

CARMARTHENSHIRE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Founded in 1905 the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society has been supporting and sharing research to inform us of Carmarthenshire's rich heritage for more than 100 years. Regular meetings – field visits and talks – have been a core activity which continues today, a highlight being the annual Day School event. These all meet a valuable social as well as an educational need for the many members attending.

First publications of the society were through entries in the local press, reproduced in the *Transactions*. Then in 1944 *The Carmarthenshire Antiquary* appeared, published annually ever since. One of the leading county history journals in Wales it publishes new research by members, academics and other specialists. The Society also continues to publish books and booklets that add further awareness of Carmarthenshire's heritage.

Many of the early pioneers of the Society were also collectors who very generously donated items of historic interest to the Society, which established a museum in Carmarthen to house them. In 1975 those collections were transferred to Abergwili to become the core of the County Museum still today.

The Society continues to thrive, through the generous time and effort given by volunteers and the financial contributions of members. But in recent years

other sources of funds, such as grants for heritage have been severely squeezed making it more difficult to do the many things we have traditionally done: funding research, school achievements (through an annual prize), and publications. Lack of funds is also hampering activities we would like to undertake such as indexing the *Antiquary* and putting digital copies on-line.

The Society always welcomes additional funding, and so we ask you to consider making a donation – only after you have ensured that your family and friends are cared for - in your will. Even small sums can make a real difference.

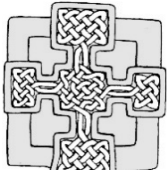
It is very simple to do. It can be a specific sum of money; a portion of what is left after other benefits have been shared; or perhaps one or more items belonging to you which are of some historic interest or value.

All that is needed is to add in your will words to the effect: I give to Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society (Charity no. 260705) for its general purposes

the sum of £_____ (or)

____% of the residue of my estate after all the other legacies outlined above have been met.

Thank you for considering this way of enabling the Society to continue to flourish and celebrate the County's heritage.



CYMDEITHAS HYNAFIAETHAU SIR GAERFYRDDIN

Ffurfiwyd y Gymdeithas hon yn 1905 ac mae wedi cefnogi a rhannu ymchwil i dreftadaeth gyfoethog Sir Gaerfyrddin am dros ganrif. Bu cynnal cyfarfodydd cyson – teithiau maes ynghyd â sgysiau – yn weithgarwch craidd o'r cychwyn cyntaf. Maen nhw'n weithgareddau sydd wedi parhau hyd heddiw. Mae'r Ysgol Undydd yn llwyddiant blynyddol. Mae'r gweithgareddau a drefnir gennym yn adnodd cymdeithasol ac addysgiadol o bwys i'r llu aelodau sy'n eu mynychu.

Ar y cychwyn ymddangosai manylion am weithgareddau'r Gymdeithas yn y wasg leol. Fe'u hatgynhyrchwyd yn y *Trafodion*. Yna yn 1944 ymddangosodd y *Carmarthenshire Antiquary*.

Mae hwnnw wedi ymddangos yn flynyddol ers hynny. Datblygodd erbyn hyn, yn un o brif gyfnodolion hanes sirol Cymru. Ac mae'r Gymdeithas yn dal i gyhoeddi llyfrau a phamffledi sy'n hybu ymwybyddiaeth o dreftadaeth Sir Gaerfyrddin.

Roedd amryw o'r arloeswyr cynnar yn frwd yn hel defnyddiau. Cyflwynwyd i'r Gymdeithas lawer o eitemau o ddiddordeb hanesyddol, ganddyn nhw. Sefydlwyd Amgueddfa yng Nghaerfyrddin i'w diogelu. Yn 1975 trosglwyddwyd y casgliadau gwahanol i Abergwili a dyma sylfaen casgliadau Amgueddfa'r Sir.

Mae'r Gymdeithas yn dal i ffynnu yn sgil ymdrechion glew gan griw o wirfoddolwyr a chyfraniadau ariannol gan ein haelodau. Yn yr hirlwm sydd ohoni, sut bynnag, cwtogwyd ar gymorthdaliadau i feysydd megis treftadaeth. O ganlyniad mae'n anos inni hybu ymchwil, gwobrwyo ysgolion (gwobr flynyddol) a chyhoeddi. Dryswyd cynlluniau megis llunio mynegai i'r *Antiquary* a digido'r cynnwys.

Byddai'r Gymdeithas yn croesawu cymorth ariannol ychwanegol. Byddem yn falch dros ben petai modd ichi ystyried cymunrodd yn eich ewyllys – wedi ichi ddarparu ar gyfer eich teulu a'ch ffrindiau, yn naturiol. Byddai cyfraniad bychan gennyh chi yn gwneud gwahaniaeth.

Mae modd i chi wneud cyfraniad yn hwylus iawn. Gall fod yn swm penodol; cyfran o'r hyn sy'n weddill wedi i fuddion eraill gael eu rhannu; eitem neu eitemau o'ch eiddo chi sydd o ddiddordeb hanesyddol.

Y cyfan sy'n rhaid ei wneud yw ychwanegu yn eich ewyllys: Cymunroddaf i Gymdeithas Hynafiaethwyr Sir Gaerfyrddin (Rhif Elusen 260705) i ddibenion cyffredinol

swm o £_____

neu _____ % o weddill fy ystad wedi i bob cymunrodd arall gael ei wneud

Diolch o galon ichi am ystyried hyn. Bydd yn galluogi'r Gymdeithas i lewyrchu ac i ddiogelu treftadaeth ein Sir.