



Press Release

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### **Rick Mather Architects selected to restore Hay Castle**

Hay Castle Trust today announced the appointment of Rick Mather Architects for the restoration of Hay Castle in Hay-on-Wye on the Wales-England border. The completed project will rescue and conserve an iconic building and scheduled ancient monument; new additions will include high-quality exhibition spaces, a destination café, and training and educational facilities.

Hay-on-Wye is world famous as the 'town of books' and home of the Hay Festival. The project, which has received major funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, will serve to broaden and enhance the appeal of this special place, opening the castle to the public for the first time, year round.

The appointment was made following a highly competitive tender process. Nancy Lavin Albert, Managing Director, said *'RMA was selected because they exhibited great sensitivity and understanding of the building and site, have a highly collaborative approach, and a record of exceptional design and completion of complex projects. Their vision and attention to detail were exceptional and thrilling.'*

Rick Mather Architects' award-winning design team will be led by partner Stuart Cade and include architects Juliet Aston and Andy Matthews. The team has previously worked on significant historic buildings including the Ashmolean Museum and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. RMA will bring together specialists to work on the project, including conservation architects Acanthus Clews; landscape architect Jeremy Rye; structural engineers Haskins Robinson Waters; Mott MacDonald Engineering; environmental consultancy Engain; and Oxford Archaeology.

Stuart Cade said *'At Rick Mather Architects we are excited to be embarking on the realisation of the Trust's inspired vision for the Castle. Using our extensive experience with historic structures, we will be working with our team of conservation specialists, architects and engineers in collaboration with the Trust and the community to create a 21C chapter in the site's long and rich history.'*

Over the coming months the architectural team will work closely with Hay Castle Trust, relevant planning and conservation authorities and the community to develop initial concepts and begin preliminary works. A public information day with the design team and key stakeholders will take place on Saturday 21 February. To attend or for further information contact [info@haycastletrust.org](mailto:info@haycastletrust.org) or visit [www.haycastletrust.org](http://www.haycastletrust.org).

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### Images attached

1. Hay Castle - Derelict Manor and Keep - Photo Credit Colin Stark (high res available)
2. Rick Mather Architects - example concept image of Hay Castle

## **Hay Castle**

Hay Castle is a remarkable structure in the heart of Hay-on-Wye, a border market town known as the 'town of books' and home of the Hay Festivals. Once a great medieval stronghold, the site is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and comprises Grade 1 and Grade 2 listed buildings. It is noted for its Norman keep and gateway, Jacobean Manor, Victorian outbuildings and terraced formal gardens. Hay Castle was purchased by Hay Castle Trust in 2011 for the purposes of bringing the castle back to life as a major centre for culture, education and training.

Hay Castle Trust has secured a development grant of over £500,000 from the **Heritage Lottery Fund** to develop their plans for the project. The Trust is working toward securing a further £4.3million from HLF later this year to start work on the Castle, and is seeking to raise an additional £1.2 million to complete the funding necessary for the project.

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## **Rick Mather Architects**

Established in 1973 Rick Mather Architects has built a reputation for delivering high quality, innovative, award-winning projects encompassing architecture, master planning and urban design. Completed work spans both new build and renovation with a special interest in the cultural and education sectors. This is combined with a recognised and innovative expertise in the intelligent re-interpretation of existing, often listed structures and in sustainable low energy building.

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## **Heritage Lottery Fund**

The Heritage Lottery Fund is the UK's largest dedicated funder of heritage:

- It invests around £375million a year on a broad range of projects - from museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions
- HLF has supported just over 35,500 projects allocating more than £5.6billion across the UK since the establishment of the Lottery in 1994
- In Wales HLF has invested over £284 million and supported over 2,162 projects in local communities all over the country.
- [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) / @HLFcymru



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### **Penseiri Rick Mather wedi'i dewis i adfer Castell Y Gelli**

Heddiw, cyhoeddodd Ymddiriedolaeth Castell Y Gelli apwyntiad Penseiri Rick Mather ar gyfer adfer Castell Y Gelli yn Y Gelli Gandryll ar y ffin rhwng Cymru a Lloegr. Bydd y prosiect yn achub a gwarchod adeilad eiconig a heneb gofrestredig; bydd ychwanegiadau newydd yn cynnwys ardaloedd arddangos o ansawdd uchel, caffi cyrchfan, a hyfforddiant a chyfleusterau addysgol.

Mae'r Gelli Gandryll yn fyd-enwog fel 'tref y llyfrau' a chartref Wyl y Gelli. Bydd y prosiect, sydd wedi derbyn arian sylweddol gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri, yn fodd i ehangu a gwella apêl y lle arbennig hwn, ac yn agor y castell i'r cyhoedd am y tro cyntaf drwy gydol y flwyddyn.

