

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	H M Prison: Gatehouse Building Oystermouth Road
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	02.11.85 amended 30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	6519592482
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	69 SE
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Notes:-

Gatehouse set back from the line of the high perimeter wall with access road flanked by low curved forecourt walls.

Dating from 1861 when the entire prison was rebuilt and enlarged (cost over £30,000), Robust Italianate classicism.

Nearly symmetrical two-storey L-shaped blocks (formerly with Chief Gaoler's and Governor's residence) flank the recessed two storey arched entry. Snecked rubble facings, freestone dressings, hipped slate roofs, tall stacked with cornices, wide eaves with projecting plinth. Archway surmounted by cornice with heavy blocking course linked below to key block (with some rustication) splayed angle and rustication to arch head, bold first floor cill boarded lunette. Mostly paired windows in heavy rusticated surrounds with keyblocks, moulded impostes and aprons, upper floor round-headed, ground floor segmental-headed.

Angle to left with lean to addition; low curving range attached to left end. Lower two-storey three bay range, with cornices, wide eaves with moulded cornices, plain frieze, sunk roll moulding to outer angles, projecting plinth. Archway surmounted by cornice with heavy blocking course linked below to key block (with some rustication) splayed angle and rustication to arch head, bold first floor cill boarded lunette. Mostly paired windows in heavy rusticated round-headed, ground floor segmental-headed.

Angle to left with lean to addition; low curving range attached to left end. Lower two-storey three bay range, with detailing as before plus eaves brackets, set back on right.

High snecked rubble perimeter wall with slight batter to Oystermouth Road, occasional vertical buttresses. Continues round Glamorgan and Paxton Streets.

Reference:-

Information from ACES (letter 20th August 1984). H Colvin, "Biographical Dictionary", (1978), page 230 gives John Collingwood of Gloucester as architect of earlier prison, 1826-28