

Vivian & Sons

The Cornish entrepreneur John Vivian opened the Hafod Copperworks in 1810. Vivian & Sons was established as a partnership between John Vivian and his two elder sons, John Henry Vivian and Richard Hussey Vivian.

The Hafod Copperworks was to become one of the largest and most innovative industrial enterprises in Europe. There were 24 furnaces in the 1810 works and by 1823 had increased to 84. The different stages of roasting and smelting in reverberatory furnaces was known as the 'Welsh Process', this process was adopted worldwide and became the favoured method of smelting until it was replaced by newer technology towards the end of the nineteenth century.

By the 1840s Vivian & Sons were the largest exporters of finished copper in Britain.

In 1886 Vivian & Sons employed 3,000 people, of which 1,000 were employed at the Hafod Copperworks, but by that time it was proving to be more economical to smelt the copper ore at the mines in Chile and elsewhere around the

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Agorodd yr entrepreneur o Gernyw, John Vivian, Waith Gwath yr Hafod ym 1810. Sefydlyd Vivian & Sons fel parteraeth rhwng John Vivian a'i ddau fab hyn, John Henry Vivian a Richard Hussey Vivian.

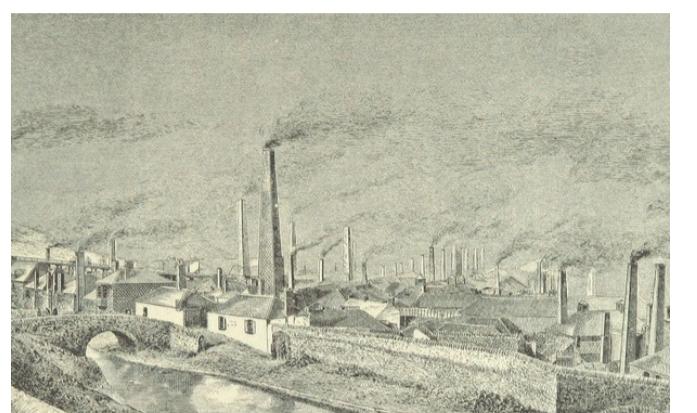
Byddai Gwath Gwath yr Hafod yn datblygu'n un o'r mentrau diwydiannol mwyaf a mwyafrwlodol yn Ewrop. Roedd 24 ffwrnais yn y gwaith ym 1810 ac erbyn 1823 roedd hyn wedi cynyddu i 84. Cyfeiriwyd at y gwahanol gamau o grasu a mwyndoddi mewn ffwrneis i ddatseioli fel y 'Broses Gymreig'. Mabwysiadwyd y broses hon yn fyd-eang a daeth yn ddilol dethol ar gyfer mwyndoddi nes i'r broses gael ei disodi gan dechnoleg fwy newydd tua diweddf y bedwaredd ganrif ar ymtheg.

Erbyn y 1840au Vivian & Sons oedd yr allforwyr copr gorffenidig mwyaf ym Mhydain.

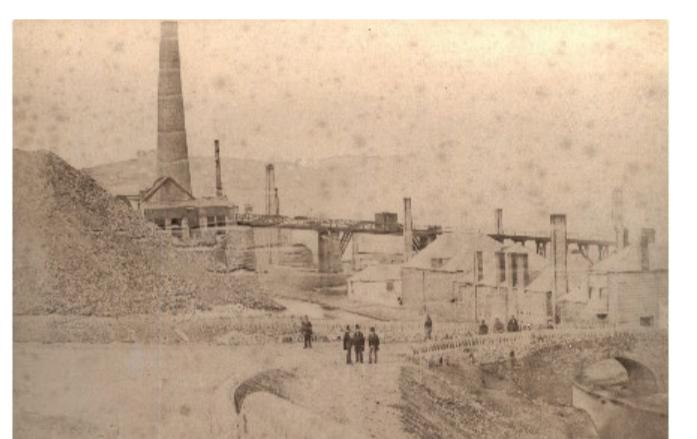
Ym 1886 roedd Vivian & Sons yn cyflogi 3,000 o bobl, yr roedd 1,000 ohonynt yn cael eu cyflogi yng Ngwaith Gwath yr Hafod, ond erbyn hynny roedd yn profi'n fwy economaidd i fwymoddi'r copr yn y pyllau glo yn Chile ac mewn manau eraill ledled y

world. This eventually led to the end of copper smelting in the Lower Swansea Valley.

