

GREAT BRITAIN: ISLES OF SCILLY



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Capital: Hugh Town, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly

Background: Scilly is famous for its danger to shipping and its many shipwrecks. The sea has always played a huge part in Scillonian history but it was in the 19th century that Scilly has its maritime heyday. Beaches which are now enjoyed by sunbathers were then factories for shipbuilding; the harbours now full of pleasure boats were once packed with local and visiting fishing and trading boats. In 1834, Augustus Smith acquired the lease on the Isle of Scilly from the Duchy of Cornwall and set about changing the islander's way of life, expelling those who could not find a job locally and evicting some of the inhabitants of the smaller islands, in a similar to that practiced in the Scottish clearances. In 1855, he expelled the ten inhabitants of Samson, in order to turn the island into a deer park. (The deer did not like the habitat, and escape.) The archipelago became fairly popular in the 20th century as a holiday and holiday home location.

Location: The Isles of Scilly are located 28 miles of Land's End, Cornwall

Map References: United Kingdom

Area: The Isles of Scilly comprise 3,963 acres of land

Population: By 2001, the population was 2,153

Nationality: Scillonian, Cornish

Ethnic Groups: The vast majority of the population are either Cornish or English, the latter mainly from the Home Counties, and the ethnic makeup of the islands is almost exclusively White

Religions: Anglican, Roman Catholic, Non-Conformist

Languages: Cornish, English

Currency: 1 British pound = 100 pence

Ports and Harbors: St. Mary's Port

Airports: Isles of Scilly Airport

Visa: see Visa in UK section.

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