Leasowe Lighthouse
(North Wirral Coastal Park, Wirral Peninsula)
Leasowe Lighthouse was built in 1763 by Liverpool Corporation’s Docks Committee (the forerunner of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board) and is the oldest brick-built lighthouse in Britain. It was one of four lights on the North Wirral foreshore, the others being two at Hoylake and another - a lower light - at Leasowe. The latter was soon destroyed by the sea and was replaced by a lighthouse on Bidston Hill in 1771.

The lighthouse was operational until 14 July 1908, with the only known female lighthouse keeper in those days, a Mrs. Williams. It then became a tearoom for a period, but was unused before 1989, since when it has been the base for the ranger service of the North Wirral Coastal Park (http://www.friendsofnorthwirralcoastalpark.co.uk/). The building houses a visitor centre and is occasionally open to the public.

Location