Vivian & Sons traded from 1810 to 1924. Various mergers eventually led to Yorkshire Imperial Metals owning the works in 1957. The works closed entirely in 1980.



Golyga o Waith Gwath yr Hafod (Engraving 1880)



Entrance to Hafod works c.1850
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Hafod Quay

Hafod Quay, built on the river Tawe in 1810, linked the copperworks with the port of Swansea and the rest of the world.

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Cei'r Hafod

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Erbyn y 1830au roedd diwydiant copr Abertawe wedi dod yn fyd-eang, a mewnwyrddi mwynau o Giwba, Awstralia a Chile. Daeth y cychod copr yn fwy er mwyn gallu ymdopi â'r llwyth tri mach, y pellterodd hirach a'r amodau anoddach a wnebwyd ganddynt.

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Y flos gyflenwi i Waith Gwath yr Hafod
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Garrat Engine

Golyga o'r odyn galch rhwng y simneiau
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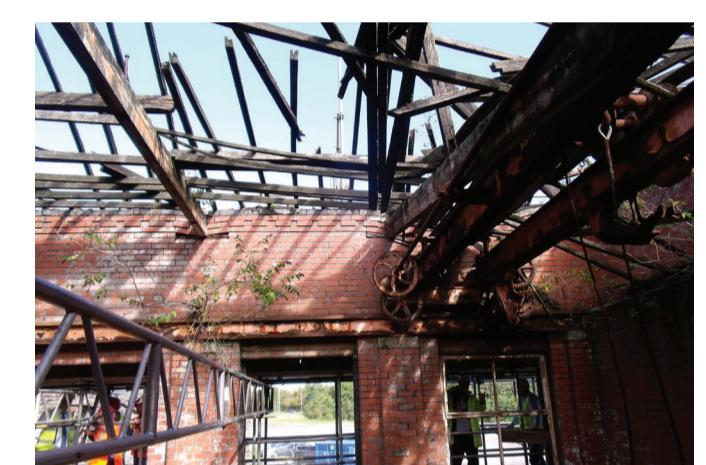
Musgrave Engine House



Musgrave Engine House c.1981 after the works had closed.
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Tŷ Injan Musgrave o gwmpas 1981 ar ôl i'r gwaith gau.
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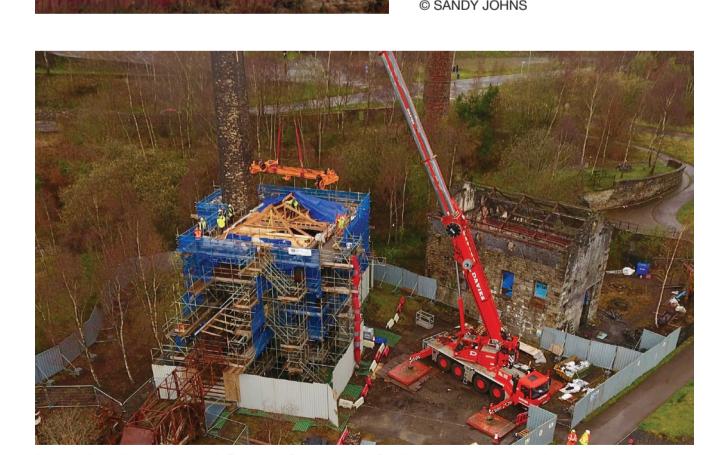
Musgrave engine house and gantry crane 2018, before crane restoration.
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The Copper Barque 'Delta'
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Trail Sculpture Cerflun ar y llwybr
Hafod Entrance 1983
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Lowering the restored Gantry Crane into the Musgrave Engine House 2019
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Gollwng y craen nenbont adeinwaeddeg i Dŷ Injan Musgrave 2019
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Hafod Morfa Copperworks

The process of smelting copper in the Swansea Valley first began in 1717 and it became so successful that, during the 1800s, Swansea was the centre of world copper production and acquired the nickname of Copperopolis.