Gwnaethpwyd y penodiad yn dilyn proses dendro gystadleuol iawn. Dywedodd Nancy Lavin Albert, Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr, *'dewiswyd RMA oherwydd eu bod yn arddangos sensitifrwydd a dealltwriaeth o'r adeilad a'r safle mawr, bod ganddynt ymagwedd gydweithredol iawn, a chefnidir o ddyluniad eithriadol a'r gallu i gwblhau prosiectau cymhleth. Mae eu gweledigaeth a sylw i fanylder yn eithriadol ac yn wefreiddiol.'*

Bydd tîm dylunio arobryn Penseiri Rick Mather yn cael ei arwain gan bartner Stuart Cade ac am gynnwys y penseiri Juliet Aston ac Andy Matthews. Mae'r tîm eisoes wedi gweithio ar adeiladau hanesyddol o bwys, gan gynnwys Amgueddfa Ashmole a Choleg Corpus Christi, Rhydychen. Bydd RMA yn dwyn ynghyd arbenigwyr i weithio ar y prosiect, gan gynnwys penseiri cadwraeth Acanthus Clews; pensaer tirwedd Jeremy Rye; peirianwyr strwythurol Haskins Robinson Waters; Peirianeg Mott MacDonald; ymgynghoriaeth amgylcheddol Engain; ac Archeoleg Rhydychen.

Dywedodd Stuart Cade *'Ym Mhenseiri Rick Mather rydym yn edrych ymlaen at gychwyn ar wireddu gweledigaeth ysbrydoledig yr Ymddiriedolaeth ar gyfer y Castell. Gan ddefnyddio ein profiad helaeth gyda strwythurau hanesyddol, byddwn yn gweithio gyda'n tîm o arbenigwyr cadwraeth, penseiri a pheirianwyr ar y cyd gyda'r Ymddiriedolaeth a'r gymuned i greu pennod 21C yn hanes hir a chyfoethog y safle.'*

Dros y misoedd nesaf bydd y tîm pensaernïol yn gweithio'n agos gydag Ymddiriedolaeth Castell Y Gelli, cynllunio'n berthnasol ac awdurdodau cadwraeth a'r gymuned i ddatblygu cysyniadau cychwynol a dechrau gwaith rhagarweiniol. Bydd diwrnod gwybodaeth i'r cyhoedd gyda'r tîm dylunio a rhanddeiliaid allweddol yn digwydd ar Sadwrn 21 o Chwefror. Os am fynychu neu am ragor o wybodaeth cysylltwch [info@haycastletrust.org](mailto:info@haycastletrust.org) neu ewch i [www.haycastletrust.org](http://www.haycastletrust.org).

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Nodiadau i'r Golygydd - gweler y dudalen nesaf.

### Delweddau ynghlwm

1. Castell Y Gelli - Derelict Manor and Keep- Llun gan Colin Stark (res uchel ar gael)
2. Penseiri Rick Mather - Enghraifft delwedd gysyniadol o Gastell Y Gell

### **Castell Y Gelli**

Mae Castell y Gelli yn strwythur nodedig yng nghanol y Gelli Gandryll, tref farchnad ar ffin sy'n adnabyddus fel 'tref y llyfrau' a chartref Gwyliau Gelli. Mae'n cyn-gadarnle mawr canoloesol, ac mae'r safle yn Heneb Gofrestredig ac mae'n cynnwys adeiladau rhestredig Gradd 1 a Gradd 2 . Mae'n enwog am ei thwr a phorth Normanaidd, Maenor Jacobeaidd, tai allanol Fictoraidd a'i gerddi ffurfiol teras.

Prynwyd Castell Y Gelli gan Ymddiriedolaeth Castell y Gelli yn 2011 gyda'r bwriad o adfywio'r castell gyda chyllid gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri, fel canolfan bwysig ar gyfer diwylliant, y celfyddydau ac addysg.

Mae Ymddiriedolaeth Castell y Gelli wedi sicrhau grant datblygu o dros £ 500,000 gan Gronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri i ddatblygu eu cynlluniau ar gyfer y prosiect. Mae'r Ymddiriedolaeth yn gweithio tuag at sicrhau £ 4.3 miliwn yn ychwanegol gan HLF yn hwyrach eleni i ddechrau gweithio ar y Castell, ac yn ceisio codi £ 1.2 miliwn yn ychwanegol i gwblhau'r cyllid angenrheidiol ar gyfer y prosiect.

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### **Penseiri Rick Mather**

Sefydlwyd Penseiri Rick Matheryn 1973 ac wedi ennyn enw da am gyflawni prosiectau arloesol, sydd wedi ennill gwobrau sy'n cwmpasu pensaernïaeth, cynllunio meistr a dylunio trefol o ansawdd uchel. Mae gwaith a gwblhawyd yn rhychwantu adeiladu o'r newydd ac adnewyddu, gyda diddordeb arbennig yn y sectorau diwylliannol ac addysg. Mae hyn yn cael ei gyfuno gydag arbenigedd cydnabyddedig ac arloesol wrth ail-ddehongli yn ddeallus strwythurau presennol, wedi'i restru yn aml ac yn adeiladau ynni isel cynaliadwy.

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### **Cronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri**

Cronfa Dreftadaeth y Loteri yw'r ariannwr treftadaeth pwrpasol mwyaf y DU :

- Mae'n buddsoddi tua £ 375million y flwyddyn ar amrywiaeth eang o brosiectau - o amgueddfeydd, parciau a lleoedd hanesyddol i archeoleg, yr amgylchedd naturiol a thraddodiadau diwylliannol
- Mae CDL wedi cefnogi ychydig dros 35,500 o brosiectau gan ddyrannu dros £ 5.6 billion ar draws y DU ers sefydlu'r Loteri yn 1994
- Yng Nghymru mae CDL wedi buddsoddi dros £ 284,000,000 a chefnogi dros 2,162 o brosiectau mewn cymunedau lleol ar hyd a lled y wlad.
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