



PEMBROKE
TOWN WALLS
TRUST



Newsletter

Autumn 2022



UK Government
Llywodraeth y DU

Mae'r prosiect hwn yn cael ei ariannu gan Lywodraeth y DU trwy Gronfa Adfywio Cymunedol y DU. This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund

Successful Young Stone Masons

Nineteen young people learning construction at Pembroke-shire College who undertook a ten-day Introduction to Traditional Stone Masonry course earlier this year, were presented with Certificates from the Tywi Centre to record their hard work and achievement.

The presentations were made by Course Tutor Oliver Coe of Coe Stone Ltd, at the College in June where the first week of each course had taken place to cover theory and some practical work. The second week took place in Pembroke working on one of the town's burgage walls.



The courses were financed by Pembroke Town Walls Trust through the UK Community Renewal fund, managed by Pembrokeshire County Council.



James Roach-John, the College Tutor who led the students, said: "The learners have worked well together as a team and enjoyed coming out of college to do some real work on site. It has been so good for them to see it coming to fruition and tying in with the history of their community as well. From the College's point of view, there is great scope for future work, and we thank the Pembroke Town Walls Trust for giving us this opportunity. It's been an amazing project."

Elizabeth Gossage, Chair of Trustees for the Pembroke Town Walls Trust, said, "We have been so delighted to see this all coming together at last. We have been working for some time to develop this partnership and begin to deliver the training in this way. Training future stone masons is central to the sustainability of our work and learning these skill is good for the young people's long term employment prospects."

We are making good progress

We have made more progress this year with the restoration of the civil war gun platform and the badly cracked section of wall next to it. This was used to provide 10 days work experience for one of our trainees, led by Oliver Coe of Coe Stone Ltd. The burgage wall used for the training courses will soon be finished and topped with wildflower meadow turf, funded by a Local Giving Magic Little Grant.



Pembroke Town Walls Trust

c/o Foundry House Community Centre, Orange Way, Pembroke SA71 4DR
CIO Registered in Wales No 1157626

pembroketwt@gmail.com www.pembroketownwallstrust.org.uk—Facebook [@pembroketownwallstrust](https://www.facebook.com/pembroketownwallstrust)



We are so much more than the walls

Since the Trust began its work in 2013 this has been our approach and our slogan. What do we mean?

Restoring and maintaining Pembroke's medieval walls is at the heart of what we do, but there is so much more to it. The walls are central to the long history of the town, which is quite unusual as it is still on its medieval layout. Although mostly in a bad state of repair, they still surround much of the town with a significant number of

burgage walls still dividing Main Street properties and on their medieval foundations. It is important that they are conserved but also that this conservation is relevant to Pembroke as a modern town.

So we are working in partnership to develop training for local young people to become heritage stone masons, using technology through our website, producing a guide to the history of Main Street, engaging with the local community through guided walks, heritage talks and events. We have joined with Tanyard Youth Project, whose Postcards & Podcast project has produced films for us and designed our website. And with the Wildlife Trust and National Park volunteers to ensure our work protects and generates biodiversity. We are planning to top burgage walls with wildflower meadow turf.

Most importantly we have worked very hard this year to develop an ambitious, innovative Management Plan that will enable us to work with wall owners and the community to fund the restoration and sustainable management of the walls for years to come.

To find out more about us or to join us look at our website www.pembroketownwallstrust.org.uk/



Thursday 27th October— 7pm Foundry House, Pembroke Commons

A screening of films made by Llangwm History Society and Tanyard Youth Project for Pembroke Town Walls Trust. *Born of the Cleddau—More than the Walls—Training Stone Masons—Garden through Time.*

Thursday 17th November—7pm Pembroke Dock Heritage Centre, Meyrick Owen Way

An Overview of the Birth and Expansion of Pembroke Dock by Adrian James will focus on the built heritage of Pembroke Dock including buildings in the former dockyard and houses that were built to accommodate the dockyard workers. Hints on where to find the history of houses— maybe even yours!

Friday 9th December—7pm Foundry House, Pembroke Commons

Vanished Glories: The gates and walls of Medieval Haverfordwest by Simon Hancock will look at the size and structure of the defensive walls of medieval Haverfordwest and examine the remains as they are today as well as the location of the town gates, still standing into the eighteenth century though sadly nothing of them survives.