HBI - GEH PATHWAY & RETAINING WALL 2026

Design & Access Statment

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Introduction:

The primary purpose of the pathway works is to provide a pleasant pedestrian footpath (away from the roads) to link the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site Visitor Centre hosted in the Ebenezer Gallery on Cefn Square, to the Holly Bush Inn (HBI) Cartographic Museum in the Holly Bush Inn, opposite to the Ebenezer in the centre of Cefn Mawr, and the Cefn Museum situated in the basement of the George Edwards Hall (GEH).

A secondary benefit of the pathway works will be to clean up the remaining area of degraded land left over from the construction of Tesco in 2012/13.

The main retaining wall which acted as a boundary wall between the HBI and the GEH was demolished by the civil engineering contractors working for Tesco while constructing the Tesco Access Road (Oxford Street) and bypass of our traditional village centre in 2012.

Since the construction of Tesco and the purchase of the Holly Bush Inn extensive works have been undertaken by Baynon Property Services (a member of the PKC Group) to improve the local area as can be seen from this Design and Access Statement. Our beer garden is very popular with our community today.

And now with the construction of the said pathway these remedial works can be brought to a conclusion enhancing the whole of the local area. The works will be completed in natural sandstone and will form the most efficient way of stabilising the ground by reducing the incline of earth embankment. All works will be funded privately at no expense to the public purse.

Wildlife:

The area in question is populated by a family of Hedgehogs which we would like to retain and encourage to forage in both the grounds of the Holly Bush Inn, we do believe they like the titbits left behind by some of our customers in our beer garden, and the GEH parking lot. Consequently, we are making provision for such and also notable on this point is that our plans do not necessitate the removal of any trees. In fact, again we will be looking at preserving all trees to support our local wildlife, birds and squirrels etc. We care about our environment, as may be seen from this D&A Statement and the Ebenezer Gallery which hosts our Environmental Crisis Mitigation Centre. We want to help promote the return of our wildlife and biodiversity in practical ways that work and care for the environment.

Summary:

The HBI – GEH Pathway & Retaining Wall will provide a pleasant access rout, away from main road traffic between, (1) The Cefn Museum and (2) The Ebenezer Gallery via (3) The Holly Bush Inn, for both human and wildlife so providing an attractive tourist attraction at the centre of our community. This should also help CCC, Cefn Community Council achieve their Section 6 Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty, a part of the Environmental Act for Wales 2016.

Boundary 2025



The boundary area between the GEH and the HBI in 2025, unfortunately the original retaining wall between the GEH, George Edwards Hall and the HBI, Holly Bush Inn is in poor condition after half of it was demolished during the construction of Tesco and the new bypass, what is now called Oxford Street to the left of picture.

Projection of Works



Projection of the modest sandstone retaining wall and public footpath with step free access for hedgehogs and other small wildlife. Please note that the wall curves at the left-hand side to provide a gentle slope for hedging (most likely hawthorn) and Hedgehog access / highway. The path to the right-hand side also has no steps so allowing access for small mammals such as Hedgehogs. Step free access for the guys with short legs! Please note that although not shown the remaining brick boundary wall will be tidied up as well. We would also like to extend the Hawthorn Hedge along the base of the Oxford Street walling to left of picture.

State of Area 2014



The same area in 2014 after the construction of Tesco but prior to works on the Holly Bush Inn beginning.



Please note there was once a path that led from the Holly Bush Inn down to the path from the GEH car park to the MUGA. This was well used in its time as it was the shortest rout between both Cefn Druids and the Cefn Albion games and the Holly Bush Inn before the construction of Tesco. Since then, our community has used it to access the Holly Bush Inn from the George Edwards Hall car park, Waterloo Lane and now Tesco.



The same area after the construction of Tesco but prior to works on the Holly Bush Inn beginning.



The same area after the construction of Tesco but prior to works on the Holly Bush Inn beginning. Please note the gate in the fence where an unadopted path used to run down to the path leading away from the Gorge Edwards Hall car pak to the MUGA. Unfortunately, this was buried under the new road, Oxford Street serving Tesco. So now the pathway must run to the GEH car park and is well used by many people in our community especially since we have cleaned up the area.



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The Area in 2024



The Holly Bush Inn Beer Garden 2024.



The Holly Bush Inn Bus Stop in 2024 looking very nice after 10 years of work all privately funded by BPS and the PKC Group.