

## What is it?

- Abernodwydd is a farmhouse built in 1678 in Llangadfan, Powys.



## Who lived here?

- The first people known to have lived here were William and Martha Bebb.

## Points of interest

- Many visitors mistake Abernodwydd for a Tudor period house, but it was built much more recently than that.
- Abernodwydd is a wooden framed building. The lower beams were set on a stone base to prevent the wood from rotting.
- The walls were made by weaving pieces of hazel between the wooden frame and packing them with clay to create a solid wall. The technique is fairly similar to that used to build roundhouses in the Iron Age. Like many other buildings in the Museum, this farmhouse has earthen floors.
- When this house was first built, the rooms were open right up to the roof. The upper level was added later, in 1708. When the chimney was built, the fireplace was moved from the middle of the house.
- The furniture is of good quality, which suggests that the people who lived here had a good standard of living.
- There is no glass in the windows – wooden shutters slide across the opening to stop the wind. This makes the house very dark.

## Where can I find more information?

- Go to see the Cockpit built in the seventeenth century. Here, people from the period would have enjoyed cockfighting.