

# St Catherine's Lighthouse Lens

The Classic Boat Museum is now custodian of this unusual piece of Island history - the Fresnel Lens from St Catherine's Lighthouse. The lens had been signalling the way for sailors travelling off the south coast of the Island for more than one hundred years. The lens was decommissioned in 2021.



The light in situ in the tower of St Catherine's Lighthouse

During 2020 planning was granted to Trinity House (the body who run and maintain lighthouses in England) to remove the existing lens at St Catherine's and to install a more modern and efficient light, in the form of an LED array. The Fresnel lens was removed in late 2021 and placed in storage. The St Catherine's lens is on loan, courtesy of Trinity House.



The volunteer team working to rebuild the lens and the completed lens in The Boat Shed

The lens arrived in the museum in 20 sections. The team of volunteers were faced with putting together the pieces like a giant and rather delicate jigsaw. The team also designed and commissioned the secure steel base on which it stands. The puzzle has been completed and the lens is now in position ready for visitors to explore.