Follow the trail to find out the story of Copperopolis and how important the Hafod and the Morfa Copperworks were in the development of the copper industry in Swansea.

Look out for the arrows and numbers along the trail and for the QR codes to find out more information about the Industrial Heritage Trail.

The Lower Swansea Valley was once the beating heart of the Industrial Revolution in Swansea. This area was at the centre of the world's copper industry, and the valley floor and sides were covered with the buildings and the slag heaps created as a result of copper smelting and processing. The valley experienced high levels of pollution including the smoke and gases released into the air by the forest of chimneys, there was also a low copper cloud of poisonous gases hanging in the valley.

By 1850 there were 11 major copperworks in the valley. The very last copperworks to close was the Hafod Morfa Copperworks in 1980, all of the other copperworks had closed many years before.



Rolling copper, Hafod Works BY COURTESY OF WEST GLAMORGAN ARCHIVES Rhilo copr, Gwath Copr yr Hafod
TRWY GAREDRWYDD ARCHIAU GORLEWIN MORGANWYD

Gwath Copr yr Hafod Morfa

Dechreuodd y broses mwyndoddi copr yng Nghwm Tawe gyntaf ym 1717 ac yn dilyn ei llwyddiant mawr, daeth Abertawe'n ganolbwyt cynhyrchu copr y byd yn ystod y 1800au, gan ennill y llysenw Copropolis.

Dilynwch y llwybr i ddangefod storïo Copropolis a pha mor bwysig oedd Gwath Copr yr Hafod a'r Morfa i ddatblygiad y diwydiant copr yn Abertawe.

Cadwch lygad am y saethau a'r rhifau ar hyd y llwybr ac am y codau QR i gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y Llwybr Treftadaeth Diwydiannol.

Cwm Tawe Isaf oedd calon y Chwyldro Diwydiannol yn Abertawe gynt. Roedd yr ardal hon yng nghanol diwydiant copr y byd, ac roedd llawr ac ochrau'r dyffryn wedi'u gorchuddio a'r adeiladau a'r tomemni sorod a grëwyd o ganlyniaid i fyndoddi a phroseus copr. Mae'r dyffryn wedi profi lefelau uchel o lygred gan gynnwys y mwg a'rnwyon a ryddhawyd i'r awyr gan y goedwig o simneiau. Roedd hefyd gwmwl copr isel o nwyon gwenwynig yn y cwm.

Erbyn 1850 roedd 11 o safleoedd gwaith copr mawr yn y cwm. Y gwaith copr olaf un i gau oedd Gwath Copr yr Hafod Morfa ym 1980 - roedd yr holl safleoedd gwaith copr eraill wedi cau flynyddoedd lawer cyn hyn.



Flanging Gang, Morfa Works BY COURTESY OF WEST GLAMORGAN ARCHIVES Y crw morthwilio, Gwath Copr y Morfa
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The Renovated Engine Houses and Copperopolis site

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Copperworks Trail Map / Map Llwybr y Gwaith Copr



Scan the QR Code to find out more about the landmarks on the walk.
Sganawch y cód QR i gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y tirnodau ar hyd llwybr.

7. Entrance to Hafod Copperworks

The gateway was the main entrance to Hafod Copperworks and was accessed by a bridge over the Swansea Canal. The original remains of the surface of the bridge and cobbles show the grooves worn in the stones by carts in the past.

