



Glyn Ceiriog Nantyr Llangollen LL20 7DE

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Glyn Ceiriog

A substantial stone built five reception, four-bedroom property built circa 1905, reputedly by a shipping magnate from Liverpool, with the exceedingly rare attribute of land extending to some forty-two acres.



Exceptional, the one word in particular that springs to mind when describing this property. This small estate, gloriously situated on a south facing slope, is uniquely and desirably set in the midst of its own acreage and woodlands overlooking the beautiful Ceiriog Valley, once described by renowned statesman Lloyd George as “A little piece of heaven on earth.”

Coming to the market for the first time in almost 40 years, the house benefits from complete privacy, is an oasis of tranquillity and enjoys what must surely be one of the most panoramic, spectacular, and incomparable views in the whole of North Wales. These far-reaching vistas, from every aspect, stretch for many, many miles across the Welsh hills with valleys in both the foreground and distance. With an abundance of wildlife, the beauty of wonderful sunsets and an unspoilt starry night sky, the setting is quite outstanding.



From the entrance, via double gates set between two walls with stone capped pillars, the property is reached via a sweeping driveway, revealing within the last few metres a gated courtyard at the front of the house making it well hidden from the road which is particularly appealing to those of us who desire such privacy. A second drive gives access to the stable area.



Access to the kitchen is from the entrance hall, which in turn leads onto the breakfast room and pantry. The office and cloakroom are at the other end of the hall.

On the first floor are four bedrooms, bathroom (with space for two more) w.c. and storerooms with attic above, all accessed from the central landing.

A charming, detached residence with an entrance befitting a property of this stature the accommodation comprises:

Castellated porch, hall, five reception rooms, kitchen, breakfast room, pantry, office, and cloakroom. Centrally sits the spacious drawing room with doors leading out to the south facing rear. To one side are rooms which in the past the owners have used as a library and study and to the other, a south facing sitting room and a dining room overlooking the walled garden.



To the west side of the property there is also a large annexe currently housing a workshop, utility area and shower room and further loft area. Door to a picturesque walled garden and what historically was a swimming pool, offering the potential of refurbishment to its former glory. There is also a small, enclosed courtyard with gardener's w.c., boiler room and side door to garage. The remainder of the gardens are open with incredible 360-degree views.



To the northwest of the house is an area comprising a former menage, yard and four stables, two further garages, carport/storage and of particular benefit a derelict cottage, easily reinstated to create further accommodation or a holiday home.

In an overcrowded world, Dragonwyck enjoys space, privacy, peace, and the enviable benefit of air free from pollution.

Mains electricity, private water and sewage, oil fired central heating.



At Chirk, 8 miles away, is a railway station and cottage hospital. The market town of Oswestry is 12 miles away and Wrexham is 15 miles away (with its significant Business Park/Industrial Estate a further 3 miles). The larger towns of Chester and Shrewsbury are 30 miles away (all distances are approximate).

Situated between Glyn Ceiriog and Llangollen, local amenities are as follows:

Glyn Ceiriog (1.5 miles) has a primary school, health centre, chemist, post office/convenience store, community centre, tennis courts, saddler's shop, hotel, and public house. The bustling town of Llangollen (3.5 miles) provides a considerable variety of shops and restaurants, together with many tourist attractions. These include the Heritage steam railway, Canal, Horseshoe Falls, world famous annual Eisteddfod and white-water rafting for the adventurous.





Llangollen is a town and community, situated on the River Dee, in Denbighshire, Wales. Its riverside location forms the edge of the Berwyn range, the Dee Valley section of the Clwydian Range and the Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The easternmost point of the Dee Valley Way sits within the town.

History
Llangollen takes its name from the Welsh *llan* meaning "a religious settlement" and Saint Collen, a seventh-century monk who is said to have arrived in Llangollen by coracle and founded a church beside the river. No other churches in Wales are dedicated to Saint Collen.

Above the town to the North is Castell Dinas Brân, a stronghold of the Princes of Powys. Beyond the castle is the impressive Lower Carboniferous limestone escarpment known as the Eglwyseg Rocks, with the outcrop continuing north to World's End in Wrexham. The single track road North of the castle forms the Panorama Walk, and a monument to poet I. D. Hooson from the village of Rhosllanerchrugog is located near its easternmost end.

The ancient parish of Llangollen was divided into three *traeanau* (*traean* being the Welsh for "a third"): Llangollen Traean, Trefor Traean, and Glyn Traean.

Llangollen Traean contained the townships of Bachau, Cysylltau, Llangollen Abad, Llangollen Fawr, Llangollen Fechan, Feifod, Pengwern and Rhisgog. **Trefor Traean** contained the townships of Cilmediw, Dinbren, Eglwysegl, Trefor Isaf and Trefor Uchaf.

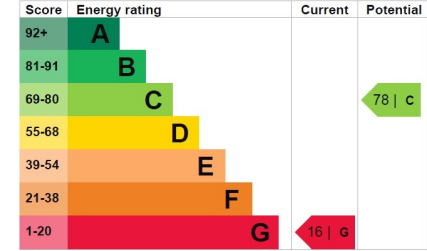
Glyn Traean contained the townships of Cilcochwyn, Crogeniddon, Crogenwladus, Erwallo, Hafodgynfor, Nantygwryd, Pennant and Talygarth.

The bridge at Llangollen was built across the Dee in the 16th century to replace a previous bridge built in about 1345 by John Trevor, of Trevor Hall (later Bishop of St Asaph), which replaced an even earlier bridge built in the reign of King Henry I. In the 1860s the present bridge was extended by adding an extra arch (to cross the new railway) and a two-storey stone tower with a castellated parapet. The stone tower became a café before being demolished in the 1930s to improve traffic flow. The bridge was widened in 1873 and again in 1968, using masonry which blended in with the older structure. It is a Grade I listed structure and a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Plas Newydd ("New Mansion" or "New Place") on the outskirts of the town, was from 1780 the home of the Ladies of Llangollen; the Honourable Sarah Ponsonby, Lady Eleanor Butler and their maid Mary Carryl. They share the same grave memorial in the church.

The Ellesmere Canal intended to connect the coal mines and ironworks at Ruabon and Wrexham to the canal network and onward to the sea via the River Mersey and the River Severn. The plans were altered, and instead of connecting Trevor northwards to the sea via the River Dee and southwards to the Severn, the canal ran eastwards to join the national network at Hurleston Junction on the Shropshire Union Canal near Nantwich. A feeder canal, navigable to Llangollen, was constructed from Trevor to divert water from the River Dee at Llantysilio (at the weir called "Horseshoe Falls"). After company mergers, the canal became part of the Shropshire Union System. Until recently it was properly called the Llangollen Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal, though it is now known as the Llangollen Canal.

The canal stocked enough water to supply Crewe and Nantwich, and when commercial traffic failed in the 1940s, its sole function as a water supply enabled it to stay open. The canal is unusual amongst Britain's artificial waterways, having a strong flow (up to two miles per hour). Since the use of canals for leisure took off in the 1970s and 1980s, the route, twisting through Welsh hills and across the Dee Valley on the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, is an important part of Llangollen's attraction as a holiday destination. A marina, built at the end of the navigable section, allows summer visitors to moor overnight in Llangollen.



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