

Who said what about Court Farm Pembrey

Over the years Court Farm has been visited by many experts, many of whom expressed an opinion on both the importance of Court Farm in a building and social historical context and its viability as a candidate for restoration.

'The largest pre-Renaissance survivor in the county rich in corbels, tall chimneys, mullioned windows and carved fireplaces'

Thomas Lloyd, former Chair, HBAC (Lost houses of Wales 1986)

'The Court is now empty and ruinous but capable of being preserved as one of the few surviving examples of Carmarthenshire's manor houses.'

Major Francis Jones;(Historic Carmarthenshire Homes and their Families 1977)

'Court Farm. Ruins of a substantial medieval to C17th house the core is probably a medieval tower attached to first- floor hall reached from an external stair a second, free standing tower at the west end of the south wing, was possibly also medieval.'

Thomas Lloyd, Julian Orbach and Robert Scourfield . (The Buildings of Wales. Carmarthenshire and Ceridigion 2006)

'Listed, notwithstanding its present condition, as the substantial shell of an important and un-modernised mid C16 house' *Cadw, Welsh Historic Monuments. Official listing description.*

'Listed for its great importance both nationally and locally as the only surviving Elizabethan manor house in Carmarthenshire, and for being a physical and historic local landmark'

Michael Davies, Architect, Davies Sutton, (Court Farm Feasibility Study 2003)

'The architectural style and character of the farm house spans four centuries of evolution and provides a rich variety of architectural features within a single building. It is unique in the district and probably the county, particularly in this locality which has been predominately shaped by the Industrial Revolution. Virtually no examples of medieval or Tudor settlement remain in this district apart from Pantachddu, a traditional long house in Burry Port, and Court Farm.'

RB Mowbray Borough Architect, Llanelli Borough Council ; (Court Farm Feasibility Study 1985) Note: Pantachddu has now been lost.

'A wonderful, wonderful place'

Marianne Suhr . MIRCS ; (BBC Restoration, 2006)

'Court Farm is a most important building in the Carmarthenshire context.

A rare survivor of an ancient manor house in surprisingly good structural condition, with many significant early elements remaining and possibly more to be revealed'

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