

Historic Wales Report

Dataset	Cadw Listed Buildings
Title	Jubilee Monument
Type	Listed Building
Dataset UID	16438
Community	Cilcain

Location

Situated on the Community Council boundary at the top of Moel Famau, the highest point in the Clwydian Hills. Reached from a track running N off a by road running between Tafarn-y- Gelyn and Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd.

Date Listed	10/16/1995
Last Amendment	10/16/1995
Grade	II

History

Built 1810-1812, by a subscription raised from the County gentry to commemorate George III's Golden Jubilee in 1810. Designed by Thomas Harrison, architect of Chester, in the Egyptian Revival style following his earlier Gothic designs for the monument. Completion was delayed because of lack of funds and disagreements between Harrison and the contractor, Thomas Penson of Wrexham, who refused to finish the monument. The original design had 3 diminishing stages, the top one an obelisk and the lowest a battered podium, with a blank doorway on each face and square cut corner bastions. The tower had to be partly rebuilt after a collapse in 1851 and in 1862 it was severely damaged in a storm and only the base survives. It was consolidated in 1970 when a viewing platform was incorporated.

Reason for Listing

Listed as the remains of an unusual and important example of Egyptian Revival architecture by Thomas Harrison and as a prominent local landmark.

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E Hubbard, Clwyd, 1986, p253;

The Modest Genius, An Exhibition of Drawings and Works of Thomas Harrison, (Exhibition Catalogue, Grosvenor Museum, Chester) 1977, p.22.

Peter Howell, The Jubilee Tower on Moel Famau, Architectural History, vol. 27 (1984), pp331-343.

Exterior

Base of once tall monument of uncoursed rubble construction, plan form roughly circular with the remains of the corner bastions. Two large blank Egyptian style doorways with blank plaques above. Top now used as viewing platform.