

# Getting to the roots of rural regeneration:

## Reviving Llanyrafon Manor

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# Where it all began ...



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- 16<sup>th</sup> Century Grade II\* listed Manor
- Outbuildings, garden, orchard
- Witness to 400 years of changes
- Within the New Town of Cwmbran
- Walled off from modern life



# The roots of Llanyrafon Manor's regeneration



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- 1977 - public meeting unanimous vote to preserve and reuse
- 1979 - 2000 Torfaen Museum Trust
- 2006 - Llanyrafon Community Group campaign against development
- 2007 - Council / Community work together to save the manor
- 2008 - RDP funding for Rural Heritage Centre
- 2009 - Stage 2 HLF submission



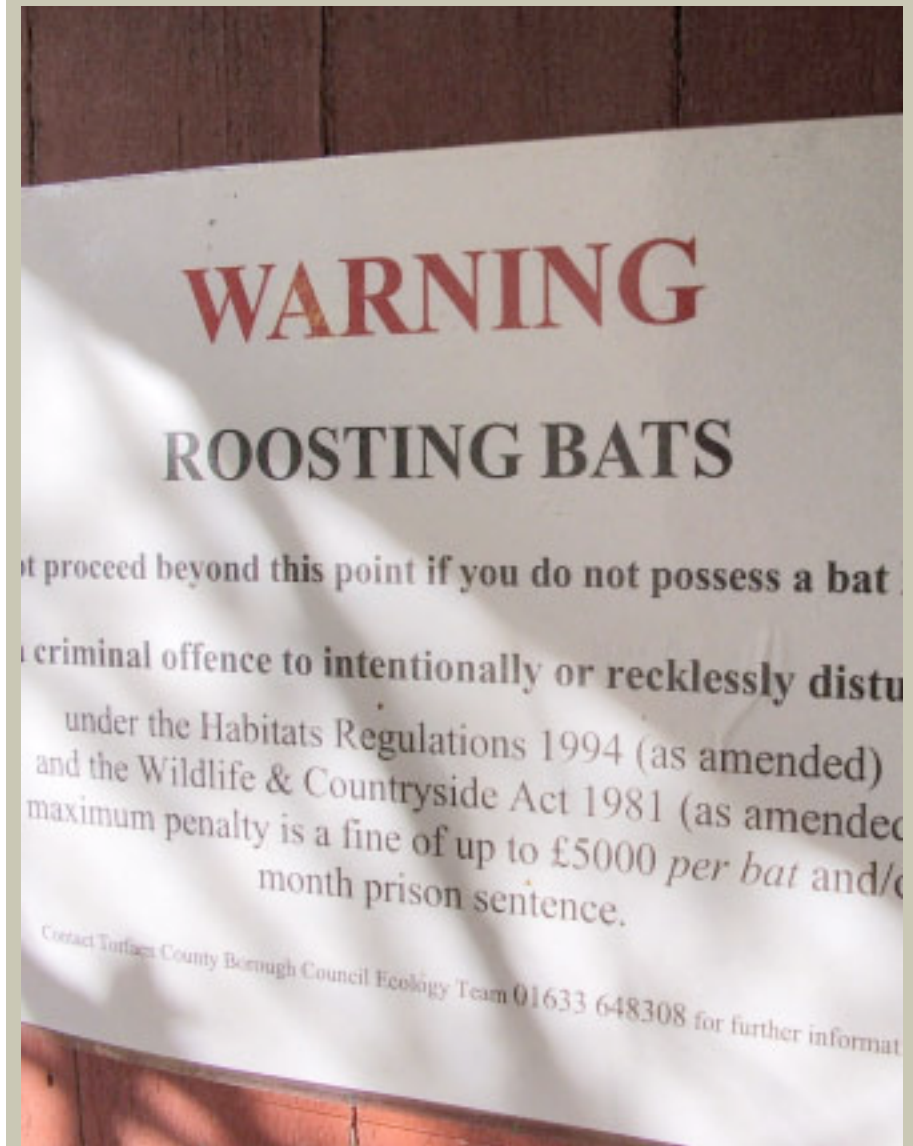
# The interpretive challenges



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- A rural story within a post-industrial town
- Meeting funders' needs and deadlines
- Balancing multiple uses and pay perimeter
- Ensuring flexibility for future
- Limited research / evidence base
- Combating the bats!



# The interpretive opportunities



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- The passion of a community
- The power of memory
- The local-ness of significance
- The sense of identity  
(personal, group)



# The interpretive solution



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- Storytelling - fact and fiction
- Minimal intervention in building
- Integrating media and furnishing
- Volunteer research and guiding
- Discovery through 'dataton'



# Next steps ...



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- Bats settled in new home
- Listed building and planning consents imminent
- HLF Stage 2 award decision imminent





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