

5. The Promenade

In 1924 a mini Tsunami hit Barmouth and caused flooding along Marine Parade, Wellington Terrace and the area where the council estate is today. There was also extensive flooding along the Mawddach with much of Arthog was under water.



Tsunami 1924

Further flooding occurred in 1927 and rudimentary sea defences were severely damaged. Much of the promenade was also damaged and it was decided to build proper sea defences and a new promenade for Barmouth.



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In 1928 an extensive construction project began. Originally the promenade went as far as the Arbour Hotel / Marine Mansions / Sandbanks Hotel but the new prom would extend further north. Local workers were used but many of the workforce came from South Wales. They were willing to work for less money than the locals and this caused a lot of trouble.



Stone Wallers 1928



Local Stone Wallers 1930

So much stone had to be moved and sand dunes had to be removed that a purpose-built railway line was built that ran the length of the prom. By 1933 the works were complete and the ex-Prime Minister David Lloyd George came to Barmouth, with his wife, to open the new sea defences and promenade.



Hardcore preparation



Laying train track in 1930



Sea wall train 1930



Removal of dunes 1930



Prom construction 1931



Prom construction 1931



Lloyd George opening the prom 1933



The new prom 1933