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Welcome to Tŷ Agored Abertawe Open House now in its sixth popular year

We get more and more visitors and interest each year. This year we have near fifty buildings and events for you.

Most of our regulars are here and welcome back to some old friends - the Reading Room at the former Central Library returns, now the Welsh School of Architectural Glass; one of Swansea's gems. Morgan's Hotel is back too, as is Coastal Housing (formerly Swansea Housing Association) with their new development in SA1.

Other new participants include The Mission Gallery and a further cluster of Gower churches - a major excursion in itself! The local Buddhist community opens its Centre in Ffynone - their Springfield House is part of the understated Georgian architecture that deserves higher profile in the city.

There's more! The Tawe Lock House is Open House this year; see the lock gate controls, and hear about the high and low tides. Our regular friends at the Observatory will also explain how the moon affects tides.

Environment also makes its mark. There are guided walks on the must-visit Tawe Navigation Trails; local cyclists Wheelrights are running an Explorer

Bike Ride round six of our Open Houses; the Community Farm offers special tours and there will be guided tours at Bishops Wood and the Roundhouse. Phew! Better start planning for next year!

Open House has steadily grown year on year. Sadly, funding seems to go in the opposite direction, so a big thank you to all the volunteers that make the event possible and to the City and County of Swansea for the help 'in kind'- Lisa, you've been wonderful!

Open House is popular; people love our city; show it off!

Enjoy this year's Open House.

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Bishop's Wood Nature Reserve & Roundhouse

Caswell Bay

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday during daylight hours

Bishop's Wood is situated just behind Caswell Bay, this 46 acre site comprises a mixture of woodland and limestone grassland. It is designated a Local Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Area of Conservation in recognition of its local and national importance. Bishop's Wood is a classic example of limestone woodland, which is relatively rare in Britain. Part of the wood is classified as ancient woodland which means it has been wooded since at least the seventeenth century.

Bishop's Wood Nature Reserve Roundhouse structure is made from green hardwoods harvested from Gower woodlands in accordance with sustainability principles. It was designed and built by Dafydd Davies-Hughes and inspired by a study of a medieval cathedral spire.

Arts and Crafts Day – Sunday, 13th September
11am – 4pm. Create something beautiful and magical at Bishop's Wood. A chance to try your hand at woodland crafts and woodland art. Free of charge, but please contact Dai or Karen on 01792 361703 to book a place.



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Accessible to wheelchairs.

Situated behind Caswell Bay Car Park, Caswell Bay Road, Caswell.

Canolfan Gorseion Centre

Millers Drive, Gorseion

Visit times: Sunday 10am – 2pm

Canolfan Centre is a BREEAM excellent rated building which provides the Gorseion Development Trust, a local charity, with facilities to income generate to provide facilities and activities for the communities in the area.

The Trust operates:-

- a healthy eating cafe
- full day care nursery
- managed workspace conference meeting and training facilities.

The centre will be open for tours behind the scenes.

Gorseion Development Trust (01792) 897657
www.gdt.org.uk



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Full disabled access.

Located on Millers Drive, Gorseion, Swansea, SA4 4QN.

Capel Y Crwys

Chapel Road, Three Crosses

Visit times: Saturday 10am – 4pm

Capel Y Crwys is the large congregational chapel which has dominated the village of Three Crosses in North Gower for more than two centuries. Hence it is often referred to as Gower's "cathedral". The first building on this site was erected in 1788 with the existing building replacing this in 1876. In 1912 it was enlarged to accommodate a gallery and fine pipe organ together with the vestry. However the village's association with nonconformity dates back to 1689. The site therefore plays a central role in the religious history of Wales - a fact recognised by its listing by Cadw (Grade II).

Recently structural problems have been identified resulting in the launching of a Restoration Appeal Fund.

Refreshments will be available.



Roadside parking but also small car park alongside next to vestry entrance. Disabled access to ground floor and disabled toilet.

Take the A4118 out from Swansea to Upper Killay and at Fairwood Common take the B4271 signposted for North Gower. At the first junction, turn right towards Three Crosses. Cross the cattle grid and take the first right into Chapel Road. The Chapel is on the left, alongside the village green.

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Civic Centre

Oystermouth Road

Tours guided: Sunday at 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

The newly adapted Civic Centre now houses the central library, a new contact point for council services and a public café area in addition to the administrative offices of the City and County of Swansea.

The building was designed by C J Quick of the West Glamorgan County Architect's Department. A large, low, white concrete structure of four and five storeys in the 'brutalist' style; the impressive entrance hall, with its balconies and bridges features various artworks, including the 'Mural Embroidery', the Mural depicts aspects past and present of West Glamorgan life and illustrates the main industries and leisure pursuits of the four districts of the County.

It was presented to the Chairman of West Glamorgan Council for 1990/91 County Councillor F.J. Kingdom, C.B.E., J.P. in the presence of Members of the County Council and the Swansea Embroiderers' Guild.

The Council Chamber, committee rooms, Registrar's suites (marriages and celebrations) will be accessible, together with the West Glamorgan Archives, Family History Centre, and the archive strong rooms.



