

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Building & Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Listed Building: Report for Building

Authority :	Pembrokeshire	Record Number :	87845
		Date of Listing :	08 Apr 2021
Community :	Cwm Gwaun	Date of Amendment :	
Locality :	Pontfaen	Date Delisted :	
		Grid Ref :	204724,235 239
		Grade :	II
Name :	The Hermitage at Ffald y Brenin Christian Retreat Centre		
Street No, Name :			
Street Side :			

Location :

Situated to the N side of the main centre.

History

Marked as a mill, with mill pond on the N side, on the 1888 OS map, converted as guest accommodation in the late C20 for the Ffald y Brenin Christian Retreat Centre. While it is not certain that Christopher Day was responsible for this conversion, the details suggest that he was – see the fireplace, door and window openings. The date of its conversion is also unclear, but it seems likely that it followed that of the main building.

Exterior

A single storey with loft, rubble-stone former mill under a slate roof in a blend of colours, with stone stack to the L and skylight to the rear slope. Openings are under brick arches, while windows and doors themselves have trapezoidal heads, and windows have slate sills. A half-glazed boarded door is to the R, with 2 unequal windows to its L. In the L gable end is a further window, offset to the R, and in the R gable end, where the ground rises steeply, is an attic window and a small opening in the ground floor.

Interior

The interior has white-plastered walls and ceiling. In the ground floor is an inserted fireplace with stone surround made up of unquarried stone, unplastered, with slate hearth slab. A straight stair leads to a 'croglofft'-type sleeping space.

Listed

Ffald y Brenin is an important complex of late C20 eco-architecture by one of its chief exponents in Wales. It is notable for its use of found materials, harmony with natural forms, and as an organic development of older

buildings. The Hermitage shares some of these characteristics with the Retreat Centre and Day Centre, and has group value with them.

Group value with the main Retreat Centre and Day Centre.

References

None recorded

Sources

Author	Date of Publication	Title	Volume
T Lloyd, J Orbach and R Scourfield	2004	The Buildings of Wales: Pembrokeshire	
Christopher Day	2007	(my) Dying is fun: a comedy of disabled misadventures	
Christopher Day	1990	Places of the Soul: Architecture and Environmental	
Christopher Day	2002	Spirit & Place: healing our environment	
		Christopher Day's cv, c2000, online at http://www.fantastic-machine.com/artandspirit/spirit-and-place/cd_cv.html	