Sennen Cove Timelines

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| 1853 | First Lifeboat station built. |  |
| 1856 | Trinity cottages (end of Maria’s Lane) and Trinity store (end of Cove) built. |  |
| 1870 | Eastern slipway built and ‘barracks’ for workers building new Longships lighthouse. Barracks became a reading room after the work. |  |
| 1873 | New lighthouse built |  |
| 1874 | Old Boathouse built as Lifeboat station to replace exisiting. Cost £250 |  |
| 1881 | First transatlantic cable. Cable Cottage built. |  |
| 1896 | Old Boathouse Stores ceased to be the Lifeboat station and was taken over by Trinity House. New LB station opened. Road to Whitesand Bay from LB station constructed £325. |  |
| 1909 | Harbour wall built.  Long fishing hut along front of Harbour car park.  Single storey hut in Old Success car park. |  |
| 1918 | Telegraph cable laid to Valentia, Ireland |  |
| 1919 | Carn Keys, first hut built. |  |
| 1922 | Sale of land and buildings on death of Cannon Robert James Roe & St Leven settled estates, includes old lifeboat house, Success Inn and various fishing properties and salt houses and cellars. Old barracks/reading room included with condition that they be demolished. |  |
| 1923 | Single storey hut in Old Success car park.  Rough bench in situ opposite Aubrey Villa.  Huge sand dune up into Velladreath.  Vellandreath cottages, south side, present.  Tea Rooms (fish & chip shop site) not yet built – suggests barracks demolished at this time.  Second Valentia cable laid.  Western slipway and adjoining wall built.  LB station adapted for motor-Lifeboat |  |
| 1926 | Telegraph cable to New York laid.  Old Success still has thatch roof and two storey extension.  Carn North house present. |  |
| 1927 | Small cottage/coastguard office in ‘Betty’s garden’ Coastguard row, still present.  Construction of lower extension bay windows (current apartments) to Sennen Cove Hotel.  Round ‘summer house’ in place in Chy Ryn garden.  Carn North in place with window as current. |  |
| 1928 | Tea Rooms (where chip shop is) present.  Construction of 2nd Lifeboat slipway, removal of old curved slipway. |  |
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| 1931 | Wood hut in location of Chy Ryn.  Harbour Mews pilchard cellars still in place |  |
| 1934 | Sennen Heights, Sennen Cove Hotel, plan with District Council. Build complete by September. Lower levels build granite, upper concrete. |  |
| 1936 | Chy Ryn has round ‘summer’ house.  Maisonette area at end of Harbour car park, cleared waste ground.  One house and one hut, north side of Vellandreath. |  |
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| 1955 | Accommodation block present in Old Success car park.  Admin hut still in place (behind wall in Harbour car park.  Nissen huts on Chy Ryn’s drive  Another admin type block, white, back of harbour car park (in front of Betty’s garden.  Tommy & Sally’s now L. Johns café/shop.  Old Boathouse, just an old boathouse but with increased height, poss second floor.  Little Bo Café, a shop/café.  Cottage/coastguard office in Betty’s garden roof gone.  Beach car park, in operation.  Part of old curve Lifeboat slipway still in place.  OS slipway, just a rough path |  |
| 1960 | All war time buildings still in place in maisonette area. |  |
| 1960 | Admin type block, Harbour car park still present.  Sea wall under Old Success slipway |  |
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