Turn immediate left along the path (not the pavement) following the line of the wall until the path meets the pavement, on your left is 8-The Canal Dock for Hafod Copperworks. (Railings cover the arched entrance.)

7. Mynedfa Gwaith Copr yr Hafod

Y porth oedd y brif fynedfa i Waih Copr yr Hafod ac roedd modd cael mynediad iddi drwy bont dros Gamlas Tawe. Mae olion gwreiddiol wneb y bont a'r cobls yn dangos y rhychau a wnaed yn y cerrig gan geri'r gorfennol.

Trowch yn syth i'r chwith ar hyd y llwybr (nid y palmt) wrth ochr y wal. Ile mae'r llwybr yn cwddol â'r palmt, air y chwith mae safle 8-Doc y Gamlas ar gyfer Gwaith Copr yr Hafod. (Mae rheilau'n gorchuddio'r fynedfa fwaog.)



8. Swansea Canal & Dock

The canal operated between Abercraf and Swansea, it opened in 1798. The Hafod and Morfa works had good access to both the Swansea Canal and the River Tawe.

Archways through the canal wall allowed canal boats to be led into a dock within the copperworks for loading and unloading.

Turn around and walk back along the pavement to the traffic lights/crossing. Cross the main road and directly in front of you is 10-Hafod Limekiln.

To your left is 9-Landore Social Club. Cross the bus lane, at the edge of the car park, near Morfa Road is an information board.

8. Camlas Tawe a Doc Abertawe

Roedd y gamlas, a agorodd ym 1798, yn gweithredu rhwng Abercraf ac Abertawe. Roedd gan waith yr Hafod a'r Morfa fynediad da i Gamlas Tawe ac afon Tawe.

Roedd pyrth bwaog drwy wal y gamlas yn caniatâu i fadau camlas gael eu harwain i doc o fewn y gwaith copr i'w llwytho a'u ddogfen.

Trowch a cherddwch yn ôl ar hyd y palmt i'r goleuadau traffig/ groesfan. Croeswch y briffordd ac yn syth o'ch blaen mae safle 10-Odyn Galch yr Hafod.

I'r chwith mae safle 9-Clwb Cymdeithasol Glandŵr. Croeswch y lôn fysus, ac ar ymyl y maes parcio ger Morfa Road mae bwrdd y gwybodaeth.

9. Hafod Copperworks Offices

Originally the offices of the Hafod Copperworks of Vivian & Sons, the building opened in 1863. It then became a social club for the staff of I.C.I. Landore and then Yorkshire Imperial Metals until the works closed in 1980, when it then became Landore Social Club.

Re-cross the bus lane to 10-The Hafod Lime Kiln.

9. Swyddfeydd Gwaith Copr yr Hafod

Swyddfeydd Gwaith Copr yr Hafod Vivian & Sons oedd yr adeilad hwn yn wreiddiol, ac fe'i hagorwyd ym 1863. Yna daeth yn gŵl y cymdeithasol i staff ICI Landore ac yna Yorkshire Imperial Metals nes i'r gwaith gau ym 1980, pan ddaeth wedyn yn Glwb Cymdeithasol Glandŵr.

Ailgrosbwch y lôn fysus i safle 10-Odyn Galch yr Hafod.

5 & 6. Engine Houses and Chimneys

Completed in 1910, the Musgrave engine house contains the remains of the Musgrave steam engine which drove Swansea's last copper rolling mills. The square chimney is 27 metres tall, the taller circular chimney is over 32m high and was completed in 1862 together with the Vivian engine house.

The two surviving chimneys are all that remains of over 150 chimney stacks that once lined the Lower Swansea Valley and are iconic reminders of Swansea's copper heritage.

Continue uphill along the path, (you pass another sculpture on your right) and the path takes you through a wide opening in the wall which is 7-the entrance to Hafod Copperworks. The entrance is marked with wooden artwork on your right.

