

NEWBOROUGH

- The town as it is today

Maurice Beresford notes of Newborough that ‘the whole place is dismal on all but the sunniest days’, echoing Richard Fenton’s earlier, but no less disparaging view that it is ‘a wretched place’.³¹² The town itself is quiet and largely residential, many of the buildings fitting still into the medieval plot pattern, and which despite their grey-rendered façades in many cases may date back at least two or three centuries.³¹³ There are some late-twentieth century housing estates sandwiched between the two parallel streets, while the site of the *llys* is open for inspection, with its foundations exposed. Newborough’s population stood at around 800 in 2001.

³¹² Beresford, *New Towns*, p.50; Soulsby, *Medieval Towns of Wales*, p.195, citing Richard Fenton’s ‘Tour of Wales’, of 1804-13 (R. Fenton, *Tour of Wales, 1804-13*, edited from his MS. journals in the Cardiff Free Library by John Fisher (Cambrian Archaeological Association/Bedford Press, London, 1917)).

³¹³ Based on field observations carried out in 2004. RCAHMW, Anglesey, has no details of the town’s domestic buildings. For more, see www.coflein.gov.uk