Fully accessible.

On the sea front on Oystermouth Road close to the City Centre. Assemble at reception.

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Clyne Farm Centre

Follow Westport Road from Mayals

Visit times: Sat & Sun 11am – 3pm - hourly tours

Clyne Farm is well known locally for its riding stables and challenge valley - the muddiest assault course of in the world!! Behind these activities are 400 year old farm buildings with a rich history and an award winning conversion into self catering cottages and a small campsite. The tour will explain the evolving uses of the buildings over the years and the challenges for the future.

There will also be a chance to discuss the restoration of 5 Cwmdonkin Drive - the birthplace of Dylan Thomas - which has been undertaken by the same team.

Discount self catering cottages available - quote 'Open House Offer'.

Discount voucher for all participants.

Coffee self refreshments available.



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Mayals Road, past Clyne Gardens, first turning on right into Westport Avenue. Follow to top of hill and green Clyne Farm Centre sign.

Cyrenians Community Centre

High Street

Visit times: Sunday 11am – 3pm

This award-winning project is the culmination of nearly a decade of planning to provide a city-centre healthy living resource centre for some of Swansea's most disadvantaged citizens. The first building on the site was founded by the Knights Hospitallers around 1165 AD, providing care to the poor and sick. In the 21st Century, health and support remains the key purpose of the new centre. The centre, part financed by Objective One European funding, offers a range of services and training to assist healthy living and re-integration into the community. The centre is available for hire by community groups, evenings and weekends.



Disabled access to the left of the church. We have a toilet for the disabled and a lift to the 1st floor.

A short distance up from the railway station on High Street in the converted St Matthews Church. There is a car park that can be used, though numbers are limited.

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Dharmavara Kadampa Buddhist Centre

Ffynone

Visit times: Saturday, 5th September 12pm – 4pm

We will be offering an explanation of the shrine in our meditation room and a taster meditation session at 3pm, guided tours of the property and grounds and offering refreshments and cakes in our World Peace Café.



Wheelchair accessible.

Springfield House is a Grade II Listed house in the Uplands area of Swansea. Situated overlooking St James' Park and St James Crescent, which is just off Walter Road. 15 minutes walk from the Swansea train station.

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Dynevor Centre for Art, Design & Media

Swansea Metropolitan University, De La Beche Street

Tours guided: Sun at 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

The Old Dynevor School (previously Swansea Municipal Secondary School) opened in 1883 and has contributed greatly to the past, present and future of Swansea, and the UK as a whole through its large and inspiring alumni.

Now redeveloped, the site is the new home for Swansea Metropolitan University's Faculty of Art and Design. Swansea School of Art, as it was originally known, was founded in 1853 and has a wonderful creative and productive history stretching back over 150 years. Many of its staff and students have become leading artists and designers with worldwide reputations.

The Dynevor Centre for Art, Design and Media brings these two histories together and now houses multi-million pound facilities for teaching and researching in the creative arts. Guided tours, both inside and out, will focus on the present use of this historic site.



Fully disabled accessible.

6 minutes from Swansea Railway Station, at the bottom of Mount Pleasant Hill, opposite the Central Police Station.

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Environment Centre

Pier Street

Visit times: Sunday 11 am – 4pm

The Environment Centre was established in 1994 as a local, independent, registered charity, enabling the successful renovation of the historic old Edwardian Telephone Exchange into an enterprising environmental visitor centre. Originally opened in November 1903 to provide telephone services particularly for the local police and fire stations. In April 1995 the Environment Centre was officially opened by the Prince of Wales.

The Centre displays a variety of energy-saving features such as a solar chimney, turfed roofs and solar hot water. The building also hosts a number of inspiring art works from stained glass to ceramics, all commissioned from local artists. Visitors can stroll around the organic garden and see how wormeries and composters work. The Centre is full of useful information on anything from local nature reserves to recycling, and rainforests to renewable energy.



There are disabled toilet facilities on our ground floor and lift access to first floor.

15 minutes from High Street Station; 10 minutes from the Quadrant Bus Station; on National Cycle Network Route 4 (cycle racks at rear of centre); just around the corner from the Morgans Hotel in the Maritime Quarter of Swansea.

Gower Churches

A selection of Gower churches are detailed on the following five pages. The churches may have some steps and narrow entrances.

Other Gower churches are open or have an access point for a key; a separate guide leaflet is available from participating churches with details..



St Cadoc's Church, Cheriton

Gower Churches

St Cadoc's Church Cheriton

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm

The tiny 'Cathedral of Gower' - one of the most beautiful of the Gower churches - was probably built around the opening of the 14th Century to replace the one at Landimore, which had been affected by the encroachment of the sea on low-lying land. The entrance to the church is a fine example of a doorway from the Decorated period. The Norman font is said to have come from the extinct church of Landimore. In the arch at the end of the nave can be seen the old rood loft entrance, which was approached up steps set in the wall of the choir. The church was restored in 1874 by polymath antiquary the Rev J D Davies, who personally carved the choir stalls, altar rails and the embossed wooden ceiling. The ceiling bosses pay witty tribute to the grant of the parish to the Knights Hospitaller of St John of Jerusalem in 1165 - although they display the insignia of the Knights Templar. Davies is buried close to the south wall in Cheriton churchyard. Also buried there is Ernest Jones, the disciple and biographer of Sigmund Freud.

