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## Welsh Slate walling helps new hotel win an international award

### *The Pig Hotel in Cornwall features rustic walling from Welsh Slate.*

A £13 million conversion of a listed country house into a boutique restaurant with rooms during the Covid pandemic has been rewarded with a Top 100 hotels award, thanks in part to Welsh Slate rustic walling.

The manufacturer's Cwt Y Bugail rustic walling features as the external masonry skin over 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of a new luxury bedrooms extension to The Pig Hotel, formerly the Grade II listed Harlyn House, overlooking Harlyn Bay near Padstow in Cornwall.

The hotel opened in July after a three-year refurbishment project and has now won a place as "Best hotel with heart" in Tatler's annual Travel Awards which celebrate the crème de la crème of hotels from all over the globe.

Welsh Slate's rustic walling took multiple teams of stonemasons nine months to clad the Stonehouse - a stone courtyard building built from new but in a traditional style, with rooms whose views overlook the courtyard and the gardens.

Supplied by Cornwall-based distributor Contec SW, it was specified to match the original stone of the main 15<sup>th</sup> Century house, to provide a quality boutique to match The Pig brand image.

Contec's managing director Rob Furse said: "We specified the Welsh Slate rustic walling for its strength and availability as the brief required traditional stone materials. We prefer to use British wherever possible and find that most of our clients do too. Intense discussions in relation to choice of colour, durability and finishes involved 100% input from this client.

"Slate's sustainability was also a major selling point to the client who is so satisfied with it they are using it on another upcoming project."

He added: “We regularly use the Welsh Slate rustic walling as part of our walling range, with deliveries nearly every day. It is our No 2 best-selling product for 2020. Welsh Slate has come to be an indispensable supplier to our range of natural stone products.”

John Steadman, Welsh Slate’s specification sales manager for the south west and Wales, said: “This project shows off our rustic walling extremely well. This material is becoming more frequently used in Cornwall where there is a lot of high-end building going on, in places like Rock.”

Describing The Pig Hotel at Harlyn, the seventh in the boutique chain, Tatler wrote: “The stardust that sets The Pig hotels apart is the owner Robin Hutson, whose award-winning ‘restaurants with rooms’ concept has completely changed the face of the British hotel scene.

“The Pig at Harlyn Bay exemplifies his understanding of how a good dose of tradition and history mixed with fantasy are vital in creating the dream country house hotel.”