



New Owners of Llangollen's Royal Hotel Unveil Big Plans for Redevelopment

Arguably Llangollen's most historic and recognisable building, the Royal Hotel has today been announced as having new ownership in the shape of local hospitality group. The group, who already own the town's Three Eagles restaurant and nearby luxury wedding venue, Tyn Dwr Hall have joined forces with successful Wrexham businessman, Tom Bellis. Together they intend to deliver a grand vision.

Formerly named the King's Head, the hotel was first listed in a commercial directory in 1752 and has played host to a number of famous guests throughout its history – including a young Princess Victoria (later to be Queen). The listed building itself is often seen in many historical images of Llangollen, such is its grand, gothic architecture and imposing position upon the banks of the River Dee.

Acquisition of the Royal follows the successes of Tyn Dwr Hall and the Three Eagles – both of which were lifted from a state of disrepair to become prominent Llangollen businesses.

Speaking at the recent launch event for the Three Eagles, group owner Matt Jones explained that the team has ambitious plans for the Royal Hotel. They intend to fully renovate and upgrade the building and service, offering facilities such as a fine dining restaurant and luxury spa.

Matt said, "This is a really major development not only for Llangollen itself, but also for the surrounding region and even nationally. This is quite possibly the most important building in a town which is really one of Wales' most beautiful."

"When we opened the Three Eagles on Bridge Street, we wanted to really up the stakes for what's on offer in Llangollen's social and dining scene. With the Royal Hotel, we aim to carry that 'luxury' element into the town's accommodation offerings and have some really special plans in line for the Royal."

The Royal and will continue to operate in its current guise for the coming months. During this time, design work will be completed ahead of a shut down for major renovation works to take place.

A major part of the success of the Three Eagles has been the high quality of food which has been rapidly gaining plaudits. The man behind this food is international Executive Chef, Adam Gaunt-Evans – and it is Adam who will also be overseeing the Royal Hotel's fine dining restaurant following its grand re-opening in 2020.

Matt explained that further plans for the Royal, such as the construction of a luxury spa will lift the hotel to become a real 'destination venue' which will in turn assist in boosting the overall local economy.

"By offering the fantastic, luxury facilities that we have planned at the hotel, we will be providing accommodation that guests will actively seek out when looking to visit this great part of the world."

Business partner in the project, Tom Bellis said, "The Royal is historically such a major part of the Llangollen townscape that I'm sure there'll be plenty of local interest. We are very much aiming to create a venue that Llangollen can be proud of as well as one which will act as a real boost to the town's overall image."