Glebe House alongside north wall of churchyard (in private ownership).

Grid Ref SS450932. Cheriton is approximately 24 miles from Junction 47 of the M4. From J47 take the A484/B4296 to Gowerton; then the B4295 westwards to Llanrhidian. From Llanrhidian continue west to Oldwalls (approx. 1 mile). Bear right at the Greyhound public house. Continue on to Cheriton.

From Swansea follow A4118 to Killay, then B4271 to Llanrhidian. Turn left (westwards) at the filling station and continue on to Oldwalls (approx. 1 mile). Bear right at the Greyhound public house. Continue on to Cheriton.

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Gower Churches

St Madoc's Church Llanmadoc

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm

Dedicated to Madoc, a Celtic saint, who is reputed to have founded a church in the 6th Century. The 13th Century building was restored in 1875. Set in the windowsills of the first window is a lettered stone dated from the 6th Century. Discovered in 1861 in the walls of old parsonage house it commemorates 'Adventus son of Guanus'. In the west wall is a crude pillar cross and a boundary marker dating from the 7th-9th Centuries, whilst the present font is probably Norman.

During the 12th Century the parish was controlled by the Knights Templar, before passing to the tenure of the two Orders. Revd. J D Davies, the famous Gower historian, who was a skilled woodcarver, was Rector of Llanmadoc and Cheriton 1860-1911. He carved the oak altar frontal and led the major restoration begun in 1865. Davies also built the Old Rectory (now in private ownership) across the road from the church in a distinctive and charming Alpine style, which sits surprisingly well in its rural setting.



Grid Ref SS439334. See directions to St Madoc's church. Llanmadoc is approximately 1 mile from Cheriton, just continue uphill past the Britannia Inn to the village of Llanmadoc.

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Gower Churches

St Cenydd's Church Llangennith

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm

12th Century Church on site of earlier, 6th Century, llan, churchyard retaining circular footprint indicative of the original enclosure; lych gate with carvings on gates showing events from the life of the founding saint; unusual saddleback tower incorporating local and Dundry stone; floor level raised and interior subjected to Victorian remodelling but with a sensitive hand. Retains evidence of original medieval architecture (remains of doorway to adjoining monastery/priory (since decommissioned); niches evidencing stairways to roodscreen (no longer extant)). Some interesting monuments including 13th Century tomb monument of knight in armour, traditionally associated with the de la Mere family (and known locally as 'the Dolly Mare'); early tombstones of former priors; significant Celtic slab with intricate knotwork carvings (circa 9th Century) traditionally held to have marked the grave of St Cenydd/Cynydd/Cennith/Kyned who founded the religious settlement here and the associated cell of hermitage on nearby Bury Holmes island. Interesting 20th Century carvings on font lid and church furniture.



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Grid Ref SS439334. See directions to St Madoc's church Llanmadoc. From Llanrhidian continue west to Llangennith (approx. 5 miles).

Gower Churches

Pennard Church Pennard. Grid Ref. SS566887

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 9am – dusk

Church of St Illtyd's Ilston

Grid Ref. SS557903

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 9am – dusk

Pennard Church of St Mary and St Illtyd's, Ilston are in the same parish and at the Swansea end of Gower. Parts of both date back to the thirteenth century and each has a striking addition in celebration of the millennium, Pennard and Ilston a chapel in the base of the tower.

Ramp for wheelchairs available inside behind door. If there was a wedding, funeral or service in progress visitors would be expected to wait.

St Illtyd's Church Oxwich. Grid Ref. SS504861

Visit times: Saturday, 19th September 10am – 4pm &
Sunday, 20th September 10.45am – 4pm

Nestling in the woods, overlooking the Bay, on the site of an early Celtic cell, this little church is a delight to visitors and local people.

St Andrew's Church Penrice

Grid Ref. SS493879

Visit times: Saturday, 19th September 10am – 4pm &
Sunday, 20th September 12.15pm – 4pm

This tiny church is rarely open to the public. It has an embattled western tower and a large porch used in the past for civil business.

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Gower Churches

St George's Reynoldston. Grid Ref. SS479900

Visit times: Saturday, 19th September 10am – 4pm

& Sunday, 20th September 10.30pm - 4pm

A good example of Victorian Gothic, which contains an ancient pillar cross, a Norman font and twentieth century stained glass.

St David's Church Llanddewi

Grid Ref. SS460891

Visit times: Saturday, 19th September 10am – 4pm

& Sunday, 20th September 10.30pm – 4pm

Approached through a farmyard, this church overlooks rolling countryside and has the largest, loudest bell in Gower.

St Cattwg's Church Port Eynon

Grid Ref. SS467854

Visit times: Saturday, 19th September 10am – 4pm

& Sunday, 20th September 10.45am – 4pm

Originally founded in the 6th Century by Cenydd, a missionary of the saint. Parts of the present church date back to the 12th Century. A grateful Spanish sea captain is said to have donated the old stoup in the porch to his rescuers.

