

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Vivian Engine House at Former YIM Works off Neath Road, Landore, Swansea
Grade:-	II
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National Grid Reference:-	6617094972
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Notes:-

Located near the west bank of the River Tawe in the southern part of the former Hafod and Morfa copperworks site.

History:-

Hafod Copperworks was established in 1810 by John Vivian and continued to be owned by the Vivian family until 1924 when it amalgamated with the adjacent Morfa Copperworks. It was subsequently operated by Yorkshire Imperial Metals until it closed in 1980. The Vivian engine house was built 1860-2 and housed a steam engine to power adjacent copper rolling mills, though it is possible that part of the building is early nineteenth-century. It was later enlarged substantially, probably c1900.

Exterior:-

A two-storey gabled structure, formerly with a slate roof. It is constructed partially in dressed sandstone, partially in snecked rubble, and partially in grey bricks (made at the copperworks). The oldest part of the building appears to be in the south corner, where there is much dressed stone. The building has been widened to the north and raised in height using grey brick, the raised band being given red brick oculi and eaves cornice. The west gable has a large doorway, over which is an ornate carved stone tablet with scrolls and flowers, reading 'Commenced August 1860; completed February 1862; V & S'. The north side has a chamfered corner and four segmentally arched windows to the main floor, with wooden frames. The east end has a tall opening for the former rope drive from the engine, and an oculus high in the gable. The south side has openings irregularly placed on three levels.

Interior:-

There is a main floor, open to the metal roof trusses, and a service basement below. The upper floor has a cill for a travelling crane.

Listed for its rarity as a copperworks engine house and for group value with the listed buildings of the former Hafod and Morfa copperworks.

Reference:-

Stephen Hughes and Paul Reynolds, A Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of the Swansea Area (1988).