

STABLAU MACHYNLLETH

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Dear Friend of Stabla Machynlleth

It is very satisfying to tell you that Phase One of the restoration and repurpose of the Machynlleth Stables has been completed a year on from the start of the work. This means that the exterior of the building now looks very much as it was when originally built around 1854. A lot of work has also been done inside so that ceiling timbers, lintels and other features are in a good state.



A site visit was organised for a group of people including members of Machynlleth Town Council and members of the board of the Community Interest Company. After seeing the building, local architectural historian, **Architectural Historian Judith Alfrey** said.

The Old Stables were an important part of the enhancement of Plas Machynlleth and its estate in the middle of the nineteenth century, but until recently it was hard to appreciate their value. Now that work to repair and secure the structure has been completed, their true character has been revealed once more. The original elegant design and high-quality craftsmanship is shining out again, and the building looks set for a bright new chapter in its history.



The Mural Project has been completed. Have a wander in the Plas gardens and you will see that the old toilet block has been transformed. The murals tell the story of the Stables by using images related to the building itself, the horses and hounds that were associated with it and the bats that used the derelict building. It is hoped that the bats will return to the bat void in the roof space of the bicycle shelter. In all around 150 people took part in the mural project, which was led by artists Liz Fenwick and Hannah Johns. Members of Ieuentid Machynlleth Youth, the Home Education Group, Ysgol Gynradd Bro Hyddgen, the Explorer Scouts, and Cartref Dyfi all contributed.



To up-date and inform the public a new A1 poster will be put up in the Plas Foyer and on outside fencing. There will also be a new **A5 leaflet**, which will be available at the Plas and other places in the town. Please take some and pass them around to friends.



It is important to keep the momentum of the project going and so we hope to get funding to work on various linked community activities over the next year. This could include an archaeological project, more video recording and work to decide on how to interpret the story and significance of the Stables in Phase Two of the project.

The **Stablaumach website** is now ready to go and can be accessed at: <https://www.stablaumach.co.uk>

Current tasks:

- **Secure about an additional 1.8 million in funding to pay for Phase Two**
- **Keep everyone informed about progress**

We can all look forward to Stablau Machynlleth a couple of years ahead when it will really be able to contribute to the life of the town and the wider area.

"This building is perfect for creating a friendly, accessible and unique accommodation space for new visitors to Machynlleth. It is inspiring to see our old buildings used to welcome people to the town and to provide a space that can be used in many ways by the local community"

Katie Hastings, Local community organiser and traveller.

Should you wish to view our business plan, and for further information, or to contribute to the project as a volunteer, please contact us at: info@stablaumach.co.uk