5 & 6. Y Tai Injan a'r Simneiau

Mae tŷ injan Musgrave, a gwblhawyd ym 1910, yn cynnwys olion yr injan stêm Musgrave a oedd yn gyrru melinâu rhloio copr olaf Abertawe. Mae'r simnai sgwâr yn 27 metr o uchder, mae'r simnai gylchol dalach dros 32m o uchder ac fe'i gwblhawyd ym 1862 ynghyd â thŷ injan Vivian.

Y ddwy simnai sydd wedi goroesi yw'r cyfan sydd ar ôl o dros 150 o simneiau a fu ar un adeg yn sefyll ar hyd Cwm Tawe Isaf, ac maent yn ein hatgofo i drefnadaeth gopir Abertawe.

Parhewch i fyny'r rhwng ar hyd y llwybr, (byddwch yn mynd heibio cerflun arall-or y dde) ac mae'r llwybr yn mynd â chi drwy agoriad yn y wal, sef safle 7-y fynedfa i Waih Copr yr Hafod. Mae'r fynedfa wedi'i marcio â gwaith celf pren ar y dde.

10. Hafod Limekiln

The limekiln dates from the late nineteenth century and is the last surviving example of the fifty four limekilns that once stood alongside the Swansea Canal. This kiln was used to produce lime mortar for the construction industry.

From 10-the Limekiln, cross back over the pedestrian crossing and walk left alongside Morfa road until you reach the bus stop at 11-View of the Valley. You are overlooking the Laboratory building and the Penderyn distillery development.

10. Odyn Galch yr Hafod

Mae'r odyn galch yn dyddio o ddiweddyr y bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg, a dyma'r enghraifft olaf o'r 54 o odynau calch a oedd yn sefyll wrth ochr Camlas Tawe ar un adeg. Defnyddiwyd yr odyn hon i gynhyrchu morter calch ar gyfer y diwydiant adeiladu.

O rif 10 - yr Odyn Galch, ewch nôl ar draws y caeau cerddwyr a cherddwch ar y chwith ar hyd Morfa Road nes i chi gyrraedd y safle bws wrth rif 11 - Golygfa o'r Cwm. Byddwch yn edrych dros adeilad y labordy a datblygiad distyllfa Penderyn.

Trowch a cherddwch yn ôl ar hyd y palmt i'r goleuadau traffig/ groesfan. Croeswch y briffordd ac yn syth o'ch blaen mae safle 10-Odyn Galch yr Hafod.

I'r chwith mae safle 9-Clwb Cymdeithasol Glandŵr. Croeswch y lôn fysus, ac ar ymyl y maes parcio ger Morfa Road mae bwrdd y gwybodaeth.

11. View over the valley

The buildings are currently undergoing renovation, this includes the Laboratory building and the Powerhouse which were part of the Hafod Copperworks. Running high above the Swansea canal the wagons were emptied onto a waste tip where today Pentrehafod School is located.

Retrace your steps back to the crossing and turn left at the lights. As you walk along the pavement, to your left there is a small gravel path, which follows the route of the Swansea canal. Along this path is 12-The Abutment and Pier.

11. Golygfa dros y cwm

Mae'r adeiladau wrthi'n cael eu hadnwyddu ar hyn o bryd, ac mae hyn yn cynnwys adeilad y labordy a'r pwerdy a oedd yn rhan o Waih Copr yr Morfa.

Ewch yn ôl i'r goresfan a throwch i'r chwith wrth y goleuadau. Wrth i chi gerdded ar hyd y palmt, i'r chwith mae llwybr graean bach sy'n dilyn llwybr Camlas Tawe. Ar hyd y llwybr hwn mae safle 12-Yr Ategwraith a'r Pier.

Ewch yn ôl i'r ffordd, trowch i'r chwith tuag at fynedfa'r safle parcio a'r theithio lle mae cerflun arall. Os yw'r safle parcio a'r theithio ar agor gâtffwrdd wrth yr alldatblygiad sy'n digwydd ar hyn o bryd.

