

Hendre'r-ywydd Uchaf Farmhouse (7)



What is it?

- Hendre'r-ywydd Uchaf is a farmhouse, first built in 1508 in Llangynhafal, Denbighshire.
- This farmhouse has a dividing wall. The family lived in one side and cows lived in the other.

Who lived here?

- Robert Foulks and his family lived here. The house stayed with his family for two generations.

Points of interest

- This farmhouse is what a yeomen farmer's home would have looked like when Henry VII was king.
- The roof and walls are supported by four sets of oak crucks. These are large curved wood timbers reaching from the ground to the top of the roof, making a giant 'A' shape.
- The house is divided into five parts: two are used to keep cows and the other three are for the family. The three rooms used by the family were probably a workroom, a hall or living room and a bedroom.
- There was probably an open fire in the middle of the hall or living room. Smoke would leave through the open windows – the house does not have a chimney.
- The walls are made from wattle and daub, a woven wooden frame filled with a mixture of mud, straw and cow dung.
- The walls are limewashed, giving the house its white colour. This was common in the period.

Where can I find more information?

- Visit Y Garreg Fawr farmhouse to compare two buildings from the Tudor period.