



Because we mined the coal that was here, Brora became the industrial capital of the Highlands - it powered the world-renowned **Hunters Woollen Mill** and **Clynelish Distillery**. The people of Brora even used it to make salt from the seawater - and then exported it abroad!

Brora Heritage is a fascinating insight into the rich and unrivalled history of an industrial village in the Highlands:

- **Coal** worked and mined from 1529
- **Salt** produced from 1598
- **Stone** quarried from the 16th Century
- **Salmon** exported from at least 1658
- **Herring** fished from c1810
- **Shipping** from the Harbour in 1814
- **Beer** brewed from 1815
- **Bricks** manufactured from 1818
- **Clynelish/Brora Whisky** distilled since 1819
- **Hunter's Tweed** manufactured from 1901
- **Aerated Waters** manufactured from 1905
- **Electricity** produced from 1913
- **Capaldi's Ice Cream** since 1932
- **Cold War Listening Station** from 1939

Did you know?

Brora Bridge was the site of the last ever coaching fatality in Britain in June 1864!

'Brora Best' was stamped on local bricks!

We have an upside-down datestone in the village!

Brora was known as the 'Electric City'!

Brora - Exposed to the World!

The Highland Railway arrived in 1870 and this brought visitors flocking here for the sea and sand, the fishing and hunting and allowed Brora's sought after products, such as salmon, whisky, coal, bricks and tweed to be easily exported to an eager market.

What's Brora known for today?

A great place to visit, its warm welcome, its incredible Highland weather, its amazing scenery and unspoilt archaeology, **Brora Rangers** football team, **Brora Golf Club** and **Clynelish Whisky**.



What we do

Clyne Heritage Society - 1998 to Now

Since our formation, we have been actively preserving, protecting, promoting and presenting our local heritage, which we think is the best!

We have built up an amazing collection of objects, ranging from the smallest of beautiful glass beads to the large sandstone lintel and door jambs taken from the 16th Century Salt Master's building during our acclaimed excavations at the Salt Pans.

And our digital resources include historic maps, school log books, police records, estate papers, census returns, graveyard records and newspaper entries, to name but a few. It all builds up to give an incredible picture of the parish throughout history - which you can discover when you come to **Brora Heritage**.

You can do your own Family History research using our extensive records, or we can help you - for a fee - contact us using the details on this leaflet.

