



Kipper's Collections!

Female Fishermen

Usually, I would wander around the museum and share with you some of the amazing things at the Scottish Fisheries Museum to help you learn a bit more about them.

But this week, because it's Women's History Month, I am learning more about amazing women that are important to the fishing industry! Today I want to tell you all about **female Fishermen**.

Women have always been important to the fishing industry in various roles and Many boat are named after women from fisher families or are quite feminine. However fishermen believed it was **bad luck** for women to actually set sail as it was would tempt fate for the catch or even worse!

Now, women are no longer considered bad luck, and some are now valued members of fishing crews going out into the crashing waves for the latest catch of yummy fish! From Prawns in Pittenweem to Cod in Cornwall, women across the UK are at the helm of the future of the fishing industry.

Some of the work these women would be involved in would include being out on the water for over half a day, all the while doing heavy lifting, handling fishing gear and sorting fish. Not to mention maintaining the boat both out at sea and in the harbour.

These amazing women becoming fishermen is helping to prove that there are no "boy jobs" and "girl jobs" just jobs that everyone can do if they want to!