



- **The Civic Society Awards Scheme** -
- To recognise developments of quality that enhance the local environment
- Architectural - environmental - conservation - education - social
- Any scale - small or large
- **Nominations for 2024/25 now open**

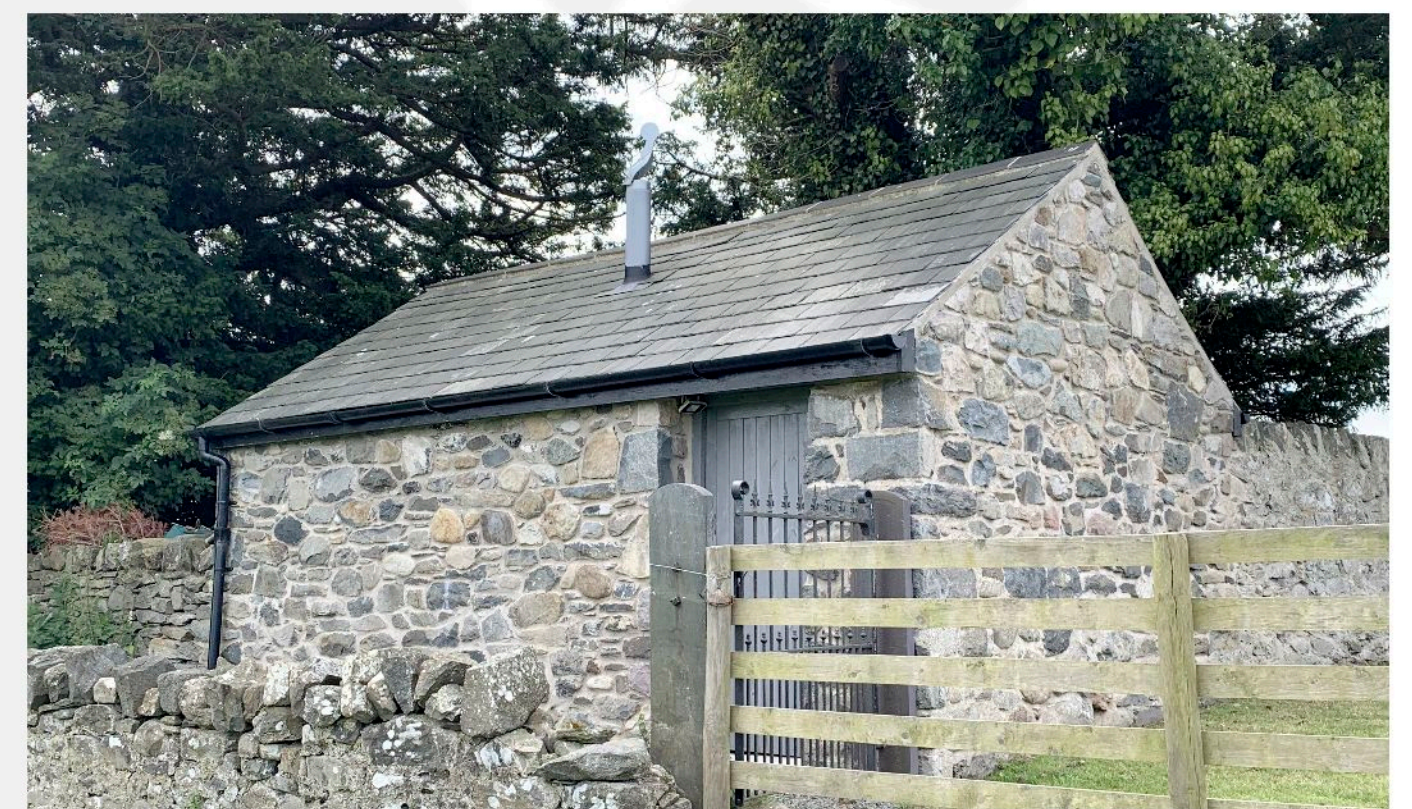
Schemes that have recently been given an Award by CVCS :

The bier house at St Mary's Church, Caerhun

The dilapidated and ancient bier house in the northwest corner of the churchyard was converted into an eco-friendly composting toilet, without altering the elevations or footprint of the existing building. Work included re-roofing with original and re-used matching slates; renewal of roof timbers; re-pointing of stone walls with lime mortar; construction of floor; and installation of a water-free toilet system.

Assessors comments

The project has resulted in the valuable re-use of a disused building in a highly sensitive location at a Grade 1 listed site, within the boundary of a national monument. The work was executed with care and imagination, to the highest standards of vernacular construction, yet managed to incorporate an eco-friendly facility of modern design.





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Bodnant Business Studios

A range of disused buildings was renovated and re-designed for workshop use, providing diverse self-employed and employment opportunities at an appropriate scale for the setting. The work entailed careful use of original openings, sensitive detailing, appropriate use of colour and the use of materials which reflect the local landscape.

