



The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir

Tours of Enchantment



*“Where style meets beauty
in a time from the world”*

*To tour The Hall is to step back
in time in a truly family home.*



*Within a setting
of breathtaking
beauty, history
and romance,
The Hall and
its 12 acres
overlook St.
Mary's church,
and the ruins of
the 12th century
Cistercian
"Abbey of the
Long Valley"
containing the
monk's pond
and the grave
of Llewellyn
the Last.*

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History & Setting

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir is Grade 11 * listed as one of Wales' finest examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture. Built in 1834 by Thomas Wilson the great Victorian improver, the house was doubled in size by the Philips family in 1869, who then added the snooker room in 1894. The architects were Poundley and Walker of Liverpool.

Paul and Victoria Humpherston bought The Hall in late 1997, and spent 10 years restoring it to a building of Gothic Victorian splendour. Their achievements have been featured on BBC Wales: "Discovering Welsh Houses", "Wales Today" & "My Secret Wales", on ITV Wales: "Wales Tonight", "Great Welsh Roads", "How The Other Half Lives" and "Fishlock's Wales", and on S4C.

"Best visit to any house, anywhere, anytime"

- 14 marble fireplaces, all of different design.
- Rococo ceilings, gothic windows, wooden shutters, bell pulls and window catches; all of which are again of individual design.
- Stained glass ceilings above the magnificent snooker room and main staircase.
- An entrance hall with an original Minton Hollis tiled floor and outstanding decorative plasterwork.



Interior Design & Collectables

The house bursts with interior design ideas. These include;

- Images handpainted on to existing wallpapers.
- Bathrooms themed to trains, castles and the 1930's.
- Bedrooms themed to schooldays, the seaside and transport.
- A snooker room celebrating the Arthurian Legend.
- The remarkable Garden Room.

Overall collections include;

- Paintings.
- Enamel signs, packaging and tins.

"An inspiration. A real Tardis."

"What a treat"

"This is a very special place. We have had a magnificent morning"

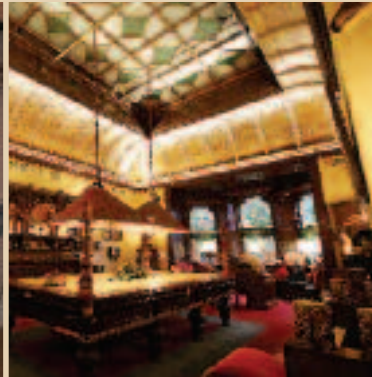
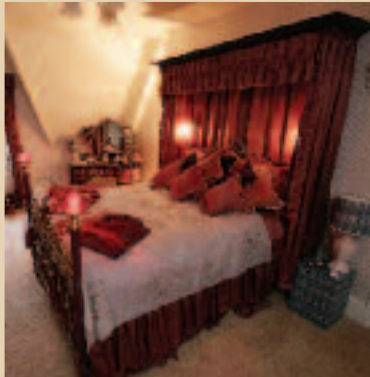


Architecture & Design

Formal Reception Rooms & Bedrooms

Each of the 52 rooms contain their original features. In the formal reception rooms and bedrooms these include;

"A wonderful journey of discovery. Every room a treasure"



Gardens & Grounds

The gardens and grounds of The Hall have also been restored for visitors to enjoy. Features include;

- A 1.5 acre walled garden.
- Sweeping lawns and terraces.
- 4 courtyards.
- Some splendid mixed woodland.
- A lake and waterfall.

"Words fail me - an amazing house in an amazing setting"

The gardens are particularly lovely through the months of April-September with their shows of rhododendra and roses.



Former Domestic Rooms

Within the former domestic rooms features include;

- A further 10 iron fireplaces of individual designs.
- Second floor bedrooms with unique ceiling designs.
- Original slate slab surfaces in the larder, pantry and cellar areas.
- 7 cellar rooms with vaulted ceilings and pig salting slabs.

"Not before, and not since, will I visit anywhere so pleasing"



"I am still reeling from this wonderful house"

"A place to be remembered forever"





The Third Dimension

The remarkable Garden Room



Tours, Charges & Clubs

Tours

Tours of all 52 rooms of the house conducted by family or very close friends, and access to all 12 acres of landscaped gardens, are available **daily** through the year. It is **strongly advised that tours are pre-booked as demand is high**. Start times are focused around 10.30-11am. and 2pm. The Hall is also available for small meetings and conferences.

Charges

Individuals, couples and groups of less than 10 persons: £15 per person. Groups of 10 persons or more: £13 per person. Repeat Visitors: £13 per person. Children aged 12 or under: £5 per person. Gardens only: £5 per person.



Catering

Refreshments are available at the end of each tour. Meals may be booked for Groups touring, based on finger or knife and fork buffets, or hot meals.

Car Clubs

Mid Wales, and The Hall, have become a favoured location for visiting Car Clubs. Members have the tour and enjoy the beauty of the gardens, the setting, the Abbey ruins and the church. A visit adds something a little different to their driving experience.

Christmas at The Hall



Christmas at The Hall is a magical time. All 52 rooms of the house are decorated to individual themes between 1st November and 6th January - the most remarkable Xmas experience in the UK. The house is also decorated for Valentines and Easter.



Where we are

Take the signposted road to Abbey-Cwm-Hir (shaded green), ½ a mile north of Crossgates on the A483.

Bookings

Bookings can be made, or gift vouchers purchased, by phoning **01597 851 727** or emailing.

Gift Vouchers

A tour is a perfect gift for a loved one. Gift Vouchers are available at £15 per person through the booking system.

