

What is it?

- Melin Bompren is a corn mill, built between 1852 and 1853.
- This mill was built in Cross Inn, near New Quay, Ceredigion, but there were hundreds of similar mills throughout Wales.



Who lived here?

- The first miller was Benjamin Jones, but many millers have worked here over the years.

Points of interest

- In this period the wealthy people tended to eat bread made with white flour while wholemeal flour was used by the poor.
- Mills were usually built near rivers or streams as the majority of them were water powered.
- This mill was used to grind wheat to make flour, but it also ground oats and barley to feed the animals.
- There is a corn drying kiln attached to the mill. It was needed because of the damp climate.
- The mill's water wheel was operated by releasing the water at the top so that the weight of the spoons turned the wheel.
- The water wheel powered many other machines in the mill, including an implement to lift sacks of wheat for storing.

Where can I find more information?

- Go to Oriel 1 to discover what life in Wales would have been like in the past.
- Go to see Rhyd-y-car (41) to get a taste of life in an industrial town in this period.