

Beulah Chapel, Little Newcastle



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To be returned to the Haverfordwest Office of R K Lucas & Son by 12:00 noon on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Beulah Chapel is situated in a particularly appealing but rather isolated position within mid-Pembrokeshire, approximately half a mile south of the rural hamlet of Little Newcastle. The larger village of Letterson is some 3 miles west, whilst the port town of Fishguard is approximately 7 miles to the north-west.

The property was originally built in 1808, rebuilt in 1874, and again in 1887, before finally being restored to its current state in 1910. The site extends to almost an acre and slopes from north to south and from east to west.

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Entrance Foyer

3.4 x 2.1 (11'1" x 6'10")

Wide entrance door, clay tiled floor and two accesses to the...

Main Church

12.5 x 7.4 (41'0" x 24'3")

With a central pulpit, extensive pews and balcony over. A notable feature is the chapels ceiling, designed in such a way as to help the acoustics when the congregation were singing.

Outside

The site is irregularly shaped and incorporates a variety of historic headstones, as well as a totally derelict cottage. There is a pedestrian access from the road with a double entrance gate.

Services

We believe that mains electricity is connected, although prospective purchasers should make their own enquiries. There does not appear to be any other services serving the site.

History

There has been a house registered as a meeting place for nonconformists in Little Newcastle as early as 1697, which, if true, means that the cause in the village is one of the oldest in the County. At the beginning of the Eighteenth Century, records show that between 1701-1740, there were 43 members in that church from Little Newcastle and surrounding parishes.

The cause received a dramatic boost in 1795 when a major local revival broke out in the area known as 'The Puncteston Revival'. The dozens of members who made the trek to Llangloffan, began to dream of having their own chapel and eventually settled for the site now occupied by the present building. The first chapel was opened in 1808 and the first sermon was preached on the Easter Monday of that year. A decision to re-align (and re-build) Beulah gave the community the chapel which we have today. The architects were

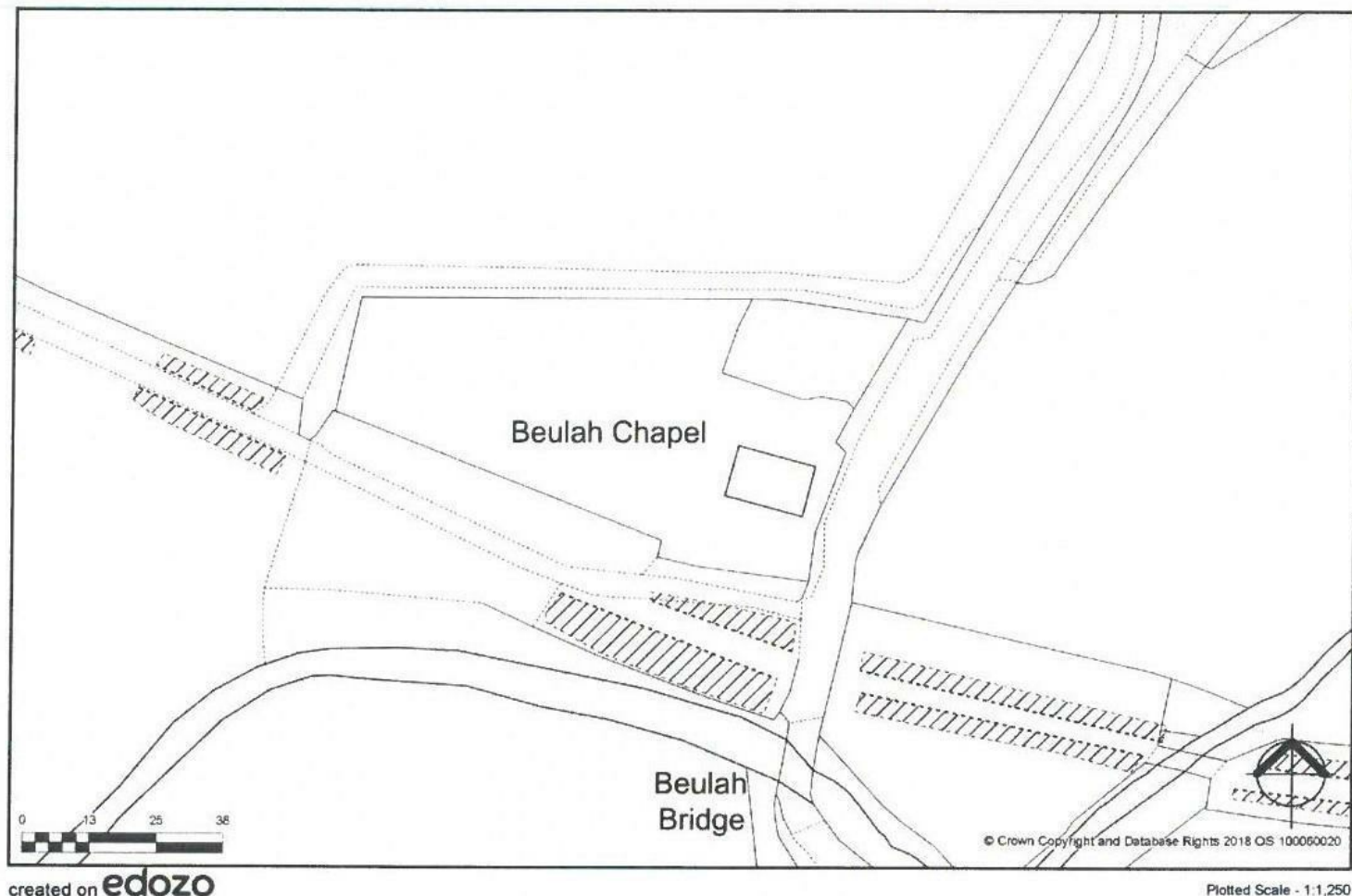
Messers J Morgan and Son of Carmarthen and the builder was Daniel Thomas, Letterston. The chapel was reopened in 1910. As the twentieth century progressed, it was, unfortunately for Beulah, a story of continuous decline: dwindling membership led to the end of the Sunday School, the Young People's Guild and the annual eisteddfod. This was accompanied by the sale of the manse, whilst the demolition of Beulah Cottage, the stables and the vestry heralded the demise of the chapel itself. The closure of the chapel in 2019 brings to an end a distinguished chapter in the religious, cultural and intellectual life of Little Newcastle.

Additional Information

Japanese knotweed has been noted as present on the adjoining railway line. We cannot confirm whether the invasive species is present within the boundary of the site as it is completely overgrown.

There are 4 oil lamps within the chapel, but these are not included in the sale.





From our Haverfordwest Office take High Street onto Dark Street and onto Mariners Square, then right onto Barn Street and continue past Lidl and onto Bridgend Square roundabout (by Morrisons). Take the second exit signposted for the A40, continue straight over the next roundabout until you reach a further roundabout adjacent to 'The Lost Coins' restaurant. Take the second exit off the roundabout onto the A40. Continue on this road until you reach the village of Letterston and take a right at the cross roads just after 'Somethings Cooking'. Follow this road until you reach the smaller village of Little Newcastle and take a right at the green, past the church, and down a hill. The Chapel is in the valley at the bottom of this hill on the right hand side.



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