



15.3 No Exit sign installed by bangor University



15.4 Picture taken from 2012 showing an “Access to coastal path only” sign along the proposed route



15.5. Sign Directing Walkers away from Botanic Garden Buildings from roughly 2011/12



15.6 No signs showing that walkers should be heading in the direction of Treborth Hall



15.7 Wales Coastal Path sign directing walkers which route they should be taking



15.8 New Signs installed by Bangor University along the proposed route (2023)



15.9 New Signs installed by Bangor University along the proposed route (2023)



15.10 New Signs installed by Bangor University along the proposed route (2023)

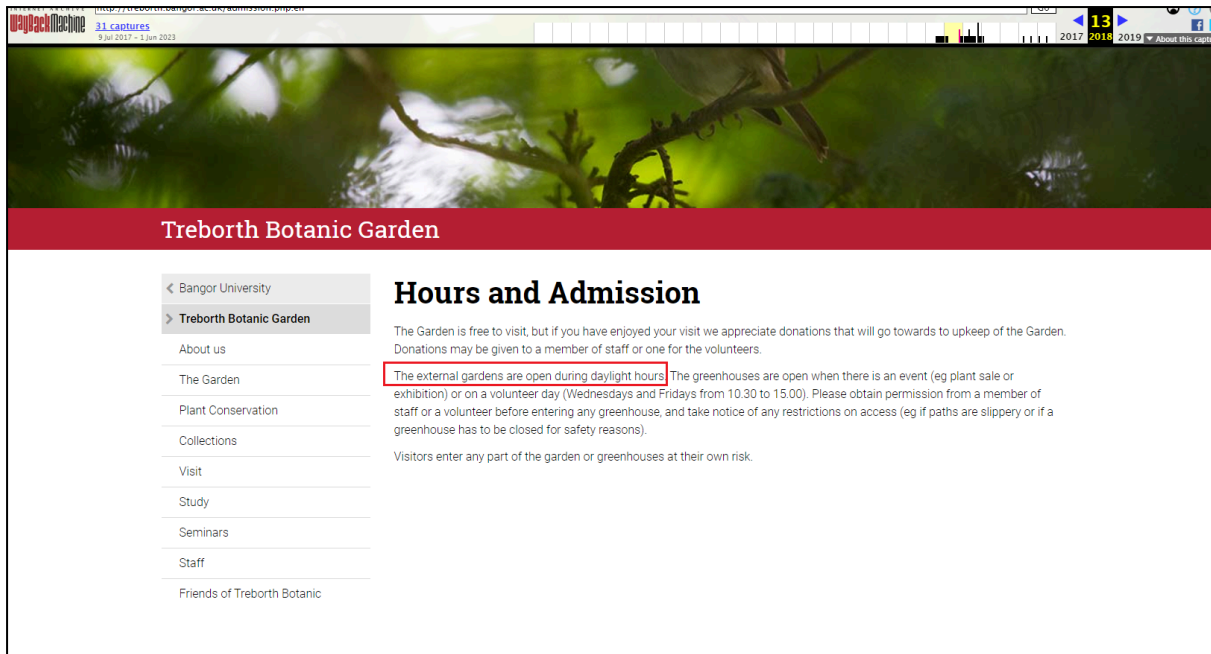


15.11 Example of No Entry signs placed during garden events

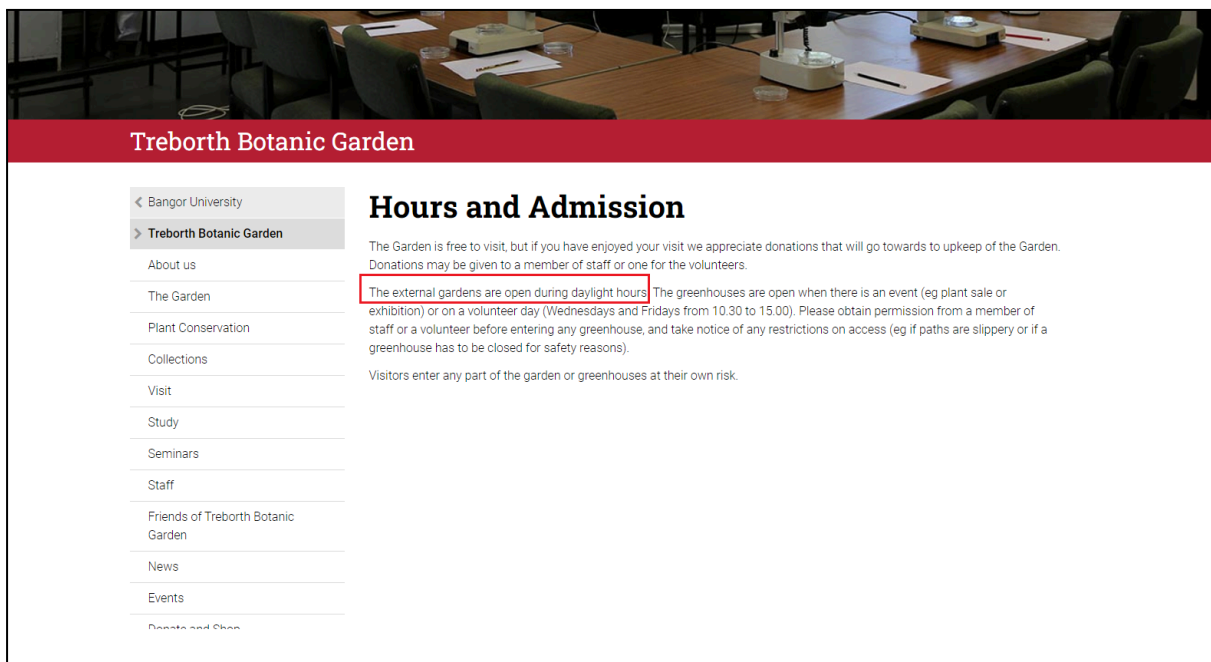


15.12 Example of No Entry signs placed during garden events

16. Position of Bangor University (Landowner)



16.1 Archived version of Bangor University website from 2018 showing that Treborth Botanic Garden is only open during daylight hours.



16.2 Current version of Bangor University website showing that Treborth Botanic Garden is only open during daylight hours.



16.3 Brochure of Treborth Botanic garden showing the garden opening times - Open during daylight hours

The route has to be walkable during all hours. The Botanic garden has clearly always been advertised as being open to the public **during daylight hours only**. Members of the public using this route during night hours were trespassing on University grounds.



16.4 Close up of the brochure showing Treborth Botanic Garden opening times

Nigel Brown who was the curator for a very long time has not got involved in the DMMO application.

It is thought that before 1997 there was very limited (if any) public access to the gardens. The athletics track was created in 1996, but use would have been only during certain hours. It appears from all of the old maps and minutes from the Friend of Treborth Garden Newsletter that there were gates by Treborth Lodge restricting access into the gardens.

The garden itself was still in its infancy during these early years and there were constant discussions to get rid of the garden completely by Bangor University. It is thought that it wasn't until 2000/1 that the general public started to wander around these gardens.

Since then, there has been implied permission to enter the garden and that any visitors had to follow the rules of being on Bangor University land e.g. dogs on lead/garden only open during daylight hours

Bangor University closed access to their gardens at least once a year to hold events such as Botanical Beats (2006 onwards) and Draig Beats (2018-2023). For these events, signs were

placed and there were stewards at the entrance. The general public had to pay to gain access into the gardens. This was a clear interruption of the route. Access has not been unrestricted.

A barrier to stop public access to the garden during night times was also installed in roughly 2010. This was a clear interruption of the route. This barrier was also locked during the end of term time.

