

# THE BUILDINGS OF MOREFA BORTH

- the Marsh Harbour

Ceredigion



That part of Borth Village on a pebble bank with the sea on one side and the Cors Fochno marsh some reclaimed and the railway on the other. In the distance is the River Dyfi. Photograph Michael Lewis

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## THE ANCHORAGE

Morfa Borth – the Marsh Harbour.

On the east side of the High Street at the southern end of Morfa Borth, with the beach over the road. It was built or about to be built in 1925.



*The Anchorage in 2016*

The Anchorage is a two storey, red brick, double fronted, semi-detached house under a slate coloured gable roof parallel with the High Street. It has a red brick chimney. The ground floor has two angled bay windows with almost flat leaded roofs. There is a porch under a shallow gable roof at right angles to the house. This has an entrance door on the north side. A small string course in moulded bricks links the house with The Haven Next door. The roof appears to have been re-built. The fashion c. 1925 would have been for a hipped roof. The alteration would add height to the upstairs bedrooms. Its extra width enabled another



window front and back in the centre of the house for a bedroom. The Anchorage and The Haven share a red brick wall enclosing their narrow front gardens - suggesting these two may have been built at the same time. On a Crown Manor map showing 1925 encroachments the houses were drawn as one block. (National Archives LRRO 1/3060). The porch and hall have a quarry tiled floor, downstairs there is a living room, dining room, kitchen and utility room and cloakroom in an extension. Upstairs are three bedrooms, a bathroom, and a separate toilet in a small cloakroom.



*The rear of the pair of houses in 2016.*

Access to the rear of The Anchorage is along a passage on the south side of the house. A timbered extension at the back of the house gives a generous sized porch.

The shingle bank thrown up by the sea on which it was built was considered 'waste' by the Crown Manor who owned it, as it was not suitable for farming. There were no buildings on this land until 1925, it was part of a piece of rough ground from Efelwen to the road to Llandre, called 'beach' on the old map. Across the road on the strip of grass were three limekilns in 1829, four by 1848. (Maps National Archives LRRO 1/3060, Tithe Apportionment Map for Llanfihangel Genau'r Glyn, Cyfoeth Township 1848 and Cambrian News, 16 November 1883) The road had been there for centuries and was a turnpike road by the 1770s. It led to a ferry from Ynyslas to Aberdovey and was a quick way to North Wales.

An enclosure had been made there by 1925, and the manor had sold it to the man who enclosed it. On a map of the manor it was plot number 105, extending to the footpath, and a building was drawn on it beside the High Street which was the building now The Haven and The Anchorage. (National Archive LRRO 1/3060)

Paying the rates in 1926 as owner and occupier was ..... Ross. He (or she) paid £13.10s, £16 gross. He paid rates for another premises, £6.16s, £8 gross which I think was a workshop in the garden. Today it is a substantial timber building, with electricity. Paying the rates in 1934 was C. B. Matthews, and the occupier was Laura Ross. With a vote for the house in the General Election of 1945 was Thirza Anne Kind. G. C. Matthews paid the rates in 1949. Thirza Anne Kind was still there in 1963 with a vote for the house. She was Mrs Kind, and she paid the rates that year.

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