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### Borth-y-Gest

#### Client

Gwynedd Council

#### Location

Porthmadog, Gwynedd

#### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

#### Date of Completion

February 2006

#### Key Issues

Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Recommendations for proposed boundary amendments and 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 Borth-y-Gest conservation area.

The small seaside village of Borth-y-Gest is located at the eastern end of Llyn on the northern side of the Glaslyn Estuary. The area has a long history of settlement with the remains of Bronze Age hut circles discovered in Parc y Borth. The village grew rapidly in the 19th century after the construction of the causeway known as Y Cob by Alexander Maddocks in 1811, and by the 1840s Borth-y-Gest, together with nearby Porthmadog, took the lead in the area's shipbuilding industry.

Today the village is a quiet seaside resort with modest charms and attractions. The area is characterised by the almost semi-circular beach providing a graceful curve around which the Victorian houses of Sea View Terrace stand and look out across Traeth Bach to Harlech and the Rhinog Mountains.

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 and a number of buildings considered to be of local note were identified. While it is an attractive and generally well-maintained village suggestions were made for improvements to street furniture, the sensitive remodelling of modern shop fronts and the sympathetic reconfiguration of the large sea-front car park.



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