Assessors comments

A sensitive conversion of dilapidated buildings into 10-12 business studios. The project was completed to an admirable standard of detailing and content, a worthy exemplar for future developments in the area.

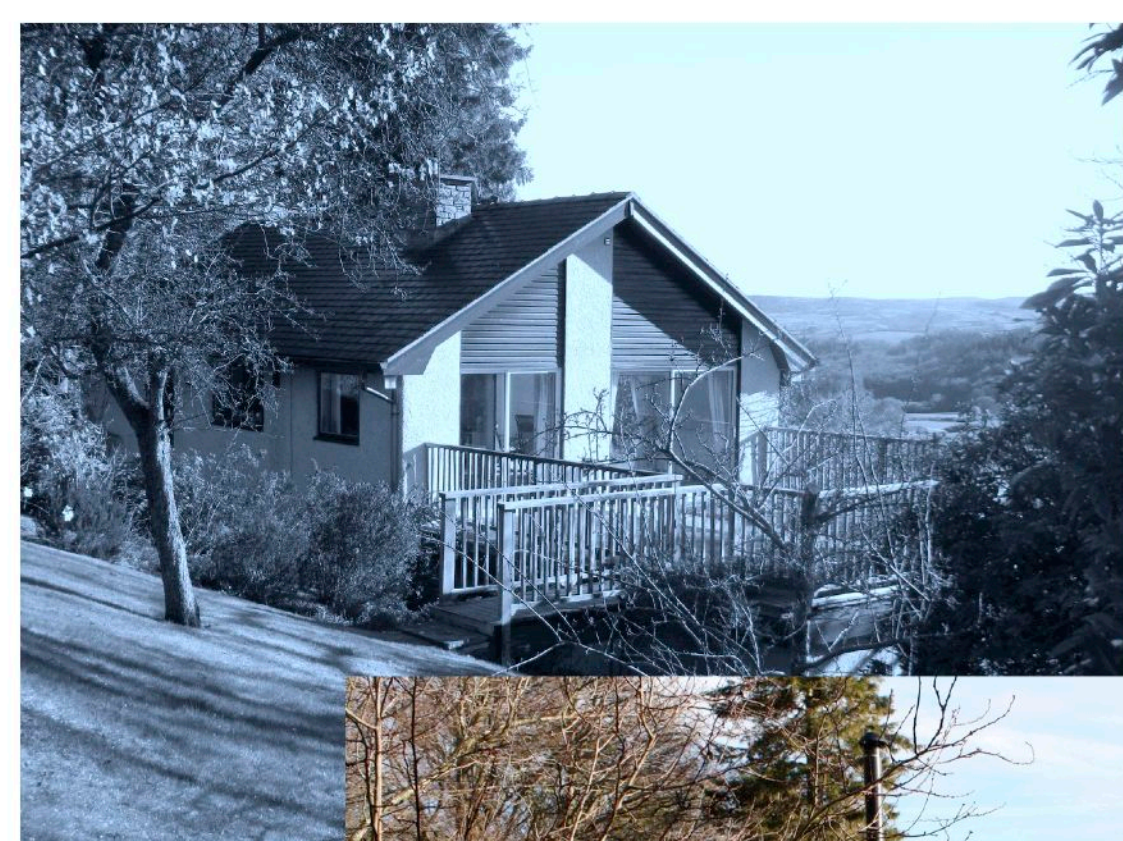


House modernisation, Conwy valley

The project entailed innovative regeneration of a dated and faded building, which clashed with its local environment, and harmonising the appearance of the dwelling within its setting on the edge of the village.

Assessors comments

An innovative extension and refurbishment of an existing 1950s dwelling in a prominent position within the Snowdonia National Park, to a sensitive design and with careful use of natural materials and sympathetic render colouring appropriate to its setting.





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Re-establishment of a play-park, Dolgarrog - Parc Dafydd

A small playground, well received in the village of Dolgarrog and a most valuable community asset. The project entailed the removal of the old children's playpark from near the aluminium works to a safer and more congenial environment, re-equipping and selected landscaping, resulting in a much-improved facility for the village.

Assessors comments

The efforts of the village and keen members of the community resulted in a valuable facility in a central village location, which met the stringent play standards required, and which supplies a well-used resource where children and family members can safely congregate.



The Brew House, Plas Tirion, Llanrwst

Previously used as a cowshed, the building's key historic elements include a cruck truss, a timber-staved mortared crog-loft and other details showing the building's early origin. Through the 'Discovering Old Welsh Houses' project, the truss was dated to 1498 and further archaeological investigations confirmed its origin as an open hall house, which may have become a 'Brew house' during the construction of Plas Tirion in 1565.

The project involved significant repairs to the building fabric, notably the structure, chimney and roof covering, conservation of internal details, and the reinstatement of the plank and muntin screen.

Assessors comments

Consideration of the building's historic phasing and elements of significance resulted in a well-informed conservation approach. The team worked closely with skilled local craftsmen to source and employ appropriate material and repair techniques.

