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Porthmadog Resurvey

6. There is one de-listing recommendation. This is 10 Roche Terrace on Garth Road which was listed in 1974 for its association with Eliseus Williams, 'Eifion Wyn' (1867-1926). In 1974 the house was already described as 'totally undistinguished' but since then it has been subject to even more alteration and retains no external detail contemporary with the birth of the poet (modern pebble-dash has replaced the earlier stucco, and the windows are all modern and unsympathetic). Since 1974 there has been further guidance on historical association which suggests that either the physical fabric of the building should have some quality or interest to justify statutory protection, or that the building should be well-preserved in a form which directly illustrates and confirms its historical association. Neither of these criteria pertain in this case, as the building has absolutely no surviving merit or interest, and as it does not even read as a mid-late C19 house, retaining no detail from that period, it cannot in any sense said to confirm or illustrate its association. I therefore strongly recommend that the building be de-listed. This recommendation has been discussed with my colleagues Messrs [redacted] and [redacted] who saw the building some years ago, and has their support. The contractor has drawn our attention to a memorial to the poet in the churchyard at Chwillog, and I would be happy to consider the merits of the memorial when next in the area.

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