

LLANELLY HOUSE, LLANELLI, CARMARTHENSHIRE



LOCATION: LLANELLI, CARMARTHENSHIRE

CLIENT: CARMARTHENSHIRE HERITAGE REGENERATION TRUST

VALUE: £6M

SIZE: 1200M²

COMPLETION: 2013

SERVICE: CONSERVATION, ARCHITECTURE, INTERIORS

SECTOR: ARTS & CULTURE

CONTRACTOR: JOHN WEAVER CONSTRUCTION

STRUCTURES: OPUS

SERVICES: ROBERT BLOXHAM JONES

COST CONSULTANT: PARRY DAWKIN

AWARDS:

PROJECT OF THE YEAR 2014; RICS AWARDS WALES
BUILDING CONSERVATION AWARD 2014; RICS AWARDS
WALES

LISTING: GRADE I

Austin-Smith:Lord was commissioned by Carmarthenshire Heritage Regeneration Trust to carry out the conservation and restoration of Llanelly House in Llanelli. The aims of the project were to restore the Grade I Listed Georgian Town House to its 18th Century glory and turn it into a major visitor attraction. The listing of the building at Grade I reflects its importance in Britain on a national scale.

The restoration of Llanelly House was undertaken around a high quality programme of conservation and restoration that has drawn from and enriched the communities of Llanelli.

Project funders included the HLF, ERDF, Cadw, Llanelli Town Centre, Carmarthenshire County Council and GrantScape.



The building is a rare example of an early Georgian Townhouse containing exquisite treasures within it. There are fine overmantle paintings, rare grisaille wall paintings trimmed with gold leaf and lavish oak panelled rooms.

The works ensured a clear distinction between the restored and original fabric of the house and included new interpretative interventions and facilities.

The core concept of the project was to create a National Centre for Genealogy where visitors can uncover their own ancestral connections via dedicated specialist archived resources. To make the building financially sustainable, a carefully considered and wide ranging programme of usage that is sympathetic to the heritage and community needs has been developed.

Through careful conservation and restoration and in addition to the gallery and exhibition space, Llanelly House also includes a café, restaurant, shop and corporate and community spaces.

"We are delighted with the high quality of conservation that has been achieved at Llanelly House and the central role that ASL's team played in achieving this."

**Claire Deacon,
Carmarthenshire Heritage
Regeneration Trust**