

THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

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That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

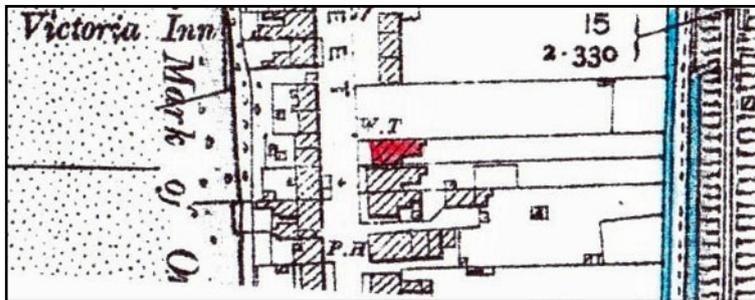
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CLOS BRYNGWYN

A twentieth century close of bungalows built on the garden of Bryngwyn and the land adjoining it on the north. Bendith was bought from the builder of the estate in August 1971.

The ground had belonged to John Simon, a master mariner who enclosed it in 1824 from 'waste' on the pebble embankment, and he could afford to buy it for £10 from the Crown Manor who owned the 'waste'. This was a generous sized piece of ground of over half an acre - 2 rods and 16 perches. It extended to a 'brook' of fresh water - the tailrace from the Glanlerry Corn Mill plus two small streams. He built one good sized cottage on it - now Bryngwyn, and another smaller one for his family. In 1830 John Simon was the owner of the 'Liverpool Trader', a sloop of 25 tons built in 1806. In 1832 he was the captain and owner of all 64 shares in the 27 ton sloop 'Robust'. He had shares in other vessels too. (Shipping Customs Register for the Aberystwyth area, Ceredigion Archives.) The history of the Simon property is in 'Bryngwyn'.



This was Bryngwyn in 1905, the house is marked in red. Its long narrow garden stretched down to the 'brook' - now a ditch. The owner of the house also owned the strip of land to the north with the W. T. Wireless Telegraph.

In 1910 William Davies owned the house and the ground alongside. In 1934 Arthran Davies owned and occupied the house and land. In 1949 paying the rates for the house was Claudia Davies. In 1963 Margaret A. Lewis paid the rates, but with a vote for the house was Mansel Davies.

In 1971 it would have been the owner of Bryngwyn who sold his garden and the plot of land to the north to the builder to enable the Clos to be built. Because this land was down off the shingle bank it was reclaimed marsh and bungalows were a sensible choice as heavy buildings would tend to sink. As it was, some 'raft' or similar foundation would have been used to spread their weight on the soft ground.



ABOVE Bungalow Number One is very close to the boundary of the Bryngwyn house.



ABOVE NUMBER ONE is on the south side of the close - the first of a row of three bungalows.

BELOW Brick is used for the outside of NUMBER TWO. Both bungalows have a covered place for their cars. The gardens are open plan.





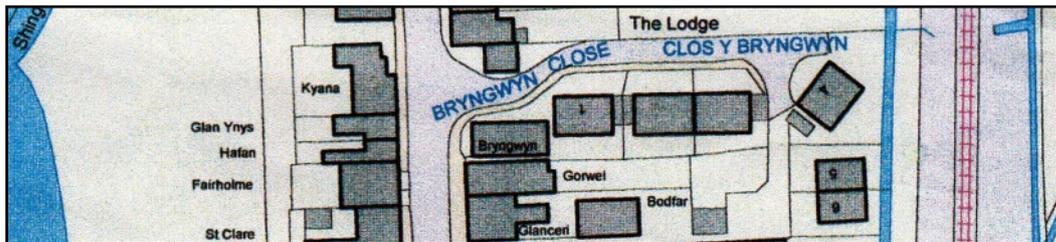
ABOVE This is Bendith which has three bedrooms.



ABOVE and LEFT is JUDE which is built at an angle where the close turns right.



NUMBER SIX is alongside Jude at the east side of the close.



ABOVE This detail from a modern Council Map shows how the bungalows are tucked into Bryngwyn's former land and space made behind the older houses (Map courtesy of Councillor Ray Quant who gave it to help research for a local event).

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