

# THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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# The Animalarium - Borth Zoo's bungalow

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This stands on the south face of the rising hillside of Ynys Fergi.



*The bungalow in spring 2019.*

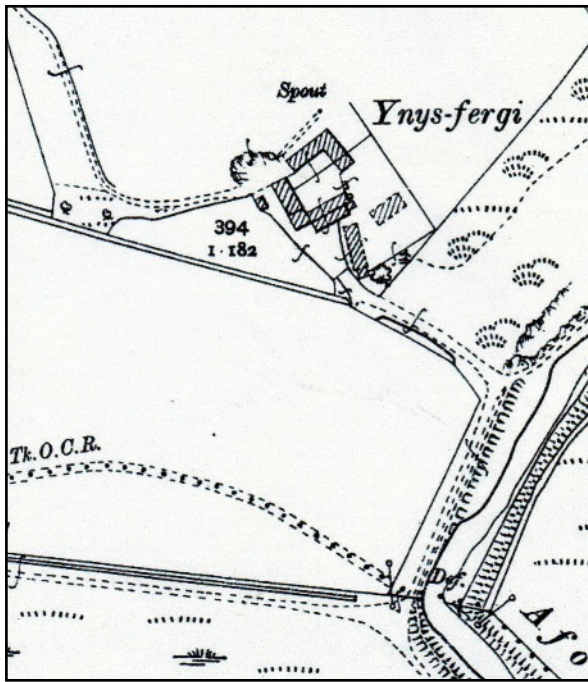
This was the home of the proprietors of The Animalarium. The bungalow has two bedrooms and overlooks the yard with the the main entrance to the Zoo

The Animalarium was begun by Ron and Ann Crowther in the late 1980s and the bungalow may date from that time. The area of zoo is about 8 acres and there is four acres of grazing land. In 1991 it opened from Easter to the end of October (Guide to Borth, Ceredigion Archives)

Alan and Jean Mumbray took it over in 2000, with 120 species.

New owners took over the business in 2017 and it is now called the Borth 'Wild Animal Kingdom'.





LEFT In 1904 there was a pasture on the site of the zoo. This was former marsh, flat land, drained and farmed and in 1848 was 'meadow'. There was a track from Ynys Fergi Farm along the river to Bronllys Farm which originally farmed the ground for the Gogerddan Estate. It became part of Ynys Fergi farm which grew from 18 acres in 1881 to over 193 acres by 1910 - still owned by the Gogerddan Estate.

The rising hillside of the Ynys was rough ground.

In the foreground the unfenced track along the south of the field was the lane from the High Street to Brynllys Farm. The curving and dotted line was the boundary between the old Cyfoeth and Henllys Townships -

once the route of the River Leri (Detail from the 25 inch Ordnance Survey Map revised in 1904 and published in 1905, Cardiganshire NW).

The existing lane and tracks were re-used for access to the bungalow and the Zoo which is sited in the east end of the field.

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