

## NOTES ON TEMPLATE FOR RESEARCHING PRE-1700 HOUSES IN PARISHES

The Word template (see separate Document *Template.doc* in Parishes Project) was developed by two members of Merioneth branch. The format has now been agreed by Branch Secretaries to be used by branches. It has been kept simple and meets three needs:

- To find pre-1700 houses that may have been missed by Peter Smith, Coflein, and other main sources
- To gather information on pre-1700 houses into a useable resource that can be stored for reference
- To have a similar format across branches.

The template is easy to fill in predominantly using cut and paste from websites. The boxes will expand as information is entered. Extra rows can be added easily. Eventually information will be gained on whether a house not seen by Margaret Dunn needs to be visited. Later the information can be edited into a 'more readable' document to meet point two above.

The separate document *Llanelltyd draft 11 (MC).doc* shows how information can be laid out - this document is available to members on request. The sources used were:

- Parochialia<sup>1</sup>
- 1623 Rent Rolls
- Listed Buildings
- A 1955 map of Llanelltyd showing the location of pre-1700 house but not naming them.

The basic method used was:

- Type in the name of the house and any other information from Parochialia in column 2
- Copy and paste a house name into Google: <https://www.google.com/> this may well bring up references that refer to the searches below, if not work through the individual websites
- Copy and paste a house name in the search box on Historic Place Names - <https://historicplacenames.rcahmw.gov.uk/> - this should find about ¾ of all the houses as Parochialia is now used as one of their references. Note the O/S grid reference in column 3
- Check to see if any of the houses are listed. British Listed Buildings - <https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/wales> – is easier to use than Cadw to copy and paste information into column 4. You may find other pre-1700 houses and barns in the list. These can be added at the same time or later.
- Check to see if further information is on Coflein either using the search facilities on <http://www.coflein.gov.uk/en/site/search> or the mapping service on Historic Wales - <https://historicwales.gov.uk/#zoom=0&lat=300000&lon=258000&layers=BFFFFFTFFTTT>
- House that do not come up on Historic Place Names try on Coflein, Google, etc. The reality may be that they are now ruins. Side by side mapping - <http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/side-by-side/#> - using the O/S six inch map (1888-1913) and scanning the parish may find the house – the satellite image can give a good indication whether the house still exists.
- The method above can be used for house mentioned in early rent rolls or other documents.

For *Llanelltyd* some 23 of the 39 houses are not on DOWHG Houses spreadsheet (this is not available at present as it needs updating – a small group of members is look at how to do this). Around 7 weren't on Coflein, listed buildings or Historic Wales.

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<sup>1</sup> See separate *Parochialia book.pdf* and *Parochialia list.xlsx* (both in Parishes Project)