St Mary's Church Rhossili

Grid Ref. SS17881

Visit times: Saturday, 19th September 9am – 5pm

& Sunday, 20th September 12pm – 5pm

This little church overlooks the magnificent sweep of the Bay. Inside is a tribute to Petty Officer Edgar Evans, a local man, who died on the ill-fated Scott attempt on the South Pole.

Guildhall

Tours guided: Sunday at 10am, 11am & 12pm

This Grade I Listed Building was constructed in 1932. Designed by Percy Thomas, this impressive white classical building is in four blocks around a central courtyard, with each block functionally distinct. The clock tower rises nearly 50m. Newman's Glamorgan is sarky about the exterior, noting similarities to contemporary totalitarian architecture, and loquacious about the inside, which is described as "almost overpowering in its neo-antique panoply". Resemblances to Roman baths and Greek temples are noted. The Brangwyn Hall has Art Deco light fittings and can accommodate 1,300 concert-goers. It takes its name from Frank Brangwyn's wall paintings, originally intended as a war memorial for the House of Lords. Rejected by the Lords Brangwyn's completed work was acquired by the city. Visitors will be able to see the Council Chamber, Robing Room, Lord Mayor's parlour and Reception Room, the committee rooms, Brangwyn Hall, George Hall, Green Room and Gloucester Room.



Limited disabled access. Prior information required if possible.

At the west end of St Helens Road.

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Visit times: Sunday 10am – 4pm

At the Victoria Park side of the Grade I Listed Guildhall off St Helens Road, the original 1932 city Court of Quarter Sessions is now used by the Crown Court for criminal trials.

Visit the court rooms and take a rare opportunity to look behind the scenes at the judges' chambers, jury retiring rooms, robing rooms, library and cells.



Disabled access is available via a ramp which was constructed this year. A new disabled user toilet is also available, access to the cells.

The main entrance is opposite Victoria Park in Francis Street.

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Tours guided: Saturday & Sunday at 10.30am – 3.30pm (last tour 2.30pm)

Packed into 3 zones - the LC brings a whole new world of leisure to Swansea offering the ultimate experience, whether you crave extreme thrills or just want an enjoyable day out for the family.

On the Edge - make some waves in our fantastic family-friendly waterpark that's got something for everyone featuring an exciting network of pools, rides and slides including the famous Boardrider.

In the Core - visit 'play' where you can find an aquatic themed interactive play area which will keep young adventurers entertained for hours. Reach new heights at 'Climb', here you can put your nerve to the test on the 30 foot climbing wall. Customers can also use the multi-purpose Sports Hall.

At the Peak - as one of the largest exercise and wellness arenas in Wales, with spectacular views over Swansea Bay, the Peak takes health and fitness to a whole new dimension.

For the ultimate in relaxation and pampering visit the luxurious Spa@LC, where they offer a range of packages designed to harmonise body and mind.



Fully accessible for disabled users.

LC is on Oystermouth Road heading west into Swansea, within the Maritime Quarter and adjacent to the National Waterfront Museum.

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Mansion House

Ffynone

Visit times: Sunday 10am – 1.30pm

Swansea's Mansion House is situated in Ffynone and is the official residence of the Lord Mayor.

The house, originally called Brooklands, was completed in 1863 when the owner, Evan Matthew Richards, made it his family home. He was Mayor of Swansea in 1855 and 1862.

It was purchased by the then County Borough of Swansea in 1922 with the intention of making it an official residence for the Lord Mayor. From then on it was renamed the Mansion House.

There are many original features such as the Victorian tiled entrance, mahogany staircase which showcases the large stained glass window commemorating the original owner and the white marble fireplaces.



Full access provision.

Behind St James' Crescent, turn right then driveway is on the left hand side of Ffynone Road besides Rhianfa Lane.

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Marina Towers Observatory

Trawler Road, Swansea Marina

Visit times: Sunday 11am – 4pm

Swansea Astronomical Society was founded in 1948 and in 1993 leased the newly constructed Observatory from the City of Swansea.

A 20 inch telescope with computer guidance system was installed as well as a 57 foot high scale model of the Solar System.

On the ground floor of the Tower is an exhibition and education room with displays of historic and modern telescopes. This room is used each week for themed visits for primary schools linked to Key Stage 2 of the Curriculum. In the summer months the Tower is open for public visit afternoons with solar telescopes available. In the winter months public viewing evenings are held. The Society also runs a course in Basic Astronomy for adults.

For details of all events, please go to: www.classroominspace.org.uk or tel 01792 299311.



The exhibition room is fully accessible to all users. The telescope dome is accessed by a 76 step spiral staircase.

Enter Marina from Oystermouth Road (opposite Prison) into Trawler Road. The Observatory is on the promenade beyond the 30 storey tower block at a right turn into Slipway Road. Parking is available.

