

THE RAILWAY STATION - Port Erin

The Railway Station, in Station Road, Port Erin, played an important role in the life of the internees. This is where they arrived to join the Internment Camp; where they travelled from to Douglas for their tribunals to decide whether or not they were to be released; and, finally, where they travelled from on their way to freedom after their release.

On the first two nights of the Internment Camp, 29th and 30th May 1940, more than 3,000 women and children were brought by train to Port Erin to be interned. One eyewitness said that the first train had three engines, one at each end and one in the middle, to cope with the weight of the carriages. This is rare for any train.



Then (1906)



Now (2020)

Today, Port Erin Railway Station looks very similar to 1940 and returning internees would be able to recognise it.