

Mersey Ferries



Boats have been an integral part of the river Mersey for as long as anyone can remember, certainly as far back as 1150AD. However, over the next 900 or so years, the ownership of ferry services has changed hands many times, leading up to the purchase of the main ferry crossing by the Wallasey Corporation in 1860. Despite the openings of the two road tunnels during the 20th Century, the ferry has continued to prove popular with

commuters and for pleasure trips. The number of ferry points on the river Mersey has reduced drastically since the start of the 20th Century, leaving just Liverpool, Seacombe and Woodside. By 1968 the Birkenhead and Wallasey ferries merged and were taken under the control of the Mersey Passenger Transport Executive. Despite the effort of parliamentarians to scrap the ferry service in the 1970s, ferry transport has survived, it has been re-branded and re-launched in 1990 as Mersey Ferries with an immediate £5 million invested in improving commuter services, 50 minute cruises and pleasure excursions.

Mersey Ferries produces a wealth of literature highlighting the rich background of Ferries across the Mersey. These can be found at any of the Mersey Ferries terminals at Seacombe, Woodside or Liverpool. For a start try reading 'Cross the Mersey - 850 Years of the World-Famous Ferries' written by A McIntyre-Brown and G Woodland.

See also www.merseyferries.co.uk



Ferry Cross the Mersey