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Mariners Court

Lambert Road, SA1

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 10am – 4pm

Prior to the docklands redevelopment as a new residential hot spot, probably the only residents were copper workers of Charles Lamberts Copper Works living in Lambert's Cottages (now demolished) situated on the foreshore at Port Tennant alongside D Shed. Before the King's Dock was built in 1904/1909 the sea would come up almost to the cottage doors! Lamberts Road was named after Charles Lamberts Copper Works which were originally on the south side of the Prince of Wales Dock.

Mariners Court are spacious and modern two bedroom retirement apartments that present a significant new visual in the SA1 development as it steps up from four to six stories.

The SA1 water front development is a mixture of business, leisure and residential opportunities. Mariners Court is a unique urban opportunity with a high standard of innovative design and architecture.



Disabled access to show flat (apart from balcony). Lift access. Disabled parking. There are no disabled toilets.

Located in SA1 on Lamberts Road directly next door to the village hotel.

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Mission Gallery

Gloucester Place

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 11am – 5pm

Mission Gallery is a former non-denominational church location in Swansea's Maritime Quarter. This unique space hosts a challenging programme of contemporary visual art - painting, installation, photography and craft.

The Craft Space displays contemporary glass, ceramics, jewellery and textiles by artists and designers from the UK and Europe.



One step entry otherwise all accessible. No disabled toilet.

Situated in Maritime Quarter near Dylan Thomas Square opposite Dylan Thomas Theatre.

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Morgans Hotel

Somerset Place

Visit times: Sunday 3pm onwards

Swansea's only boutique hotel located in the beautiful maritime quarter and only moments away from the city centre and stunning Mumbles and Gower coastline.

A Grade II* Listed Building previously home to the Port Authority responsible for administering Swansea's thriving maritime trade. Now a boutique hotel for today, unashamedly modern, yet wrapped in a fine building redolent of yesterday.

Twenty individual bedrooms, restaurant and duo of bars - Morgans is an irresistible venue.



18 From the M4 take junction 42 and follow signs to the city centre. After the 6th set of traffic lights take a left turn to Dylan Thomas Centre and the hotel and car park are on the right .

National Waterfront Museum

Oystermouth Road

Tours guided: Saturday & Sunday at 1.30pm

The National Waterfront Museum was a winner of the 2006 Civic Trust Awards for architectural projects that make an outstanding contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment.

The Open House tours, in addition to the normal museum access, will focus on the building itself, both inside and out, its use of materials, its success in combining spaces internally and its awareness of its place in the city and its history.

Come along to this year's open house weekend for special behind the scenes tours with members of the museum staff.



Fully accessible.

Just south of the City Centre opposite Princess Way.

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Norwegian Church

SA1 (Palterman & Thomas)

Visit times: Sat 10am – 5.30pm & Sun 11am – 4pm

The former Grade II Listed Norwegian Church was originally located at the Kings Road entrance to the SA1 Swansea Waterfront site since the early 1900's. The building acted as a seaman's mission for local sailors. As part of the Welsh Assembly's SA1 Swansea Waterfront regeneration project, the building was dismantled and re-erected at the heart of the site. The building is newly occupied by Palterman and Thomas, jewellery and silverware specialists and operates as both a studio and retail outlet. Visitors will be shown round the refurbished church and will see examples of the company's prestigious work, which includes the Prince William Cup for the WRU and a silver chair and crown for the Eisteddfod.



Fully accessible.

SA1 lies on the east side of the River Tawe at the former docks entrance; on foot, over the Sail Bridge from the Marina the Norwegian Church is next to the long red-brick J-Shed building.

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Open House

Explorer Bike Ride

Tours guided: Sunday 10am – 3pm

Guided Bike Ride visiting 6 open house venues in Swansea City Centre –

Start at Sail Bridge 10am, Environment Centre, Evening Post, Cyrenians', Ysgol Crug Glas, Cycle Path to Hafod and Morfa, Museum Collection Centre, Cross River Tawe, down cycle path to SA1.

Visit SA1 buildings and return to Sail Bridge.

Participants need to be able to cycle (inc. short stretches on main roads) - most of route on traffic free cycle paths.

www.wheelrights.org.uk



Sail Bridge is located between the Maritime Quarter and SA1 opposite the Dylan Thomas Theatre (Ty Llen) near Sainsburys.

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Oystermouth Castle

Mumbles

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 11am – 5pm

Oystermouth Castle is a Grade I Listed Building and Scheduled Ancient Monument owned, with much of its immediate setting, by the City and County of Swansea. The Norman Castle was established early in the 12th Century by the de Londres family of Ogmores and subsequently enlarged in the 13th and 14th Centuries by the de Braose family, Marcher Lords of Gower. Features of the castle include the Chapel Tower with its graceful tracery windows.

An exhibition of prints produced by students from the Local Authority Adult and Continuing Learning Printmaking class is on display throughout August and September.

Oystermouth Castle is open April to September, 11am to 5pm every day, for a small charge.

www.oystermouthcastle.wordpress.com



Access to castle and grounds is via Castle Avenue with two sets of steps making wheelchair access difficult and via Castle Road which affords easier access. Take second turning on right off Newton Road - this is a one way system for traffic and is approached on foot only. Recommended parking is in the designated car parks along the foreshore, a ten minute walk to the castle.

