

What is it?

- This B2 type prefab (prefabricated bungalow) was built in Llandinam Crescent, Gabalfa, Cardiff in 1948.



Who lived here?

- Prefabs were built for people who had lost their homes during bombing raids in the Second World War. They became popular among young couples that were setting up home for the first time.
- The prefab in St Fagans has been furnished as it would have appeared in 1950.

Points of interest

- 7,600 prefabricated homes were built in Wales.
- Aluminium bungalows were made in factories that used to produce aeroplanes during the War. They were produced at a rate of one every twelve minutes.
- The house has four separate sections. They were assembled beforehand, including the electrical wiring and pipes for gas and water.
- The prefab has a fireplace and a back boiler that warmed a cylinder in the airing cupboard and provided hot water for the kitchen sink, the bath and the wash basin.
- Notice the utility furniture in the bedrooms. These were a type of basic furniture made in Britain during and after the War due to wood shortages.
- Originally the prefabs were only intended as a short-term solution, but many of them became permanent homes. With their fitted kitchens, electric or gas ovens, fridge, bathroom, heating and hot water, they offered a more luxurious way of life for their owners. There's no surprise that they were known as 'Tin Palaces'!

Where can I find more information?

- Go to see the Rhyd-y-car cottages and compare the fifth house (41), built in 1955, to the Prefab.