

Progress Report on Refurbishments at Plas Penaeldroch - May 2025

We bought Plas Hall (now Plas Penaeldroch) in December 2015 and planned on a complete refurbishment, expecting this to take 10-15 years. We are now nine years into this project with plenty still to do!

There are three 'zones' in Plas Penaeldroch at the moment. The 1970's tower, which has been completely restored and houses three suites of hotel rooms, which are open for guests. The Victorian manor house, which will be refurbished in a few years' time, and the current project.

When we acquired Plas, there was a single storey flat-roofed, four double-bedroomed extension (to the right as you look from the car park), attached through a series of lean-to structures and looking a bit like a bungalow that had seen better days. We are converting this, giving it a pitched roof to make it visually clearer that the two buildings belong together, with accessible accommodation on the ground floor (suitable for wheelchair users, and those with visual or hearing problems) with other bedrooms on the first floor. We are also creating a reception area - but this is all taking far longer than first thought. We hope to slate the roof within the next month.

If anyone is interested in the grizzly details, feel free to drop by, and Mike and Carrie will be happy to fill you in on the details!

Our hope is that these two accessible suites will be ready for guests in 2027 and, once these building works are complete and the forecourt of the building is cleared of construction work, we hope to be able to reopen the café and catch up with all the local 'news' we have missed in the meantime!

It will then only remain for us to finish the lockable store, replacing the old chalet, so folks can leave their bikes somewhere safe, and then correct a leak in the Manor roof, before refurbishing the Victorian first floor, to make several lettable bedrooms and an owners' suite in the attic. We will then update the reception rooms in the Manor so that our guests will be able to enjoy all parts of the Manor, including the (soon-to-be) games room.

The majority of work so far has been undertaken by myself, and Mike, with help from time to time from local friend Niall.

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