

The building which houses the Textile Museum was built in the 1830s as a hand-loom weaving factory, the looms occupying the third and fourth floor above three pairs of back-to-back cottages on the lower floors.

Buildings of this type were once common in Newtown but many have been demolished. This one was rescued in the 1960s and converted into a small museum telling the history of the wool, weaving and associated industries in the town in the 19th century.

In the 1990s responsibility for the Museum was transferred to Powys County Council and the Museum was upgraded. In the last few years with budget cuts to Council funding, it was open intermittently, and not at all in 2015. Our Committee which was formed in June 2015 has been given the opportunity to take over the Museum again and we re-opened in August 2016 for the summer months.

The Newtown Textile Museum is an essential asset in telling the story of how Newtown came to be how it is.

For more information

A detailed and interesting report - [\\_AN HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE OF NEWTOWN, POWYS, MID WALES](#) by Mark Walters - places the Museum at the heart of Newtown's heritage.

The **Aberystwyth University** Geography Department is running a research project into the ways Newtown is connected with other parts of the world. Visit their site for information and updates - [Assembling Newtown](#)