Croeswch y ffordd eto a cherddwch tuag at y cerflun o'r simpal. Dyma ddiweddyr y daith.

12. Camlas Tawe, yr Ategwraith a'r Pier

Roedd yr ategwraith a'r pier enfawr, a adeiladwyd yn ym 1860au, yn cynnal tramffordd ar anlein. Roedd y tramffordd yn cael ei phwerau gan injan sefydlog ac roedd yn tynnu wagenni o wastraff sorod i fwrrd o Waih Copr yr Hafod. Yn rhedeg yn uchel uwchben Camlas Tawe, gwagwyd y wagenni ar domen wastraff lle mae Ysgol Pentrehafod heddiw.

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Croeswch y ffordd eto a cherddwch tuag at y cerflun o'r simpal. Dyma ddiweddyr y daith.

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Mobility guidance:

There is one steep slope between points 5 and 7, and the path leading to and from point 12 is narrow and has an uneven surface.

Arwainiad symudedd:
Mae un llethr serth rhwng pwntiau 5 a 7 ac mae'r llwybr sy'n arwain i bentwystd ym anastad.

Landore Park & Ride
Parcio a Theithio Glandŵr

Friends' Copperworks Cabin
Cabin Gwaith Copr y Cyfeillion

Key/Allwd
S Sculpture /Cerflun

1. Chimney Sculpture
The trail starts opposite Landore Park & Ride, at the chimney sculpture in the small car park.

Walk south along the path towards the river and follow the arrows. When you reach a solid metal fence on your right, you are outside 2-The Engine House compound. Walk along the fence until you reach the chippings and gap in the grassy bank on your left.

2. Cerflun Simnai
Mae'r llwybr yn dechrau gyferbyn â safle Parcio a Theithio Glandŵr, ger y cerflun o'r simnai yn ymaes parcio bach.

Cerddwch i'r dde ar hyd y llwybr tuag at yr afon, gan dilyn y saethau. Pan rydych yn cyrraedd y ffens fetol ar y dde, rydych y tu allan i rif 2-Cwt y Tŷ Injan Cerdwch ar hyd y ffens nes i chi gyrraedd y graean a'r bwllch yn clawdd glaswelltig o eich chwth.

Mewn partneriaeth â
In partnership with



2. Peiriant Stêm Musgrave

In 1910 the engine house was built to house a 600hp single cylinder Uniflow steam engine, manufactured by Bolton engineers John Musgrave and sons.

Outside the engine house is the rope race and 30 ton weight wheel powered by the Musgrave engine. This wheel drove a series of rolling mill stands.

Continue along the path until you reach the riverbank. This is 3-Hafod Quay.

3. Hafod Quay 51° 40' N, 3° 54' W

Hafod Quay, built on the River Tawe in 1810, linked the copperworks with the port of Swansea and the rest of the world. By the 1830s copper ore was imported from Cuba, Australia and Chile.

Turn right, follow the path along the river bank for 5 minutes, until you arrive at 4-The V&S Ltd No.1 shed which is hidden behind scaffolding and overgrowth. Halfway along this path look out for the narrow steps on your left, which are the White Rock Ferry steps.

3.Cei'r Hafod 51° 40' N, 3° 54' W

Roedd Cei'r Hafod, a adeiladwyd ar afon Tawe ym 1810, yn cysylltu'r gwaith copr â phorthladd Abertawe a gweddill y byd. Erbyn y 1830au, roedd mwyn copr yn cael ei fewnffrio o Gwiba, Awstralia a Chile.

Trowch i'r dde, dilynwch y llwybr ar hyd glan yr afon am 5 munud a byddwch yn cyrraedd safle 4-Y sied V&S Ltd No1 sydd wedi'i chuddio y tu ôl i sgaffaldwaith a gordyfiant.

Ewch ymlaen ar hyd y llwybr nes eich bod yn cyrraedd glan yr afon. Dyma safle 3-Cei'r Hafod.

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