

Historic Wales Report

Dataset	Cadw Listed Buildings
Title	Entrance piers, gates and bridge to Mostyn Hall
Type	Listed Building
Dataset UID	26263
Community	Mostyn

Location

Located at the entrance forecourt to Mostyn Hall on its SE side, the bridge carries a driveway which runs to Drybridge Lodge. A second driveway runs beneath the bridge towards the NE.

Date Listed	3/28/2002
Last Amendment	3/28/2002
Grade	II

History

Mostyn Hall is a large country house, the seat of the Mostyn family and its antecedents since the C15. The house, mainly of the C16 and C17, was extensively remodelled by Ambrose Poynter, architect, in 1846-7. A Tudor gate-house range is located to the SW of the house and is dated 1570.

The gateway is by John Douglas, architect of Chester, and is dated 1896. The ironwork, by James Swindley, is in early C18 Baroque style.

Reason for Listing

Listed as a fine Baroque style gateway by a prominent regional architect, and with the bridge for its contribution to the setting of Mostyn Hall.

History

Hubbard, Edward, *The Buildings of Wales: Clwyd*, 1986, p 401.

Exterior

Cruciform piers of dressed stone with large moulded capstones and ball finials on high tapering plinths. Double cast iron gates with iron openwork inner piers flanked by screens. Tall round-arched gates with scrollwork to lock rail and dog rails with spear finials; circular motif to each gate bearing letter 'M'. Ornate scrolled overthrow with finials and repousse work, probably of wrought iron, which is higher to centre and bears a shield with a lion. Square inner piers with scrollwork and domed caps with finials. The S pier bears a date of 1896. Two-panel screens in similar style with scrollwork and finials above top-rails. The gates are reached by a bridge over a lower driveway. The bridge is of rubble stone, each side with a segmental arch of stone voussoirs; continuous parapets with saddleback coping; end piers with ball finials. Wide flat deck, slightly splayed to W end, where the abutments are heavily retained to the N, the arch flanked by buttresses.