

CANOLFAN HEBOG

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Situated in the centre of Beddgelert, Canolfan Hebog is a former chapel which has been converted into a Tourist Information Centre, IT Room, Snowdonia National Park Warden's Office and Police Post.

The project was initiated by Cwmni Beddgelert Cyf., a local venture run by volunteer members of the community who wanted to develop the chapel into a vibrant resource for the village. The conversion was supported by grants and local fundraising.

The centre now contributes to the economy by having created two full-time and two part-time jobs and provides a venue for regular IT courses.

Tourism is a major aspect of the locality's economy and awareness of the environmental and cultural aspects of this are highlighted through the centre.

Above all, Canolfan Hebog is an inspiring example of what can be achieved by a dedicated community with limited resources. The only real sustainable resource of the community is its people.

Tips for others: You have to be committed. This cannot be overemphasized.

Desired help: More volunteers needed to assist with ongoing facilities such as the IT Centre.

Final words: "It has been hard, but worthwhile, work. It is very nice to see people using it."

Status of project: Charity/Limited Company

Area: Beddgelert