

Cywain (Centre for Rural Life), Bala

Client: Antur Penllyn

Role: Quantity Surveyors



Description:

Wakemans acted as quantity surveyor on the £1.8m centre on behalf of the enterprise development agency, Antur Penllyn. The development known as Cywain (Centre for Rural Life) is based in Bala, Gwynedd.

The completed centre is utilised by locals and tourists and highlights the rural way of life and its community with a series of exhibitions and demonstrations of local rural crafts. The centre also offers function / meeting rooms, arts & craft facilities with exhibition areas a shop and cafe.

The building work involved the restoration of old farm buildings a former mill and hay barn alongside the development of new buildings, natural stone found on site was reclaimed and utilised in building works. The design integrates a range of environmentally sustainable solutions including: a ground source heat pump providing underfloor heating that maintains a constant temperature, supplemented by a wood burner. The building incorporates natural insulation provided by a cedam (living) roof, and provision of water via rainwater harvesting.