



The unoccupied Ebenezer at the centre of the village opposite to the Holly Bush Inn is attracting anti-social behaviour and our staff are fed up of having to chase children off it. The building which has had £1.5M spent on it has now stood empty for over three years as of the spring of 2017. This building would make an ideal venue for the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre right where it is needed the most and the tourist count would enable it to stay open on a viable and sustainable basis unlike the performance so far since 2008 when I was refurbished by the THI.



This glass roof is proving a very real and possibly lethal attraction for our local youth. Again, our staff and customers have had to stop our young people jumping on to it from the steps from where this photograph is taken. The best answer here would be to put the building back into practical use and again we suggest as a Visitor Centre for the World Heritage Site. This will give the building a useful function that our local young people will respect and will bring tourism into our community where it is desperately needed.

This will give us a tourist attraction that is eligible for display on brown & white tourist information signs at the centre of our village and although the Ebenezer lacks parking space by tying it in with the Windborne Gate Interchange and Jessop's Tramway this will provide all the parking capacity that is required for both the Ebenezer Visitor Centre and the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, both 500mts in either direction from the centre of the WBG.

The PKC Group asks WCBC, CRT, Eastman's, the Cefn Community Council, DVT & CRP to work with them to undertake this as soon as possible and this will then make it the concern it was supposed to be in the first place and can lead the regeneration of Cefn Mawr.

We also need to do this before one of our young people is seriously injured.

For the CRT & WCBC, reusing this building as the Visitor Centre for the WHS will save having to spend another £1.5M on another new building down at the Trevor Basin which will not comply with WPP. For Eastman's this building can be used as a stage for modelling what the ex-Monsanto site will look like when completed.





These leaded windows are very expensive to repair and have attracted attention from our young people through the building lying empty. The simple answer here is use it or we will lose it in the end. If we do, this will be a gross waste of public resources which contravenes all the principles of the Future Generations Act 2015. The message we are being sent here by our young people is clear and we should act accordingly by reusing the building rather than leaving it empty.





These are just limited examples of anti-social behaviour in Cefn Mawr on major assets to show how our community is reacting.

The important lesson here is to learn from it and do something about it other than impose a penal system.

We need to increase activity and appropriate use of buildings increasing employment and opportunity. This is noticed and helps.

These are positive steps that can be made to help prevent this and will have beneficial results for our whole community.

Ignoring this or looking for prosecution does not deal with the primary cause which is currently very limited employment opportunity which needs to be improved.

Continued segregation of our community from the WHS will only serve to depress our community further and increase the disparity between visitors of the WHS and our community.

This in turn will cause the spread of anti-social behaviour to the more affluent parts which will detract from the WHS and UNESCO status.







The Plas Kynaston Hall has also attracted similar attention both before and during restoration and at night when the building is empty. During restoration work the Georgian Heritage Trust has had to board the windows and in the above picture they are screened with Perspex to prevent breakage by stoning. Hopefully though as residents move into the apartments in this building this will discourage such activity by our younger people.



The Plas Kynaston Hall before restoration and note the graffiti and sheeted windows.



And it is not just vacant buildings that are being attacked as the above sign shows.





The sign at the new Tesco Roundabout.