

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

CONSERVATION AREA	Llangennith
Date of Notification:-	1977
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Notes:-

This village of approximately 70 households lies on the edge of Tankeylake Moor where it dips to the west between Rhosilli Down and Llangennith Hill. It lies about a mile inland from the coast overlooking Llangennith Moor and the Burrows around Burry Holmes.

The village owes its form and character to its exposed west facing position. The older Buildings have been sited to take advantage of whatever natural shelter existed, and the informal pattern of sunken lanes, stone walls and dense hedges developed to give shelter to pedestrian movement in the village.

The village has developed around two distinct settlements, though these have been linked with recent housing development.

The older Priors Town developed around the 6th century Prior of St. Cennydd. Only a 12th century church remains of this ancient foundation. The church and its associated buildings occupy the lower side of a triangular green. An old inn flanks the green along its higher side while domestic buildings enclose it elsewhere. The green has a spring issuing from the base of an ancient cross.

The church is of natural stone while the remainder of the buildings have been rendered and colour washed with slate roofs.

West Town, of more recent origin, developed as an informal group of farms and houses around the southern flank of Llanmadoc Hill at the junction of three lanes giving access to the narrow coastal plain. The area is domestic in scale and character, and recent development has respected the loose informal grouping of the existing buildings.

The village illustrates many attractive vernacular features of the buildings of the Gower Peninsula and is well worthy of conservation.