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The Joy Wheel

The Joy Wheel on Hastings Pier 1911-1914 (HPC058.003)

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In 1911, the circular Joy Wheel was introduced close to the entrance to the Pier, the panel on the side claims that the Joy Wheel had one million customers at the Brussels International Exhibition in 1910.

The Joy Wheel was like a large roundabout. Participants sat on the polished wooden circular platform and tried to hang on as it rotated at increasing speed. Centrifugal force, and intermittent braking, spun people off the platform – much to the amusement of onlookers. Ladies joined in – rather daring at the time. The Joy Wheel was removed in 1914. (HPC006.045)

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