

THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



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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ISGRAIG

Wernfach (small marsh) Morfa Borth

This house is at the south end of Morfa Borth, with the road to Clarach and the beach in front of it. At the back is the Lôn Glan-y-mor (Sea bank Lane) and former Wernfach.



Isgraig (under the cliff), like Beach Cottage next door has a gable tiled roof at right angles to the main road, though it is set further back on its plot. It is plain and straightforward in design. The walls are rendered above a base of dark red bricks. A balcony is inset on the upper floor on the north side with a good view across the bay. There is a similar inset balcony on the ground floor, the roofs of both provide some protection from the weather. The



remaining front windows are large to enjoy the view of the beach. From the front there is access from a door on the north side of the building.

At the rear the house had to be taller as the ground slopes downwards. The brick base enlarges to contain two garages. There is another entrance on the south side of the house which has to be up a flight of steps. This is enclosed by the block boundary wall with the Beach Cottage. Outside the garages is a paved area for parking which is open to the Lôn Glan-y-môr. The windows all match - and will no doubt have plastic frames and double glazing.



All the photographs were taken in 2016.

This house does not appear on a map of 1984 - Beach Cottage still had its former garden, so Isgraig was built sometime after that.

The house was not yet built in 1963 when all the other houses in the row were already there. The site of the house was formerly part of the garden Beach Cottage Number 1. The house is close to the boundary with Beach Cottage.

The house was built on a strip of land that was 'beach'. The embankment of stones had been thrown up by the sea, and belonged to the Crown Manor. At that time the Lôn Glan-y-mor (Sea-bank lane) was the only road and it was unfenced. A postcard photograph of 1914 shows the site. On a Crown Manor map surveyed in 1925 it was mostly shown as beach. (National Archives LRRO 1/3060) However, an embankment was built and a new road to Clarach built to run along the edge of the beach.



This postcard dated 1914 shows the strip of beach on which Isgraig now stands. Beach Cottage was already there. The Lôn Glan-y-môr is on the far left of the picture.

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On this detail from a postcard dated about 1960 all the other houses are built but Isgraig is not there yet.

Reading from the left side; the St Albans', Craigfryn with cottages in front of it, Beach Cottage, Beach Cottage's garden and that is the gap where Isgraig will be built, then Rockside - Sandiway - Wayside, Newhaven -Swn-y-mor, then the rest of the row.

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