

CRAFLWYN HALL (NATIONAL TRUST)

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Craflwyn Hall is a Victorian hall on the outskirts of Beddgelert. It is currently (2003-4) being renovated and will provide accommodation for volunteers working on environmental schemes organised by the National Trust.

Earliest records show that the location was once part of a monastic agricultural land system. The Victorian hall we see today, built in 1873, is an elaborate extension of a more modest seventeenth-century farmhouse.

The aim is to open the hall in June 2004 as a 'national volunteering centre of excellence', in order that volunteers from all over the world may come to the Nant Gwynant valley to participate in environmental and local historical/cultural conservation work.

To meet sustainable objectives:

- The whole building has been insulated with sheep's wool
- It has solar panels fitted in the roof space
- Condensing boilers are being fitted for heating
- An energy audit has been done for the whole building, including the carbon-emission difference it will make.

This project increases skills, awareness of volunteering opportunities, and highlights the economic potential of volunteering in a tourist orientated area.

In 2004 it is estimated that some seven thousand volunteers will work in the valley. This includes a September 'Celebration of Volunteering' event involving up to a thousand volunteers working together in a single weekend to cut *Rhododendron ponticum*.

Status of organisation: Registered charity

Area: Nant Gwynant and Beddgelert