

# Pier facts



- The original Swanage Pier was constructed in 1859/60 by James Walton of London for the Swanage Pier and Tramway Company (now known as Swanage Pier Company) and opened by John Mowlem.
- The Old Pier was built in 1859 for the stone trade at a cost of £6,000.
- The New Pier was built in 1895 at a cost of £10,000 and opened in 1897 for the Steamer/Day Tripper Trade
- It was originally constructed of 170 imported Greenheart Timber Piles, the first of which was driven on November 30th, 1895.
- The new pier was partly refurbished in 1997/8 at a cost of £1,000,000.
- Since 1994, Swanage Pier has been controlled by Swanage Pier Trust and run and financed by volunteers, it reopened in 1998.
- It is one of only 14 wooden piers in the UK. There are other Victorian piers though, others are of iron and only 120 Victorian piers now remaining.

## Did you know...

Swanage Pier's Wooden section is 196.3m (642a ft) long on the centre line.

The average width is 8.5m (28ft), widening to a two-tier landing stage at its head.

The tidal rise and fall is 2m (6 aft).

The depth of water at the Pier Head is 4.3m (14ft) at high water on spring tides.