

THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

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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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CAE WERN

Glanwern, Borth

A development of twentieth century bungalows and a house beside a lane on the north facing hillside above the Borth to Landre road and Glanwern village.

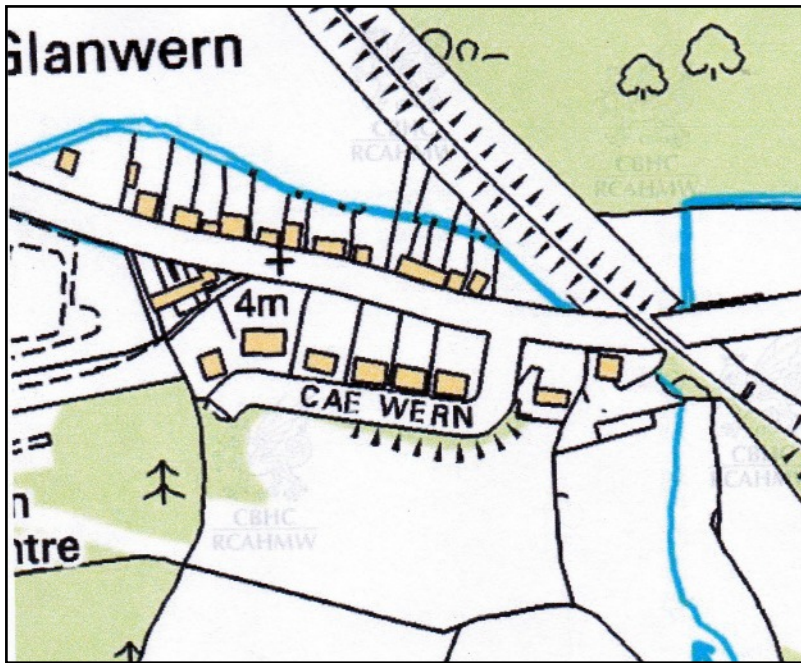
The lane takes its name from an arable field, the Cae Wern, part of Glanlerry Farm. The homes were built on the the northern part of that field.



ABOVE The single row of bungalows along the lane have a view across the rooftops of Glanwern and the reclaimed marsh common land beyond. On the left is the line of buildings of Morfa Borth - the marsh harbour - and in the far distance is Aberdovey.

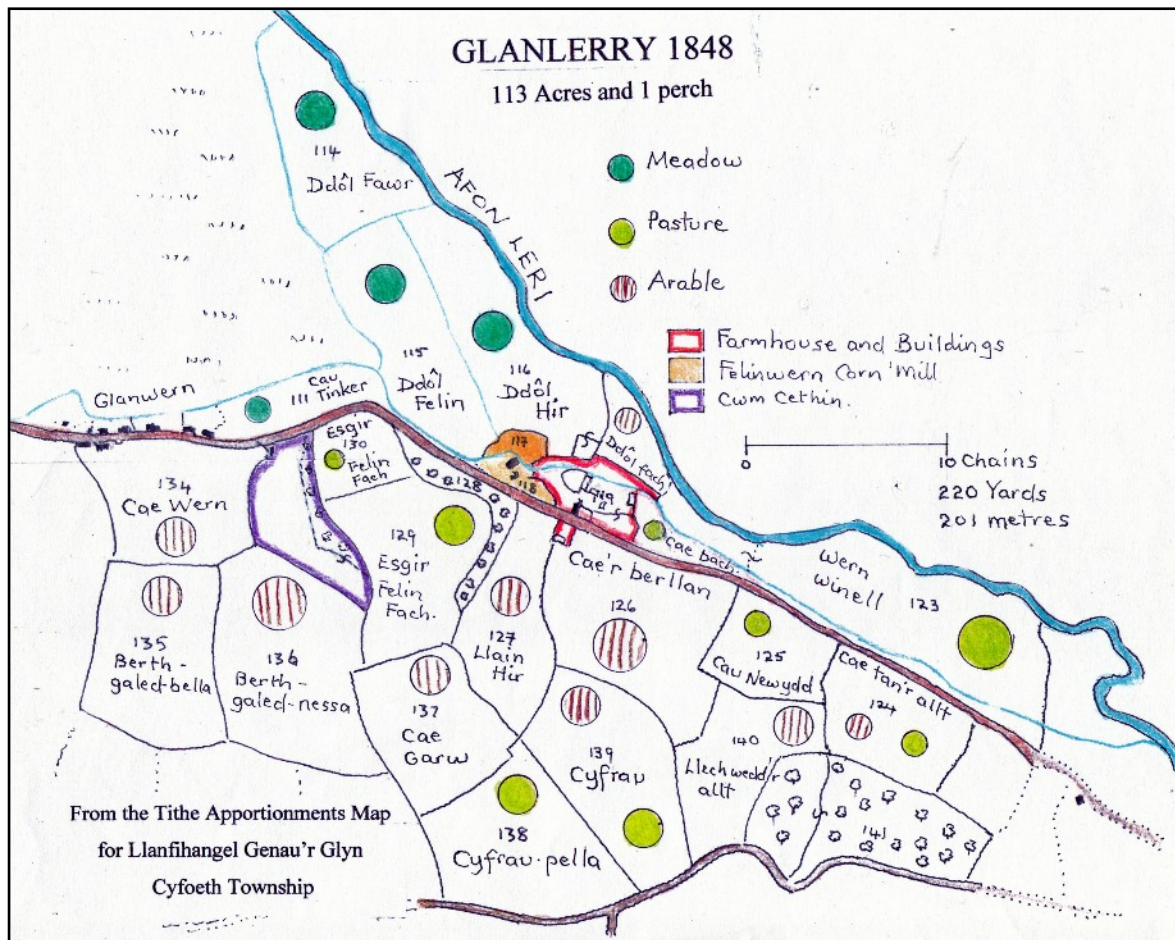
LEFT There is a steep bank above the lane - possibly created when a terrace of land was levelled for the lane and bungalows.

