

Draw these symbols on the map as you walk around.

Where would you...

- ...sit to think?
- ...stand to see a view?
- ...spot something small?
- ...hear an unusual sound?

Tredegar House and Parklands

8 kilometres (5 miles) south-west of Newport | Allow 1 to 1.5 hours for trail

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KEY	
	Water
	Tarmac/gravel
	Light vegetation/rocks
	Dense vegetation/woodland
	Path
	Boundary
	Car park

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MAP & GUIDE



Tredegar House and Parklands

The home of the Morgan family, who lived here from at least the 1300s to 1949



Exotic pets

The Morgan family lived at Tredegar House from 1664 until 1949 when the last Morgan, Evan Morgan, died. They were one of the most important families in South Wales as they were very wealthy and owned lots of land. During the 1930s, Evan Morgan collected a wide range of exotic animals

including Somerset the kangaroo, Bimbo the baboon, Blueboy the macaw, a gorilla, and Alice the bear, who could sometimes be found up a tree. He also had a Great Dane-type dog called Rollo. One animal, a duck known as Rosa, would come running to Evan for food. During freezing weather he would call her name and bring her inside close to the warm, cosy fire.



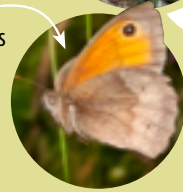
Evan Morgan with Somerset the Kangaroo

An animal tune

Imagine what it would have been like visiting the house and seeing such exotic animals. Create a song about the unusual animals that used to live here. Now add a verse about the wild animals that live in the grounds now, like squirrels, ducks and songbirds such as robins. How could you make the music, words and tune reflect the animals you are singing about?

I spy...

- Magpie** – black and white with a long tail
- Mallard** – a common duck that comes to food
- Meadow brown butterfly** – common during the summer on grasses and flowers
- Tall dead tree** – an ideal home for bats, beetles and fungi



School

Evan Morgan was the last of the Morgans to live at Tredegar House, until he died in 1949. The house was then used as a school between 1951 and 1974, before being bought by Newport City Council. The children learning here would have explored and played in the open spaces in the grounds. In 2012 the National Trust acquired Tredegar House on a 50-year lease.

The stone circle or Gorsedd Circle was placed here as part of the National Eisteddfod celebrations in 1988. The Eisteddfod is a week long Welsh festival of literature, music and performance. In the 1890s, Godfrey Morgan provided the impressive Hirlas Horn (the horn of plenty) for the Eisteddfod, and it is still used during the week's ceremonies today.



Materials

Many local materials were used in the house and gardens. The house is made from clay-fired bricks using local clay; the gold-leaf gates were made by the Bristol-based Edney brothers using a local iron foundry. The wooden doors, beams and floors were made from oak trees from the garden, many of which would have been 300 years old when cut and shaped during the 1600s. With no central heating, the house was warmed by burning wood in a fireplace in each of its rooms.

Properties of materials

Why is it important to use local, natural, sustainable materials? Using the list below, which ones are the properties of wood, metal or clay? Some may be properties of more than one material.

- Can be made into long planks
- Stores large amounts of carbon dioxide
- Waterproof
- Produces large amounts of energy when burnt
- Malleable (easy to shape)
- Strong
- Provides some insulation from the cold
- Durable (lasts a long time)

A letter home

You are about to start school here. It looks like an exciting place to go to school and the outside areas are very different from the ones at your old school. Describe to whoever you are with how it is different

from your old school; as you look around, what is different and what is the same? Think about playing here at break and lunch times, and as you walk around think about where you might hide, where you could do a bug hunt and where you could explore the wildlife.

