



Friends of Black Nore Lighthouse

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Blacknore Lighthouse has safely guarded shipping and sailing vessels from the hazards of Black Nore Point since 1894. Before its construction, groundings and shipwrecks on Black Nore were common. In 1838 the SS Great Western was grounded on the rocks and had to be refloated at high tide.

Originally operated by manual clockwork weights and pulleys and fuelled by gas, it was later converted to automatic electric motors and lights.

It is of a unique cast iron construction that has withstood the ravages of time and weather without incident for over a century. Exceptionally high storm tides that breached the foundation, would flow harmlessly under the elevated structure. This design referred to as a "Pepper Pot Lighthouse" is one of only two remaining examples, the other being in the Scilly Isles.

In September of 2010, after 117 years of continuous operation, it was decommissioned and turned off. Modern shipping uses GPS and no longer requires the aid of lighthouses. It was being considered for demolition.



A private limited company; limited by guarantee was formed as a non-profit Community Interest Company, for the sole purpose of preserving the Lighthouse for posterity. Blacknore Lighthouse Trust CIC purchased the Lighthouse and the small patch of land that it sits on. The recently obtained Grade II listing from English Heritage protects it from development, and the newly formed Trust ensures that it is maintained to a high standard.

The local community came together and raised the funds necessary for purchasing the land and structure, and we now require further funds for the ongoing insurance and maintenance. Being exposed to the sea and salt air, it will require constant care.

Friends of Black Nore Lighthouse has been established to allow the wider community to support ongoing maintenance cost, without involvement in the liability or further obligation of ownership. Joining fee is £10 and subscription is £10 per year, for a total first payment of £20. A membership is for an entire family / household and includes the Friends Newsletter and discounts to social events.

Please make donations payable to **Friends of Black Nore Lighthouse**, and post them to Blacknore Lighthouse Trust CIC, 58 Fedden Village, Portishead BS20 8EJ. Tel: 01275 817017

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