

## What is it?

- This is a tollhouse. It was built in Aberystwyth in 1771 for £40.
- Tollhouses were built to collect money from travellers. This money was then used for road maintenance.



## Who lived here?

- The first Tollhouse keeper was David Jones from Dihewyd, Ceredigion.
- The keeper collected money day and night. He had to live here to make sure that he collected all the money.

## Points of interest

- Money was collected here for the first time on 23 March 1772. You can see the amounts travellers had to pay listed on the wall of the tollhouse.
- The tollhouses were very unpopular in rural areas because people found it difficult to pay the toll. The Rebecca Riots' (1839-1843) aim was to destroy the tollhouses. The rioters were called Rebecca's Daughters as they disguised themselves in women's clothing.
- This tollhouse was built using local stone and has a slate roof. The walls are 2 feet (61 cm) thick and 8 feet (2.4m) high.
- The tollhouse only has one room. One side was used for collecting money, the other for living in.
- Look at the fireplace. This is the only source of heat and it was used for cooking as well.

## Where can I find more information?

- Stuart Broomfield & Eurynd Madoc-Jones, *Trobwyntiau mewn Hanes Cymru 1485-1914* (University of Wales Press, 2004)