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Bardsey Island

Client

Gwynedd Council

Location

Llyn Peninsula, Gwynedd

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

February 2006

Key Issues

Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Recommendations for possible areas for enhancement



As part of a project reviewing and carrying out appraisals of 14 conservation areas for Gwynedd Council, the historic buildings team undertook an appraisal of the Bardsey Island conservation area.

Bardsey Island (Ynys Enlli) lies about 3km off the southwest tip of Llyn. The area has a rich history with evidence of prehistoric occupation. It is believed that the island's monastery was established in the 6th century and, according to legend, the island was a burial place for saints from the early Middle Ages. Bardsey's fishing and farming community was not, however, established until the mid-18th century and most of the island's existing houses are considerably later, having been built by Lord Newborough, the island's landowner, in the 1870s. It is now managed by Bardsey Island Trust in conjunction with the Countryside Council for Wales and Cadw.

The appraisal involved compiling a historical outline of the area, an assessment of the established character to be 'preserved' and identification of possible areas for 'enhancement'.

This process produced many recommendations, including the replacement of modern plastic rainwater goods and fascia boards which detract from the predominantly traditional materials used in the island's buildings. Concern was also expressed about any new development which could have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of this very special conservation area.

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