

Garreg Fawr Farmhouse (33)



What is it?

- This is a farmhouse first built in 1544 in Waunfawr, Gwynedd.

Who lived here?

- We don't know who lived here, but we can guess it was a wealthy family.

Points of interest

- William Morgan, who translated the Bible into Welsh, lived in a house very similar to this one.
- The name *Garreg Fawr*, meaning 'the big rock', comes from a large outcrop of stone found behind the house in its original location.
- The house has been built of large pieces of slate stone and mountain boulders. The roof is also made from slate.
- Look at the windows – they have no glass in them. Oak shutters were used to keep out the cold, but this made the house very dark.
- The house has two chimneys. During the Tudor period chimneys were seen as a status symbol, so to have two of them was a sign of wealth. Most houses at this time had one fire in the middle of the floor and smoke would leave through the windows.

Where can I find more information?

- Visit Hendre'r-ynydd Uchaf (no 7) to see an earlier house from the Tudor period.