

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Japanese Bridge in Clyne Garden, Blackpill, Swansea
Grade:-	II
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Notes:-

Location:-

In Clyne Gardens to the SW of the Clyne Castle and crossing the Brock Hole stream with a pond on the W side.

History:-

Clyne Castle was owned by the Vivian family, one of the most prominent of the Swansea industrial families, between 1860 and 1953. The first occupant, William Graham Vivian, focused his attentions on alterations to the house, and made a new entrance drive on the S side. Clyne Lodge was built at the entrance to the drive and its design is said to be the reverse of a published drawing by P F Robinson (1776-1858), who had been employed by the Vivian family at Singleton Abbey. Admiral Algernon Walker-Heneage-Vivian, who live in the house between 1921 and 1952 extended the pleasure grounds in front of the house, where there are 3 National Collections of Rhododendrons and National Collections of Enkianthus and Pieris. The Japanese bridge dates from this period. After his death in 1952 the house and grounds, including Clyne Lodge were sold to the Borough of Swansea, which opened the former pleasure grounds in 1954 as a public park, now known as Clyne Gardens.

Exterior:-

A shallow arched wooden footbridge painted red. Square posts have white-painted finials. The parapet has alternate full and half-height vertical wooden struts. The deck is laid with planks. (Similar-styled wooden posts to steps on the N side are a later addition).

Listed:-

Included for group value with Clyne Castle and other associated listed items in Clyne Gardens.

Reference:-

CADW/Icomos Register of Landscapes Parks and Gardens PGW (Gm) 47 (SWA)

Griffiths, Ralph, Clyne Castle, Swansea, 1977