From city centre - Oystermouth Road/Mumbles Road (A4067) to Oystermouth.

Turn right at mini roundabout into Newton Road (B4593). Turn right into Castle Avenue (limited parking spaces and 1 hour duration).

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Pagefield House

Page Street

Visit times: Sunday 10am – 2pm & 4pm – 6pm

Pagefield House was built in 1858 in the Tudor revival style on an open field site Page's Fields. With its big front lawn, it is a lone survivor from an age when what is now Kingsway was lined with gardens. Since 1967 it has been Swansea's Quaker Meeting House.

The upper floors to the building are permanently let to Swansea Age Concern.

During the week the large ground floor Meeting Room and other rooms are let to a wide range of community groups and others, particularly those whose aims chime with Quaker "social witness". Our mainly silent Meeting for Worship takes place between 10.45 and 11.45; all are always welcome but if you want to attend please come for the whole time!

www.swanseaquakers.org



Ground floor accessible.

At the Page Street/St Helens Road junction opposite the YMCA.

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Powell Dobson Architects

J-Shed, Kings Road, SA1

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 10am – 4pm

Recipient of a Lord Mayor's Design Award in 2007 J Shed is a mix of live/work units, restaurant, café, offices and a beauty salon all contained within the restored and converted Grade II Listed former Victorian grain warehouse on Prince of Wales Dock. A clever use of space has enabled three levels to be formed within the original envelope with each New York style loft space having split level accommodation and views over the dock or the river. Particular attention has been given to keeping the original features of the building on show such as the slender metal roof trusses, barrel vaulted concrete floor slab and the cast iron lattice columns. The architects for the project, Powell Dobson chose to make their Swansea office at number 10. Visitors will be able to see several examples of how the live/work units have been occupied, view drawings, before and after photographs and meet the architect. The Twocann cafe and La Parilla restaurant will be open.



Disabled access is available to all areas except the upper mezzanines within the private live/work units.

SA1 lies on the east side of the River Tawe at the former docks entrance; on foot, over the Sail Bridge from the Marina the J Shed is straight ahead. The live/work units can be accessed from the entrance on Kings Road.

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Royal Institution – Swansea Museum

Oystermouth Road

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm

Tours will be guided at 11am, 12.30pm & 2.30pm

A Listed Building, built in 1841 in Neo-Classical style, and preserving the history, heritage and varied exhibits and artefacts of the City and County of Swansea, and a diverse collection that includes materials from the former Royal Institution and Swansea Maritime and Industrial Museum. The collections include Swansea China, Egyptian Mummy, local archaeology, maritime and transport related exhibits.

The Museum is the oldest in Wales, taken over by the City and County in 1991, and has a nearby Tramway Centre, Pontoon in the adjacent Marina that has several historic ships including a Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter, Lightship, and Steam Tug. Additionally the museum operates a Reserve Collection Centre, located several miles from the main museum, housing many larger exhibits - the Collections Centre is open to the public every Wednesday.



As a Listed Building access to the premises involves several stairways. The ground floor galleries are accessible by level entry. Prospective visitors with mobility problems are advised to contact the Museum for more information. There may be some restricted access due to building work.

Located on the main road entry into the city from the M4 Junction 42 along Fabian Way. Position - on left after Sainsbury Store alongside River Tawe.

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St Mary's Church

St Mary's Square

Visit times: Saturday 10am – 5pm

There will be a short service on Saturday at 12.45pm.
Sunday - services at 10am, 2.30pm and 6pm.
Otherwise the church is open for viewing and refreshments across the weekend

We are an open church, open seven days a week.
Over the weekend of 12th/13th September we shall be showing additional exhibited material, holding our harvest festival services and inviting many different organisations who use the church to drop in and/or hold an event. Sunday afternoon has the City Battle of Britain Service at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.



Flat from the west end with wheelchair access throughout. No parking in site - staff and helpers only.

Between Princess Way (bus stops) and entrance to Quadrant, bounded by St Mary's Square South and North.

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Swansea Community Farm

Pontarddulais Road, Fforestfach

Visit times: Saturday 10am – 4pm

Guided tours at 11am, 12pm & 2pm

The Farm operates from a 3.5 acre site in Fforestfach and is the only community led city farm in Wales and the services and activities we provide are unique in Swansea. The Farm is a member of the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, the national body that supports similar projects across the UK.

The Farm aims to create and maintain a welcoming and supportive social network, made up of people of all ages and abilities working together; to be sustainably developed in a way which minimises damage to the environment, supports and respects wildlife and provides its animals with the highest standard of care; to provide stimulating opportunities for participants to develop skills and knowledge as they in turn contribute meaningfully to the development of the Farm community.

On 12th September as part of community activities programme we will be hosting a Victorian Farm Kitchen day as part of our Organic Living session.

Site entry is free, but some events are charged for. Donations are encouraged.



The site is fully accessible. Disabled toilet.

By Bus - hop on one with one of the following route numbers and it will drop you off either outside or directly opposite the Farm: 110, 111, 112, X13, X14 and 26.

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Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS)

Walter Road

Tours guided: Sunday at 2pm only.

