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### Mystery Figure Rediscovered!

Trustee, Richard Fryer, informs us 'the face appearing from the wall was modelled in the 70's by one Arthur Wright, universally known as "Curly". Curly was (still is as far as I know) a gifted potter, artist, poet, actor and intrepid explorer who has lived in New Zealand since the 80's.'



**Curly Wright and Ted Broadbent**



### Graffiti Artists Exposed! Trustee Confesses!

**Oh dear..... The graffiti on the beam was my lot I am afraid.**

**'Bry' is me (Bryan is my middle name and there were too many Andrews in my year), 'Mac' is Mark McWhirter, 'Jim' I forget, and 'Rave' is David Corcoran ('Dave the Rave').**

**I have no recollection of who did the actual painting - and what's more ' it was a business meeting'**

**Andy (Bry) Hiorns**

**Ed. So who was 'Jim'?**

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## Kitchen Makes Second Trip to Skip!

**Originally rescued by past custodian, Pete Mann, from a skip outside his neighbour's house, after long and faithful service to Bryntail and the children of Birmingham the kitchen has made its second and terminal journey to a skip with the help of Alwyn's Manitou.**



## Planning News

**A Stage Two contaminate land survey was undertaken on 2<sup>nd</sup> March with Alwyn assisting with a tracked digger to make the sample holes**

## New Trustee Appointed

The charity is delighted to announce that Katrin Meredith has agreed to join us as a trustee. A native of Llanidloes she has been doing extensive research into the Guerra brothers. She will bring with her outstanding research and heritage skills as well as great links to the local community.

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# The redevelopment programme

The charity's plans for the cottage fall into two phases:

1. **Refurbishment.** This will repair the fabric of the buildings compliant with their grade two listed status.
2. **Redevelopment** of the buildings and grounds to make them fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This will create two twin ensuite rooms for staff and two upgraded dormitories. The current ablution block will be replaced and the kitchen modernised. The grounds will be landscaped to allow limited camping. The hedges will be replanted and the garden fenced.

All improvements will be phased and meet the highest sustainability standards.

The total cost is in the region of £300k. So far we have raised £222963.

## Use CAF Donate to help us make a difference

Through our bank we have set up a donation page that enables supporters to make online gifts and automatically enable Gift Aid. If you are feeling generous, follow this link

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