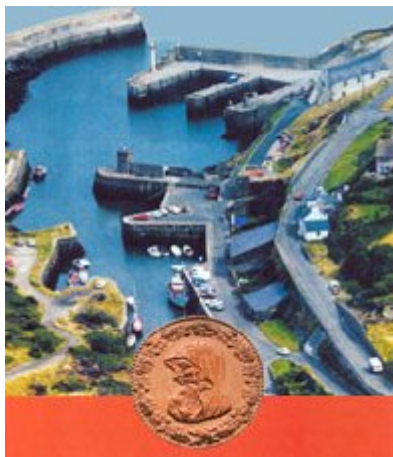




## 15 The Coast to Amlwch: Short Introduction



Proceeding up the north east coast of the main island, the relevant items of interest are largely of an agricultural nature until the famous copper mining district centred on Amlwch is reached. Several old windmill towers will be noted, some derelict, some converted to residential uses, and there is also a number of watermills.....

.....In the village of Pentraeth, an old warehouse is prominent amidst new housing whilst beyond to the west an old railway embankment forms the skyline. This was the route of a long-forgotten branch line running from a junction with the Anglesey Central

line at Holland Arms near Gaerwen, down to the coast between Red Wharf Bay and Benllech.....

.....The corn mill at Felin Esgob (Bishop's Mill), Maenaddwyn (451861) is of very ancient origin, being recorded as "Bodafon Mill" prior to 1425. Most unusually it derived its water supply not from a passing stream, but rather from the surface water of the surrounding pastures, and hence suffered as did most water-powered mills on Anglesey from severe supply problems during the summer months.....

....Evidence of the one-time marine importance of this stretch of coastline, famous for its numerous wrecks in the days of sail, is to be seen in the tower on Ynys Dulas (502403), built in 1824 as a landmark and refuge for sailors. Remains of limekilns may be found on the beach at Traeth Dulas.....

.....The town of Amlwch, and the old Port, still the principal centre of habitation in the northern part of the island, was formerly of great importance in connection with the Anglesey copper trade.....

.....The district was served by a large corn mill at Melin Adda, Pentrefelin, just outside the town (440922). The site is derelict with the buildings partially converted, but the remains of no less than two watermills, one with a breast-shot and one overshot wheel, and a windmill may be examined.....

.....The industrial importance of Amlwch derives from the discovery of rich deposits of copper ore on nearby Parys Mountain in 1768..... for most of the ensuing thirty years output from these mines determined the world price of copper.....

.....At Amlwch Port there are some interesting features dating from this period of intensive activity. The walled compounds with sloping floors forming the copper ore storage bins were all latterly roofed over and fed by wooden chutes from carts unloading in the lane above. Adjacent is a large limekiln, with

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strengthening stay-rods held in place by fire bars removed from old ship's boilers....the dry dock, hewn out of solid rock, may still be examined: it retains its gates.....

.....the Copper mine workings may be approached directly along the old mines road, a fine well-preserved straight and level highway constructed of slag blocks..... from the "Pearl" engine house we pass by numerous sites of shafts to reach the summit beside the stone tower of a windmill.....we pass between two great chasms which formed the opencast workings of the Mona and Parys mines, and come to a group of buildings comprising the Mona Mine yard which offers interesting exploration.....a good view of the vivid multi-coloured rock strata bounded by numerous rectangular pools brimming with deep brown water.....

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