Pre-bookings only, limited places 01792 544000.

Visit the hub of community and voluntary sector activity in the city. SCVS is the umbrella organisation for voluntary activity throughout the City and County of Swansea, supporting, developing and representing voluntary organisations, volunteers and communities in Swansea. Based in Walter Road, the SCVS building (Voluntary Action Centre) illustrates that a successful conversion of two older buildings into a modern, accessible space is possible, whilst still retaining many original features.



Whilst the building is accessible for people with disabilities, the basement level and small room can only be accessed by steps.

Walter Road, Swansea; a short walk from the city centre, opposite Ashley Jones and Partners (Estate Agents), and on the same block as the Post Office.

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Ty Tom Jones (Swansea Foyer)

Alexandra Road

Visit times: Saturday 12pm – 3pm

Ty Tom Jones Foyer is a City Centre supported housing project for 16-25 age homeless threatened persons. The project is temporary residential for up to 33 young persons. The Foyer encourages young people to help themselves through community involvement, personal interest/career development, and independently successful living. The first Foyer to be opened in Wales in 1997 Swansea Foyer operates within the Gwalia Housing Group and Trothwy Cyf branch and is quality monitored by WAG supporting People Revenue Grant.



Lift unavailable.

2 minutes from Swansea Railway Station. The project is to the right of the the Glynn Vivian Gallery and adjacent to Quarry Street.

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Swansea Print Workshop

19a Clarence Street, Sandfields

Visit times: Sunday 10.30am – 5pm

Swansea Print Workshop is a fine art studio producing original prints. Etchings, woodcuts, collagraphs and screenprints are all printed by hand using our presses, the oldest of which, the Columbian, dates back to 1843. Some of the processes date from the 16th Century and earlier - others are very much the product of 20th Century technology. There will be a programme of demonstrations of printmaking techniques including woodcut, linocut, etching and collagraph. These demonstrations will take place at 11am, 12pm, 2pm and 3pm.

You will have the opportunity to browse and purchase handmade original prints and cards at very reasonable prices and also meet many of the artists who made them.



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Wheelchair access, toilet facilities, disabled parking immediately outside.

Walkable access from Westway, close to central bus station.

Swansea Museum Collections Centre – YIM Site

Landore

Tours guided: Sat & Sun 10.30am, 12.00pm & 2pm

Behind the scenes! Swansea Museum's Collection Centre is housed in the Old Yorkshire Imperial Metals site at Landore. The building dates from 1828 when it was built as a copper rolling mill. In 1840 the mills burnt down and were mostly replaced by the present building. See the Museums' collection held in trust for the people of Swansea and learn how they are cared for and conserved.



Access to all areas.

Parking adjacent to Park and Ride car park at Landore. Bus 4, 24 Morrision Hospital services (ask for Landore Park and Ride).

31

Swansea Waste Water Treatment Works

Fabian Way

Tours guided: Sunday at 10am, 11am & 12pm

Pre-booking required please contact Vicki Scare on 01792 511827.

Swansea Bay Waste Water Treatment Works was built in the mid 1990's on a semi-derelict industrial site at Crymlyn Burrows. Considerable effort went into the sensitive design of the works, with the majority of the structure being underground.



Sensible shoes should be worn and some areas are not accessible to wheelchair users. Eye and hand protection will be provided.

ABP port entrance of Fabian Way.

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Tawe Lock House

Swansea Marina Lockside

Visit times: Saturday & Sunday 9.30am – 5pm

Pre-booking on 01792 470310

Brick building adjacent to Tawe Lock. Lock room is on the upper floor accessed by spiral concrete staircase. Half hour slot for visitors (max group of 6) pre booked on above numbers. Talk, display and hopefully a demonstration of lock in use depending on vessel movements.



Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Turn off Oystermouth Road (via Civic Centre) and head for Swansea Marina, past Marriott Hotel and along Trawler Road. Turn left after passing entrance to Swansea Marina and Associated Boat Yard (on left). Proceed to car park on other side of roundabout. Short walk past moored fishing vessels to building ahead on left alongside lock.

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Tawe Navigation Trail

Tours guided: Saturday (Swansea Waterfront) &

Sunday (Copper Works) 11am & 2pm

The history of the Navigation Trail is the story of Swansea itself. From earliest times, ships moored at quays along the river bank. Swansea Castle was built in the 14th Century to protect the port. Sea-going ships could follow the river inland to load coal.

Discover how the Tawe River Navigation helped create 'Copperopolis', one of the greatest industrial powerhouses that the World has ever known.

The walks will be lead by volunteers from the Swansea Community Boat Trust, the organisation which produced the 'Tawe River Navigation Heritage Trail' leaflets to publicise this historic but little known waterway.



There are no issues with access. The Heritage Trail uses footpaths and open spaces maintained by Swansea Council.

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For Waterfront Walks on Saturday meet at the National Waterfront Museum.

For Copperworks Walks on Sunday meet at Landore Park & Ride.

The Wave & Swansea Sound

Victoria Road, Gowerton

Tours guided: Saturday at 11am & 1pm

Pre-booking required, maximum of 12 persons, 01792 511964.

