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Artist impressions reveal how future home of Copper Kingdom on Parys Mountain in Anglesey could look

Amlwch Industrial Heritage Trust (AIHT) has released the first artist impressions of how a new, permanent home for the Copper Kingdom on Parys Mountain in Anglesey could look.

It comes after AIHT revealed in February that it was reaching out to potential seed funders to help further develop their plans which support the development of the region and promote the locations remarkable importance to Welsh Culture.

The artist impressions, developed in consultation with Cadw and created by <u>Redman</u>

<u>Partnership LLP</u>, show a single-story structure built by inter-connected shipping containers.

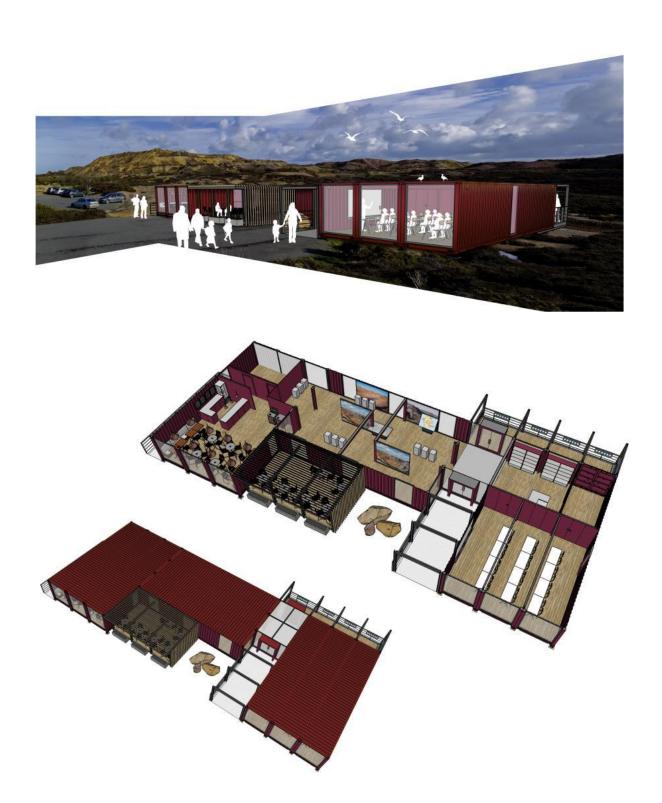
AIHT say the use of shipping containers is a nod to the site's industrial past whilst providing a flexible space that will contain an exhibition space, a study centre, a gift shop and café as well as toilets, storage facilities and an external viewing platform.

AIHT says the new home would pair objects of significant industrial copper mining heritage with the landscape of Parys Mountain where they belong.

Mike Williams, chair of the AIHT, said: "We're very excited to share these initial artist impressions with the local community.

"We've long-believed that a purpose-built home for Copper Kingdom set against the backdrop of Parys Mountain would be game-changing for the Museum and these visuals really bring that ambition to life.

"Whilst we're still at a very early stage in the process, we are excited about what the future holds and hope these images will show people the scale of our ambition for the collection."



Llinos Medi, Member of Parliament for Anglesey, has voiced her support for the scheme, saying: "This initiative has the potential to significantly improve the understanding, appreciation and engagement with the rich heritage of North Anglesey.

"Given this site's international heritage status and potential for this development to act as a flagship cultural and environmental flagship, I strongly encourage all relevant authorities and stakeholders to back this initiative."

Among those already backing the ambitious proposal are:

- The Marquess of Anglesey
- Dr Caitlin Shepherd, post-doctoral researcher at The University of Cambridge
- Professor Colin Jago, chair of GeoMôn UNESCO Global Geopark
- Professor Emeritus David Barrie Johnson, Bangor University
- Dr Ian Drew, Department of Natural Sciences, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Dr Laura Catherine Kelly, Geomicrobiologist and Lecturer in Microbiology, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, leader of Plaid Cymru
- Sian Lloyd, TV presenter and broadcaster

Parys Mountain is already a popular destination for heritage, geology and biodiversity tourists as well as enthusiasts and academic researchers.

AIHT says the project aligns with the strategic plans for the County, enabling the story of Amlwch's heritage to be shared alongside the unique natural landscape and biology of Parys Mountain.

For more information about Copper Kingdom, visit: https://copperkingdom.co.uk/

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