

# BEDWELLY HOUSE AND PARK, TREDEGAR



**LOCATION:** TREDEGAR

**CLIENT:** BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**VALUE:** £4.5M

**SIZE:** 1800M<sup>2</sup>

**COMPLETION:** 2011

**SERVICE:** ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, CONSERVATION, INTERIORS

**SECTOR:** ARTS & CULTURE

**CONTRACTOR:** JOHN WEAVER CONSTRUCTION

**LANDSCAPE:** AUSTIN-SMITH:LORD

**STRUCTURES:** KPA ASSOCIATES

**SERVICES:** SILCOCK DAWSON

**COST CONSULTANT:** DAVIS LANGDON

**LISTING:** GRADE II

Austin-Smith:Lord was appointed to provide Architecture, Conservation and Landscape Design services for a project to restore this Grade II Listed 19th Century House and Parkland and incorporate new elements to complement and enhance the existing building.

Our work included the preparation of a detailed Conservation Management Plan and archaeological investigations, leading to the full restoration of this rare Regency period estate.

The buildings and park in Tredegar were transformed into a hub for the local community, and the project has become a major tourist destination in the Heads of the Valleys.



Bedwellty House was the site of key events in the life of leading politician Aneurin Bevan, and interactive displays and memorabilia throughout the house commemorate the father of the modern National Health Service.

The house is owned by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and under our proposals was transformed into a heritage asset, a Registry office and an elegant visitor attraction. The house has also become home to the local archives, and a new tea room was created in the old Orchid House.

Our conservation architects and landscape architects painstakingly recreated the house's past, and integrated the house and park back into the daily life of the area.

To understand more about its history and how the house and park appeared before its decline, we carried out extensive community consultation and research which included the analysis of old postcards and photographs.

This understanding and appreciation of the history of the house and park has allowed them to be returned to their original condition.

The Bedwellty House and Park project was made possible through grant funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Heads of The Valleys Fund, CADW and the Welsh Government in addition to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.