

Llawryglyn Village Community Association Donations

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For the last four years the Llawryglyn History Group has been researching the buildings and the people who lived and worked in them in this beautiful part of Wales. Opposite the first Board School in Montgomeryshire, now a private dwelling, is a small, grassed area by the banks of Nant Cwmgwernog. This is the site of the Llawryglyn smithy which operated from about 1700 to the mid 1960s. In the 1970s it was carefully dismantled and rebuilt at St Fagans National Museum of History as a working smithy. It is a nationally important vernacular building.

Some time ago local resident, David Preston, asked the Llawryglyn Village Community Association if it would be possible to mark the Llawryglyn smithy site with an interpretation board. Thanks to the Llawryglyn History Group who carried out the research and to Trefeglwys Community Council who provided a grant from the Carno Windfarm Fund, David's vision has been realised. On 10th July 2026 an interpretation board with bilingual text was unveiled. See quotations on page 2 below...

From the Rev. Alan Chaplin: “I used to spend a lot of time as a child in Neuadd with Ruby and cousin Glyn. I remember the Smithy well and carved my initials on it’s walls. When my children were young we took them to St Fagans to see it. They were tickled pink! Happy days.”

From PS, Tŷ Capel: “A great contribution to the village and it’s cultural character”.

From SG, Tŷ Capel: “The information display is very well done and really gives an impression of how important the smithy was at the centre of the village. Thank you to the researchers and organisers!”

From Andy Gill, Chair of the Llawryglyn Village Community Association: “Thanks to the Llawryglyn History Group for all their hard work in making the information board a reality. And thanks to Trefeglwys Community Council for funding it. Much appreciated by everyone and a real legacy!”

Villagers gathered round as Andy Gill, Chair of the Llawryglyn Village Community Association thanked David Ashton, Chair of Trefeglwys Community Council for the funding which made this project possible.