

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Glyn Vivian Art Gallery, Alexandra Road
Grade:-	II*
Date of Notification:-	30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	6550093460
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	69 SE
CADW Reference No.:-	11553
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Notes:-

On the street.

Dated 1909. Designed by Glendinning Moxham, architect of Swansea. Edwardian Baroque.

Low and wide symmetrical composition with advanced, pedimented end pavilions, elaborate Baroque doorpiece to plain centre. Red brick, ashlar dressings (banded to angles). Two storey ends with rusticated pilasters and Corinthian columns in antis supporting entablature of dentilled pediments, recessed tripartite windows (paired in centre) with small-pane glazing, swagged heraldic shields over ground floor, cills dropped through rusticated plinth. Uniform five-bay centre with pitched glazed roof behind blocking course with bold denitlled cornice. Frieze inscribed "MDCCCCIX". Architraved cross-windows with keyblocks linked to cornices and aprons, small-pane glazing. Doorcase with open and broken pediment, florid cartouche with cherubs, keyblock to round-arched entrance, blocked columns with triglyph panelled door. Modern extension (1974) to left is not of special interest.

Interior has monumental top-lit entrance hall with balustraded gallery cantilevered on massive volutes, pilasters below. Imperial staircase with balustrated handrails to centre left under archway with swagged, cherubic keyblock. Segmental arched and glazed ceiling with massive volutes as before, panelled tympana, fine bracket cornice. Architraved timber doorcases, tablets to friezes with cornice over, panelled reveals, arched bays along ground floor entrance wall.

Group value.

Reference:-

Council Notices 1909 in "Property and General Purposes Committee", minutes (City Archives), item 422.