

Owain Glyndwr Community Hotel Limited

Vision Statement

The Owain Glyndwr Hotel (OG) is a landmark, historic building in the centre of Corwen that has previously enjoyed high status as a venue for relaxed socialising and as a venue for public and private functions. Corwen has lost much in recent decades and it is the hope of the Owain Glyndwr Community Hotel Limited (OGCHL) to reverse that trend by ensuring the future of the OG through community purchase and thereafter by re-establish its role at the heart of the Corwen community.

We recognise that the hospitality industry has declined in recent years. We also recognise that the future OG needs to serve a wider range of functions than those normally associated with the hotel industry and we realise that the OG has the potential to become a social hub serving the whole community, not just the pub going fraternity.

Our first business priority is to establish catering services which we hope to develop to a high standard providing pub grub, afternoon teas and high quality restaurant dining in the knowledge that success in the hospitality sector is key to the long term viability of the business and the building. As a Community Benefit Society the OGCHL has a responsibility to the wider community and we hope to develop the site to provide regular entertainment in the form of live music and other social events to bring the community together. We plan to allow use of rooms at the OG for local clubs and societies and will support new interest groups that may need somewhere to meet. Key to this is making the OG accessible to everyone in the community and thus our first priority in the physical rejuvenation of the OG building is to establish disabled access to as much of the OG premises as possible.

Building on the local ties to the Welsh hero Owain Glyndwr and on the unique history of the building itself as a Benedictine pilgrim hostel and home of the first National Eisteddfod, the OGCHL hope to develop the OG as a focal point for the local history of Owain Glyndwr and for historical tourism in our corner of North Wales. The OGCHL commits to working collaboratively with other local stakeholders in particular the Corwen Museum, Steam Railway, Church of Wales and other local businesses and license holders along with the Corwen Town Council and Denbighshire County Council.

The OGCHL believe that the rejuvenation of the OG is key to the rejuvenation of Corwen as a whole, putting Corwen back 'on the map' as a place to visit and stay rather than just a drive through town between Llangollen and Snowdonia. The OGCHL believe that re-establishing the Owain Glyndwr Hotel at the Heart of the Corwen Community will be to the benefit of all the businesses and residents of Corwen and surrounding areas and with the continued support of these groups we can secure this iconic building for the immediate and long term future.