A unique opportunity to meet the faces behind the microphone at Wales' first commercial radio station. Swansea Sound commenced broadcasting 34 years ago from purpose built studios in Victoria Road, Gowerton on 30th September 1974.

96.4FM The Wave launched on 30th September 1995. Both stations have a consistently loyal audience in the area in which they broadcast.

The building which lies between Gowerton and Kingsbridge, Gorseinon has become a landmark in the area. The studios are situated on the ground floor with the Newsroom and offices on the upper floor.



Kevin Johns, Swansea Sound Breakfast Presenter and Badger, The Wave's Breakfast Show Presenter pictured with

Catherine Zeta Jones's parents, David & Pat Jones who collected the Style Icon Award on her behalf at the 2009 Style Awards at Swansea's Oceana in July.

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The property has plenty of car parking both at the front and rear of the building. The studios are situated on the ground floor with the Newsroom and offices on the upper floor. Whilst the building is accessible for people with disabilities, the studios are difficult to access and there is no lift.

Located on Victoria Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3AB.

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Welsh Assembly SA1 Project Offices

J-Shed, Kings Road, SA1

Visit times: Sunday 9am – 4pm

The Grade II Listed J Shed was constructed in the 1880's as a grain warehouse and part of the original Prince of Wales dock. It later became the location for Swansea fish market before becoming disused in the 1990's. It has been restored as part of the Welsh Assembly's SA1 Swansea Waterfront regeneration project and now incorporates a restaurant, hairdresser, cafe and 20 live/work loft units.

The Welsh Assembly project office will be open, featuring a model of the entire development as well as masterplans and information regarding buildings completed and planned for the site.



Fully disabled accessible.

Enter SA1 through main gateway off SA1. Right at roundabout. End unit in red brick building (J Shed) off Technium Square.

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Welsh School of Architectural Glass

Alexandra Road

Tours guided: Sat & Sun 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm

The school founded in 1935 occupies Swansea's former library, built in 1887.

The Round Reading Room, formerly the reference library, now serves as a multiuse/function space hosting national conferences, guest lecturers, glass alumni events, exhibitions, music and dance performances, and even provided the backdrop to the recent Dr Who episode "Silence in the Library".

Stand in the centre of the space and experience the unique acoustics!

There is an exhibition of stained glass in the building and also Studies in Glass - an exhibition of 'work in progress' by current MA Glass students at the National Waterfront Museum, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, until 4th October 2009.



Moveable ramp for wheelchair access.

5 minutes from Swansea Railway Station located opposite the Glynn Vivian Art Gallery on Alexandra Road.

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Ysgol Crug Glas

Croft Street (off High Street)

Visit times: Sunday 11 am – 3pm

Ysgol Crug Glas is an all-age school for pupils with complex learning disabilities. A school has been in Dyfatty since the 1870's; in 1914 it incorporated an 'open air school' for children suffering from tuberculosis. The buildings were destroyed by bombing in the 'Blitz' of 1941.

Today's school incorporates many unique features to support the education of pupils with complex disabilities, including a hydrotherapy pool, music and art rooms, soft play and sensory room. The new 'senior' building (completed in 2003) won the Lord Mayor's Design Award for accessibility. New extensions were the result of funds raised through public appeal.

Come and see what makes our school 'special'. Learn about the fascinating history of Dyfatty and its school. View the specialist facilities. Learn about the school's role in supporting children with disabilities and their families through Swansea.



Fully accessible throughout.

The school is on the corner of High Street and Croft Street, approximately 300 yards from Swansea Railway Station.

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YMCA

1 The Kingsway

Visit times: Sunday 11 am – 4pm

Swansea YMCA is a substantial Grade II Listed Building offering approximately 3000m² over 4 floors, and providing over 30 activities per week ranging from ballet to martial arts.

Established in 1861, Swansea YMCA was housed in Herbert Place and then Dynefor Place before the current building was opened in 1912.

Possibly designed by C T Ruthin (see also Waterstones), the Grade II Listed Building is a 4 storey block in red brick and Portland Stone with banded quoins with restrained classical interiors.

The YMCA is a Charity responding creatively to the needs of young people and the community.



Access within the building is by stairs only.

Located on the Kingsway. Car parking is available directly behind the building.

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Penllergare Valley Woods Guided Walk

Grid Reference SS623991

Tours Guided - Saturday, 26th September at 2.15pm

Penllergare is the partial survivor of a Grade II picturesque and romantic landscape of the mid-19th Century. The Trust is engaged in its regeneration with community benefit as a principal objective. The guided walk will introduce the landscape, its history, development and regeneration project.

The woods are usually open to visitors on foot, free of charge during daylight. A leaflet is available as a free download from the website www.penllergare.org

The project is in its early stages and participants should be prepared to walk on partially restored paths for some 2.5 hours over 3 kilometres. There are currently no facilities on site. Stout footwear and clothing are recommended.



By car - 200 metres east of M4 Junction 47. Off A48 at entrance signed

City and County of Swansea.

By bus - Local and Regional services stop nearby, see leaflet.

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