

HRH The Prince of Wales visits 'Landmark' medieval restoration project

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HRH The Prince of Wales has visited a medieval house which is being restored thanks to National Lottery players, and has met the craftspeople whose skills have helped saved the building.

Llwyn Celyn, a Grade I listed house in Wales's Black Mountains, was built in 1420 and is regarded as one of the most important surviving late medieval houses in Wales. However, the building was in such a dilapidated state when acquired by the Landmark Trust that it was feared it may be beyond saving.

But thanks to £2.5million raised by National Lottery ticket sales, the building has undergone extensive restoration over the last few years.

Welcoming visitors to Wales

It is now nearly ready to welcome visitors to Wales this autumn in its new role as unique self-catering holiday accommodation, while those living in the Brecon Beacons will benefit from a new community centre on their doorsteps.

[quote=Anna Keay, Director, Landmark Trust] “The visit is a moment to celebrate and to thank all who contributed towards the project - including National Lottery players.” [/quote]

During his visit, the Prince met the project’s lead architect as well as some of the highly skilled craftspeople – including joiners, masons and apprentices – whose knowledge and expertise has meant this important building has been brought back to life in a way true to its age and history.

At the rear of the house the Prince also planted a fruit tree as a lasting legacy of his support for the project.

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