

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

<b>LISTED BUILDING</b>	Valve tower at Upper Lliw reservoir with bridge and bridge abutments, Cwmlliw, Swansea
<b>Grade:-</b>	II
<b>Date of Notification:-</b>	23.05.2003
<b>National Grid Reference:-</b>	SW 6604605938
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### **Notes:-**

#### ***Location:-***

Situated at south west corner of reservoir, reached by gated road of some 2.5 km up from visitor centre at Lower Lliw Reservoir.

#### ***History:-***

Valve tower to reservoir constructed in 1886-94 for Swansea Corporation under Ralph Henry Wyrill, engineer.

#### ***Exterior:-***

Circular valve tower standing a little out from shore, sandstone ashlar with leaded domed roof, classical style. Tower has finely cut channelled rustication with big curved cornice moulding, deep plinth with ogee-moulded top carried around an arched doorway on W side. Three arched windows also in moulded surrounds with stone sills. Below plinth is a big semi-circular or bull-nose base moulding, over channelled stonework continuing underwater. Dome has raised ribs and pierced metal crown around top. Delicate footbridge with shallow arch made of 4 curved cast-iron pieces with open spandrels, each pair meeting in centre, and carrying iron railings with ball finials to posts and horizontal rails. W end of bridge rests on semi-circular abutment with big ring moulding matching that on tower and two quadrant curves of railings.

#### ***Listed:-***

Included for its special architectural interest as a particularly fine neo-classical tower, superbly built.

#### ***Reference:-***

John Newman, Buildings of Wales: Glamorgan, 1995, p 348;  
Photocopies of original plans in Lower Lliw reservoir visitor centre.