One of the bungalows stands a little way down the bank above the village and the house, Plas Talgarth stands at the west end of the lane.



LEFT The homes all have a hillside slope in front of them for their gardens. The old Cau Wern field once went down to the road. On the left, coloured green, rising up and wooded is Bryn Owen's hill (Detail from a modern map Ceredigion Archives).

BELOW These were the fields of Glanlerry Farm in 1848, and Cae Wern was built at the very edge of the Cau Wern (marsh field) and at the western end of Glanlerry's ground. Bryn Owen's hill was over the boundary. Cau Wern was listed as 'arable' a field that could have a crop growing on it. The two fields to the south of it were also 'arable'.



It is not clear yet whether the Richards family of GlanLerry Farm had these homes built and then sold them, or that they sold that part of their Cau Wern field to a developer. The bungalows are very similar suggesting they were built about the same time. The walls are often rendered, but sometimes there are glimpses of darkish red brick.



ABOVE Bungalow Number 1 is on the hillside on the east side of the lane, with heather on the bank leading down to the main road.



RIGHT and BELOW Gwaun Cwm Brwynog, Number 2 is perched on the hillside on the other side of the lane.





ABOVE Sea Drift, Number 3



ABOVE AND BELOW Brder, Number 4





ABOVE Gwynfa, Number 5 has a platform for parking cars alongside the lane.

LEFT It has a fine view across to the common and hills.



LEFT This bungalow manages to make a successful hillside garden, this is the view from the main road.



LEFT Number 6 also has a fine view across the to the marsh. This is the west end of the bungalow.

RIGHT The east end of the bungalow. It shares a hillside entrance drive with Plas Talgarth.



LEFT This is Plas Talgarth which is the detached house at the end of the lane. It has splendid views to the sea from its west facing conservatory. The house has five bedrooms and was built about 1974, with block cavity walls. These are rendered and painted, and have facings of shiplake timber and some reconstituted stone

alongside the front door. The roof is tiled and there is a chimney. The main entrance faces the end of the lane. The house has a garage which is within it and an approach road sweeping down from the Cau Wern lane.



ABOVE The main entrance, showing the varied surfaces which have been used and the red ground line. BELOW Looking up from the main road this is a sizeable house.



The lane and bungalows were not on the a map of 1953, but Gwynfa was built by 1963. That year paying the rates was Mrs M. A. Richards and Myfanwy Jones had a vote for the bungalow (Electoral Registers and Rates, Ceredigion Archives).

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