

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Exchange Chambers (Exchange Buildings), Cambrian Place
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	6599592785
O.S. 1:10,000 Sheet No.:-	69 SE
CADW Reference No.:-	11555
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Notes:-

Occupying a large corner site at Adelaide Street and Cambrian Place overlooking the Royal Institution.

Dated 1913-14. Design by Charles T Ruthen, architect of Swansea. Henry Billings and Sons, contractor. Edwardian classicism.

Main symmetrical curving façade with advanced centre and ends to Cambrian Place. Three-storeys with attic and basement. Portland stone with channelled rustication to centre, ends and ground floor, granite plinth, red brick to sides and rear.

Three-bay frontispiece with pilastered attic store and entablature supporting clock aedicule with swags, keystone and flanking volutes. Balustraded parapets link to outer bays with keyblocked open pediments and attic thermal windows. Main modillion cornice, giant tetrastyle Ionic half-columns in antis over main entrance, three bay loggia with modillion cornice and centre over pediment with Swansea arms, pair of blocked columns.

Upper storeys with linked architraves, cross-windows, aprons (swagged to outer bays), keyblocked arched windows to ground floor, grilles to basement. Right hand entrance with cavetto arched opening and inset lugged and blocked architrave, double panelled doors under tablet. Low screen wall to right with arched entry under 1914 key-block, arched fanlight and double ironwork gates.

Symmetrical five-bay west façade with advanced end, detailing as before. Centre and left hand doorways up steps, double panelled doors under tablets, balustraded area parapets. Low screen wall to left as Cambrian Place.

Coffered ceiling and panelled pilasters to main entrance, timber commissioners box right, leading to one storey exchange hall with cantilevered upper walls (formerly open to roof?). Pilastered and panelled dados, round central light with Chamber of Commerce panel, half-glazed doors etc.

Group value.

Reference:-

Inscribed foundation stone.