galvanize support for our bid for Objective 1 funding and proved a great success.

In the afternoon, the 'gates' were thrown open to the public and we had a superb turnout, the visitors no doubt encouraged by the warm sunshine. In the heat, the greenhouses quickly became hot and sticky, so we concentrated on tours of the gardens. The recently cleared rock garden was the first stop, where *Cotoneaster cambricus* and the Norwegian *Betula pubescens* subsp. *odorata*, with its 6 week growing season, were admired. Then on to the bamboo collection (many of which are looking really strong at the moment) with some biology and advice on planting, and a quick look at the woodland.

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wide range of products now being produced from Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*). This is part of a new local initiative encouraging farmers to grow this plant for alternative, sustainable industries, and further emphasized the theme of the day, 'Plants for People'.

A display of rare and scarce native plants was also staged, and a plant stall was expertly hosted by Pete Frost, where his homegrown cacti and other plants raised an astonishing £95.

Tea and biscuits were available all day, and were much appreciated in the hot weather. Many thanks to all those that attended and to everyone that helped make the day a success. As proof of this, over £500 was raised and will go

into the Treborth Development Fund. Open days are always hard work, but are the most rewarding of the Friends activities, bringing the public into the botanic garden and allowing them to enjoy its many diverse riches.

Trevor Dines (Editor)

16.5 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 9

- Gates were thrown open to the public.
- The newsletter then discusses bringing the public into the botanic garden. This further suggests that the public did not have access to the gardens during all times.

But those days came to an end when the family moved to Scotland to follow my father's employment. The shock was enormous for me and I have since written two books describing those years which are selling well locally. However, this little story is of how I ventured through the gates of the Treborth Gardens quite some years ago now to be part of one of Nigel Brown's fungus forays. What a wondrous joyful opening to another world that was! From there, I was kindly allowed to accompany the students on other forays too. Many, many thanks for those privileges, as for the last 5 years I have been a full-time carer for my husband and can only attend functions if there happens to be someone to take my place.

16.6 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 11

- This member of the public discusses how they came through the gates of the botanic garden specifically for a "Fungus Foray" event. This again suggests that there were gates and that the public did not just wander through the university property at all hours.

