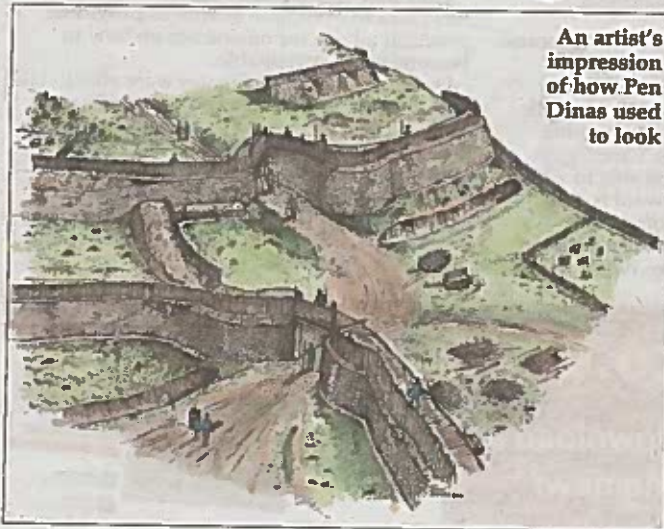


# Grant funding secured to enhance ancient hillfort



An artist's impression of how Pen Dinas used to look

**CALLS** have been made for residents to get involved a community project to enhance the Iron Age hillfort at Pen Dinas.

Grant funding for improvements to Pen Dinas, near Aberystwyth, has been successfully secured by Ceredigion County Council following work on the scheme by Penparcau Community Forum.

The community-led bilingual heritage and environment initiative, will be framed around the Pen Dinas hillfort and Local Nature Reserve site, exploring its heritage, culture and environment.

£25,000 funding has been secured from the Welsh Government, with a feasibility study and a "never been done before" community geophysical survey of the site taking place.

The funding will also go towards designing and developing signage and benches for the site, and creating a 'history and heritage' centre space focussing on the hill fort and the village of Penparcau, including digital signage, 'heritage stations' and visitor and educational packs.

Cash will be used to increase access to the site, to allow more visitors.

As part of the project, the council is seeking local residents to express their interest if they would like to be involved in the work.

A well-attended event to hear about the project was held at the Hub, Penparcau Community Centre last week.

A council spokesperson said: "The project will provide greater access to a site of historical importance namely Pen Dinas Hillfort, Local Nature Reserve and Scheduled Ancient Monument.

"It will also improve links to the Ystwyth and Rheidol Cycle Trails, the Ceredigion and All Wales Coast Path and other local amenities and attractions.

"Improving the path width and surface will increase access to a wider cross-section of residents and visitors and target current barriers to the countryside."

Cllr Rhodri Evans, Cabinet member with responsibility for economy and regeneration, said: "The news that we've been successful in securing this bid is fantastic and on behalf of the council, I thank all the residents who submitted feedback to the application.

"We are looking for anyone who has an interest in the site and would like to be involved with how this project progresses. This is the perfect opportunity for residents to be part of something that will make a big difference to both residents and tourists alike."

To express an interest to be involved in the project or to receive further information, email [Eifion.Jones@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:Eifion.Jones@ceredigion.gov.uk) or call 01545 570881.

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