St Mary's Church, Caerhun

OFS - 2025-012928

Site meeting with contractor prior to the scaffolding coming down. 9:45 – 10:30
Weather: 14c with sunny intervals, light breeze and light rain shower.
Present: Ned Scharer, Natural Building Centre (Main contractor)
Bethan Jones, Archdeaconry Property Officer.

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Compiled by Bethan Jones, Archdeaconry Property Officer. 17.09.2026

Observation notes from PegwA Site Inspection notes on 26th August 2026;

2. Review of defective lead hood above west carved C15 crucifix (Elinor and Ned discussed the removal of the existing lead and replacement with a pitched profile and deeper recess, to better weather the weather).
3. Review of the bent lead hood above the historic 1591 south-gable plaque, which no longer appears to provide effective protection.
4. Archaeological comment from Frances Llywelyn regarding the newly exposed high-level socket / void, potentially associated with a former cross or fitting. Elinor's advice was to infill this void and repoint. Parish have no evidence of cross on site. Ned needs an instruction on how to progress here.

In PegwA, SIN 26.08.2026, above items were further discussed on 03.09.2026 between contractor Ned Scharer (Naural Building Centre), Conservation Accredited Architect, Elinor Gray-Williams (PegwA) and Davy Greenough (Roofing) and Bethan Jones, Archdeaconry Property Officer, PegwA issued SIN 02 03.09.2026 noting;

1.4 Conclusion: The works inspected continue to be of high quality, with no concerns identified regarding the general repointing preparation, mortar or workmanship. The review with Greenoughs produced a particularly positive conservation outcome in that the existing historic lead beneath the coping stones can be retained, together with the coping stones themselves, with only limited matching lead extensions welded to improve the weathering. Targeted defective lead at the ridge / bellcote junction requires replacement but remains within the existing scope. (see images 05,06,07,08)

1.5 A small number of more sensitive matters–including the west crucifix/niche weathering and fissured slateshelf, as well as items listed below (including treatment of the unidentified high-level socket / void, bell / headstock review, and use of NHL 2 at the upper bellcote) - remain subject to formalisation or further specialist / Diocesan input. (image 03, 09.10.11, 13, 14)

Note: Headstock review – Taylor Bells inspected the bell and fixings on 8th September 2026 (I attach their Report)

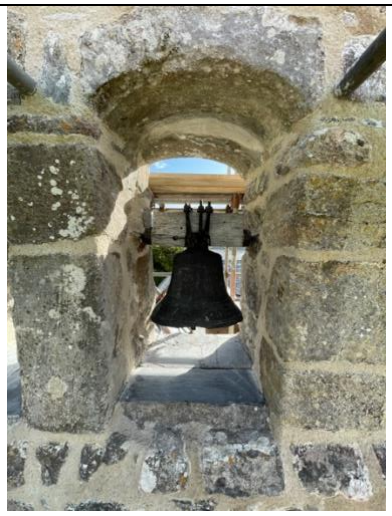
Ecologist – Alison Johnston visited later in the day on 3rd September and (Ned, alison and Bethan) discussed the access for bats under lead cap detail, Alison explained in detail what was needed to enable bas to exit/enter the church through this opening.
Archaeoligist - Details were sent and discussed with Archaeoligist Frances Llewellyn Lynch, which she approved.

(note: I highlight amendments to exsiting faculy in yellow)

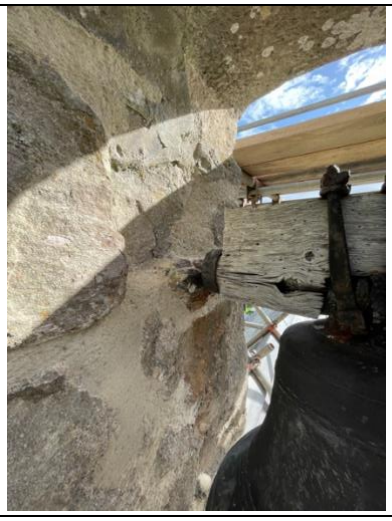
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West gable and bellcote

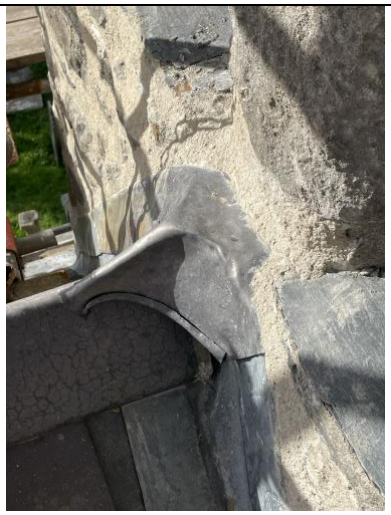

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Leadwork detail above ridge and flashing to north roof slope.	Note: Ned conducted a ‘rain test’ by pouring water on lead detail. No water entered the building.
 05	 06
	Coping detail: north roof slope of nave.
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Additional scope conducted after high level access; Lead detail to protect carved stone crucifix.	
Before photo	New lead detail 17.09.2026
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South Transept – south gable



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Item 2 - South gable to South Transept
Stone tablet – insert a lead detail for protection.

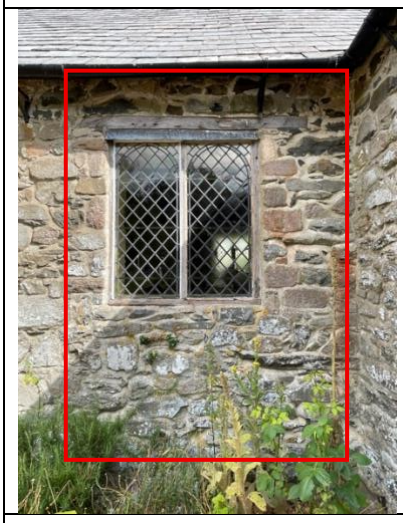
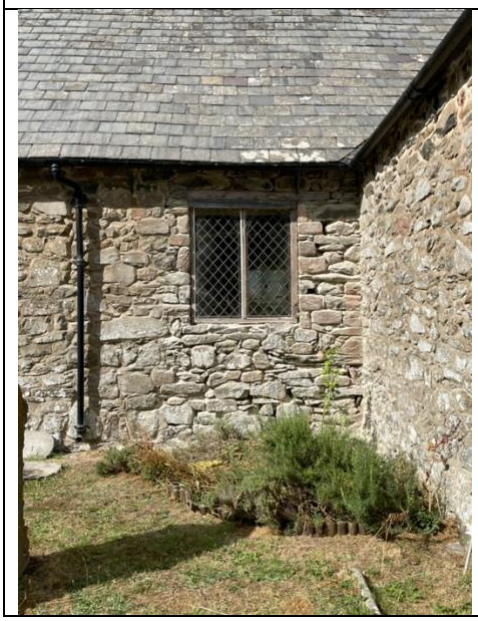
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Item 3 - Bowl shaped void to bellcote top stone.
Insert a lead capping

On discovery..	17.09.2026
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South east Nave (around window sIV)	
03.08.2026	
	
20.08.2026	17.09.2026
	

Conclusion: The workmanship is of high qualiy and the finish results says it all.

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