

Elephant Works

Elephant Works has a long history of usage varying from a Coach Station, Chemical Factory, Munitions Factory, Snooker Hall, Carpet and Furniture Store, Double Glazing manufacture and Printing Company to name just a few.

The ground floor was divided into 5 industrial units plus a carpenter's workshop and latterly the upper floor, which is now vacant, was the carpet and furniture store.

The church originally leased one unit back in 2000 but very soon saw the need for a Children's Day Nursery in Barmouth and took on a second unit. The Barmouth Oasis Day Nursery was formed under the management of Barmouth Oasis Community Group Ltd., a 'Not for-Profit' Company limited by guarantee.



The Church and the Nursery shared the accommodation, chairs put out on a Sunday - toys during the week. A second unit was leased and the Nursery expanded. When a third unit became available the Revelation Bookshop was formed together with meeting rooms to the rear. The last ground floor unit became available and this is now the area used by the church whilst the Nursery fully occupies the original units five days a week, with a daily capacity of up to 41 children. In 2014 the upper floor was vacated, and the Group began seeking funds to purchase the building



In 2013 we saw the opening of South Gwynedd Foodbank (formerly known as Barmouth Foodbank). It is now taking up vital space for its operations of storing and distributing the food, around 10 tonnes annually. Following the closure of Barmouth First, again in 2013, a number of Community groups transferred to our premises and our community activities took a sharp rise.

The diversity of use often puts a strain on our resources, users struggle to have the privacy they deserve, rooms can be in multiple use, - to say the least, we are bursting at the seams.

Our plans, which have Planning Approval, are to expand into the upper floor, creating a variety of room spaces that can be used by different sized groups, provide a 'commercial' style kitchen, shower and laundry facilities for use by the homeless, conference facilities, and the ability to introduce new community activities.

In September 2017, the Group purchased the building and is now seeking grants to enable its refurbishment. An old Carpenter's Workshop, which occupied land to the side of the building, has been demolished, and with help from local businesses, Church Members and Students from Coleg Meirion Dwyfor, redeveloped into a fully operational external play space for the Nursery.

