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HERITAGE ANGEL AWARDS WALES



Wales's Heritage Angels Announced

Heritage Angels – people who have played a special part in caring for Wales's heritage – have been honoured at a special awards ceremony, sponsored by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, at Caerphilly Castle on 8 November 2018.

Chaired by Baroness Kay Andrews, a panel of distinguished judges gave awards to five projects, recognising the achievements of young people, apprentices, volunteers and historic building restoration work.

Thornhill Primary School won the Best Contribution to a Heritage Project by Young People award for their Armistice Cantata, a musical play based on popular tunes from the First World War.

Women's Archive Wales won the Best Heritage Research, Interpretation or Recording Project award for their Voices from the Factory Floor project. Volunteers captured the memories of hundreds of women who did factory work between 1945 and 1975, often as the family's chief breadwinner.

Matthew Roberts and **Brett Burnell** were given the award in the Best Craftsperson or Apprentice category, thanks to their work at St Fagans National Museum of History where they have built a reconstruction of the great hall of Prince Llywelyn's thirteenth-century palace complex on Anglesey, to be used for history lessons and to host school group sleepovers.

The award for the Best Rescue of a Historic Building under £5 million went to **Yr Ysgwrn**: Home of Hedd Wyn, the Welsh farmer-poet, who was posthumously awarded the bard's chair at the 1917 National Eisteddfod having lost his life at the Battle of Passchendaele.

St Fagans National Museum of History won the Best Rescue of a Historic Building over £5 million, for their transformation of the museum's grade II-listed main building to create spectacular light-filled spaces housing the museum's rich social history and archaeology collections and a new learning centre.

The winner of the public vote – based on all fifteen of the projects shortlisted for an award – is **Insole Court**, the Grade II*-listed neo-Gothic mansion in Llandaff saved by community effort and restored from dereliction to provide a community hall, café and visitor centre.

In presenting the awards, Baroness Andrews said: ‘The judges were knocked out by the range and quality of all the projects and people nominated for an award. It was agonising to have to make a choice from so many projects that demonstrate genuine commitment and enthusiasm for the heritage. We chose projects that we felt would inspire others to do the same or that tackled heritage at risk, but everyone who was nominated and shortlisted for the awards deserves a big thank you for their achievements.’

This year’s successful Welsh projects will now go on to be considered for the prize of overall winner alongside their English, Northern Irish and Scottish counterparts at the London ceremony on 27 November, 2018.

Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber said: ‘I am thrilled to see the Angel Awards extending into Wales and send my congratulations not just to the winners but to everyone involved in the astounding range of heritage projects shortlisted. You all deserve to be acknowledged and congratulated on the vital role you play in protecting unique heritage, buildings, landscapes and craft skills for future generations.’

Full details of the 2018 Heritage Angel Awards Wales can be viewed on the awards website.

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Notes for editors

Heritage Angel Awards Wales is a new Welsh awards scheme sponsored by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation.

About the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation was set up by Andrew in 1992 to promote the arts, culture and heritage for the public benefit; since inception Andrew has been the principal provider of funding for all its charitable activities. In 2010, the Foundation embarked on an active grant giving programme and has now awarded grants of over £19.5m to support high-quality training and personal development, as well as other projects that make a real difference to enrich the quality of life both for individuals and within local communities. Significant grants include £3.5m to Arts Educational

Schools, London, to create a state of the art professional theatre, £2.4m to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust, £1m to The Architectural Heritage Fund, \$1.3m to the American Theatre Wing, and over £350,000 annually to fund 30 performing arts scholarships for talented students in financial need. <http://andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com/>

The Awards scheme has five categories:

- Best Rescue of a Historic Building or Place for Projects under £5m
- Best Major Regeneration of a Historic Building or Place for Projects in excess of £5m
- Best Contribution to a Heritage Project by Young People
- Best Craftsperson or Apprentice on a Heritage Rescue or Repair Project
- Best Heritage Research, Interpretation or Recording

The sixth award will be for the public's favourite.

Three people / projects were selected from each category and the shortlists were announced on 9 September 2018.

The Awards ceremony was held in Caerphilly Castle on 8 November 2018.

The overall winner from all four nations (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) will be announced at a gala event in London on 27 November 2018.

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (www.rcahmw.gov.uk) and Cadw are administering the Awards in Wales on behalf of the Heritage Angel Awards Wales Steering Group.

The Heritage Angel Awards Wales are supported by a steering group made up of representatives from a number of Welsh organisations, including Cadw, the National Trust, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Welsh Archaeological Trusts, the Council for British Archaeology Wales Cymru, the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, the Royal Society of Architects in Wales, Glandŵr Cymru – Canal and River Trust in Wales, and Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

The **judges** for the Awards were:

- Baroness Kay Andrews, Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Wales.
- Cefyn Burgess, the internationally renowned textile designer and artist known for his paintings of Welsh chapels.
- Andrew Teilo, the actor who plays the part of Hywel Llywelyn in Pobol y Cwm, the long-running soap opera broadcast on Welsh-language TV station S4C.
- Jamie Davies, a member of the Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Wales and trustee of the Llŷn Maritime Museum.
- Dr Manon Antoniazzi, Chief Executive and Clerk of the National Assembly for Wales.
- Rhys Mwyn, BBC Radio Cymru presenter, blogger and archaeologist.

Photographs available after the ceremony. Please see our website for images on Friday 9 November 2018.

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