Obviously, our goal is to renovate the gardens, make them a centre of excellence for education and research, and to make them more accessible to the public and the local community. Two concerns have been raised over the proposed plans. Firstly, we have no intention of demoting the scientific and

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research role of Treborth. The principal aim of the gardens is, and always will be, to serve the University and the needs of its students. Bringing the public into the gardens will not threaten this role; indeed, they will work in parallel, as both parties will benefit from the improvements that are planned. Secondly,

16.7 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 12

- There were further discussions about bring the public into the garden
- This again suggests that the public did not have open access to the garden

Treborth Open Day

15th July 2001

The weeks leading up to our annual Open Day are always tense, as there is so much to be done to get the gardens looking at their best. There is weeding, trimming, potting and clearing to be done, labels and displays to prepare, signs to put up, plants to gather and sort for the sales and refreshments to organise.

But all these efforts are worthwhile once the gates open and the gardens, greenhouses and laboratory fill with people. Its so rewarding to see everyone enjoying themselves, and this year the event was a huge success as a slightly damp morning gave way to a dry and bright afternoon. The outdoor plant

16.8 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 13

- Further discussion about the gates opening and the gardens filling with people show that people did not have unrestricted access onto university property during this time

We have, of course, had a very active calendar of events, all of which I think have been successful. Early in the year, the horror of Foot and Mouth caused widespread heartbreak and disruption; several events were rescheduled and a Cheese & Wine evening at Grace Gibson's was cancelled. Since all these have been reported in the Newsletter, I will not mention them individually here.

I would, however, like to thank all the members of the Committee that work so hard in arranging and organising these events; I'm sure that, like me, they do it because they enjoy bringing people into the garden, and love to see Treborth being used in the way they are intended - for relaxation, recreation and, most of all, education. The Open Day (our main fund-raising event of the year) proved a big success again in July, with over £900 being raised, mostly

16.9 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 16

- The Friends of Treborth Botanic Garden were always looking for alternative access options. If the route through the school was wide open and available for members of the public, this would not be an issue. This again suggests that Ysgol Treborth/Coed Menai had no intention of letting members of the public use the school as a shortcut for alternative access.

character [copies of the plans were bought and displayed by Maurice Lock]. We must thank Maurice enormously for all the work he has put into this project over the year. He has been garnering support within the university, especially with those that deal with Objective 1 funding, engaging the County Council and looking into the difficult issue of access to Treborth, and liaising with Event over the development plan. Large-scale funding is always a long and sometimes exasperating road, but the first steps towards Objective 1 and HLF funding have now at last been taken.

16.10 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 18

- The Friends of Treborth Botanic Garden were always looking for alternative access. If the route through the school was wide open and available for members of the public, this would not be an issue.
- This again suggests that Ysgol Treborth/Coed Menai had no intention of letting members of the public use the school as a shortcut or alternative access. There were discussions with Gwynedd council about alternative access routes, presumably through the school. As the council has no intention to dedicate their land in this way, these talks must have broken down. There have been no mentions of these talks to date from either Bangor University or Gwynedd Council.

It's also been a very busy summer at Treborth, culminating with the Open Day in August. This was again a tribute to the hard work of the volunteers and Nigel, and the gardens looked stunning once more when the gates opened. Being our main fundraising event, I'm delighted to say that we raised £1042, almost exactly half of which was due to plant sales. The team in charge of these have really got their act together, and are able to generate hundreds of wonderful plants seemingly from thin air. Well done to everyone involved.

16.11 THE FRIENDS OF TREBORTH BOTANIC GARDEN - NEWSLETTER - Number 46

Treborth Open Day and Plant Sale

This will be a great day out with guided walks of the garden, woodland and glasshouses at Treborth, and also special displays, including healing herbs and natural dyes. It will also be our main fund raising event for the year and we plan to have various sales tables:- plants, second-hand books and other articles relating to gardening.

Date: Sunday 15th July 2001

Time: 2-5pm

Entrance: £2.50 for everyone except children FREE.

16.12 Extract from the old Botanic Garden website. Treborth Open Days 1997 onwards

The Friends of Treborth Botanic Garden introduced open days to the garden. The garden was opened to the public and it was used as a fundraising event. During these open days, members of the public had to pay to enter the garden.



16.13 Botanical Beats 2007 - Stewards the garden entrance showing restricted public Access



16.14 Botanical Beats 2007 - Stewards at the garden entrance showing restricted public Access



16.15 Botanical Beats 2008 - Restricted Access



16.16 Botanical Beats 2008 - Restricted Access



16.17 Example of Draig Beat Events 2019 - Restricted Garden Access



16.18 Example of Draig Beat Events 2019 - Restricted Garden Access



Treborth Botanic Garden

Treborth Garden closed today

Due to high winds the garden will be closed today (Wednesday 28th November). Apologies for the inconvenience.

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16.20 Permissive Use of gardens 2007

There were clear rules while walking in the garden. If the rules were not followed you could be asked to leave. A footpath cannot be granted if the use is permissive.



16.21 Permissive Use of gardens 2014



16.22 New signs and security fencing and gates have been installed by Bangor University. Permissive rules still apply



16.23 Permissive Use of gardens 2014



16.24 Dog signs added to the new Wales Coastal Path have been vandalised