

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 0214 DGSR
Title: RHIWBINA GARDEN VILLAGE LIMITED RECORDS
Date(s) 1907-1978
Level of description: Fonds (level 2)
Extent: 0.72 cubic metres

Name of creator(s) Rhiwbina Garden Village Limited

Administrative/Biographical history

Rhiwbina Garden Village, Rhiwbina, Glamorgan, is perhaps the best example of a Garden Village scheme in Wales. The company, which was formed in 1912, was originally called the Cardiff Worker's Co-operative Garden Village Society Ltd, but this name was changed soon afterwards to the Rhiwbina Garden Village Ltd. This public utility housing society was established under the auspices of the Welsh Town Planning and Housing Trust Ltd. The main objective of which was the provision of modern houses located in pleasant and healthy surroundings in the Rhiwbina area. To this end, the society bought 110 acres of land from the Pentwyn Estate, at £200 per acre, and by Christmas 1913, 34 houses had been built. Each of these houses was supplied with water, gas for cooking and lighting, a boiler, a water-storage tank and a dustbin. Fences and hedges were erected and paths were laid. The village was run by a committee elected by the tenants, each of whom had one vote at an annual general meeting. At this meeting, the committee for the new year would be elected, and shareholders would have a report on the work done by the committee for the previous year. As the village grew, the work of administration became so heavy that a paid company secretary was appointed, with an office at Cathedral Road, Cardiff. Nevertheless, the financial affairs of the village were managed so well that by the 1960s, all the money advanced by the Welsh Town-Planning and Housing Trust to buy and build, had been repaid. Consequently, the society owned all the houses in the village and the land on which they were built. Therefore, because the Rhiwbina Garden Village Limited had always been a non-profit-making organisation, the committee decided in 1968 to sell the houses to the occupiers. After which, on the 27th May 1976, the shareholders decided unanimously that the necessary steps be taken for the voluntary winding-up of the Rhiwbina Garden Village Limited. The company was finally dissolved in 1981.

Scope and content

Records of the Rhiwbina Garden Village Limited, 1907-1978, consisting of: minutes books, 1912-1978; annual reports and statements of accounts, 1912-1975; general ledgers, 1910-1976; journals, 1912-1976; cash books, 1912-1975; annual accounts, 1946-1964; title deeds, 1913-1975; various plans, 1925-1975; photographs of Rhiwbina Garden Village, 1912-1959; miscellaneous records, 1948-1977; printed books relating to housing in Wales, 1907-1936; paper sealing dies and instruments; and Rhiwbina Garden Village plans, 1912-[c. 1960s], including street plans, plans of houses, and water supply and drainage plans.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records offered have been accepted and listed

Conditions governing access

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Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/Scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Good condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Related units of description

Related units of description held at the Glamorgan Record Office includes: DGSC 1-16, Great Western (Caerphilly) Garden Village Society Ltd ; DGSB, Barry Garden Suburb Ltd; DNWHP 1-4, National Welsh Housing Pioneers Ltd; and DPPUS 1, Penarth Public Utility (Housing) Society Ltd.

Note

Compiled by Hayden Burns for the ANW project. The following source was used in the compilation of this description: Glamorgan Record Office, Catalogue of records for the Rhiwbina Garden Suburb. This description follows ANW guidelines based on ISAD(G) second edition, AACR2, and LCSH.

Date(s) of descriptions

January 2004

DGSR1/1-18	<u>Minute books</u>	
1/1	1912-1914	
1/2	1914-1919	
1/3	1920-1922	
1/4	1922-1924	
1/5	1924-1926	
1/6	1926-1929	
1/7	1929-1931	
1/8	1913-1932	
1/9	1932-1935	
1/10	1935-1937	1912-1937
	[10 volumes]	
1/11	1938-1946	
1/12	1947-1951	
1/13	1952-1955	
1/14	1956-1959	
1/15	1959-1963	
1/16	1963-1968	
1/17	1969-1975	
1/18	1976-1978	
	[8 files]	
DGSR2/1	<u>Annual reports and statements of accounts</u> Annual reports and statements of accounts At back: Sample members card Rent book Introductory booklets on the Cardiff Workers' Co-operative Garden Village Society Ltd – Rhiwbina Fields Leaflet containing information for tenants Headed notepaper Descriptive leaflet, 1932 Prospectuses taken from 'The Housing Reformer' Vol. 1 no. 6, 1912 Copy of annual report, 1912 Handbill for opening ceremony by Earl of Plymouth, 19 July 1913 Programme of events for opening ceremony [1 file]	1912-1936
DSGR2/2	Annual report and statement of accounts [1 file]	1937-1975
DGSR3/1	<u>Accounts</u> Private ledger [1 volume]	1912-1915

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DGSR3/2	Private ledger [1 volume]	1915-1920
DGSR4	Trade ledger [1 volume]	1913-1915
DGSR5/1	General ledger [1 volume]	1910-1920
DGSR5/2	General ledger [1 volume]	1920-1931
DGSR5/3	General ledger [1 volume]	1920-1931
DGSR5/4	General ledger [1 volume]	1931-1948
DGSR5/5	General ledger [1 volume]	1949-1976
DGSR6	Share and stock ledger [1 volume]	1912-1915
DGSR7	Register of shares, stocks and transfers [1 volume]	1912-1920
DGSR8	Volume labelled 'Cancelled Share and Loan Stock ledger sheets' recording the shares and stock held by each shareholder [1 file]	1912-1970
DGSR9	Volume labelled 'Investment Ledger' containing information as in DGSR8 above [1 file]	1926-1981
DGSR10	Volume labelled 'Capital Records' recording changes of tenancy, share issues, repayments and cancellations [1 file]	1913-1968
DGSR11	Volume labelled 'Capital Record Sheets Transferred' recording changes of tenancy, applications for tenancies, register of capital allotted, repayments and cancellations [1 file]	1930-1965
DGSR12/1-4	<u>Journals</u>	
12/1	1912-1915	1912-1976
12/2	1915-1927	
12/3	1927-1963	

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12/4	1964-1976 [4 volumes]	
DGSR13/1-5	<u>Cash books</u>	
13/1	1912-1915	1912-1975
13/2	1915-1920 (receipts only)	
13/3	1915-1920 (payments only)	
13/4	1920-1938	
13/5	1939-1975 [5 volumes]	
DGSR14	Petty cash book [1 volume]	1917-1919
DGSR15	Annual statements of accounts [1 volume]	1921-1924
DGSR16/1-19	Annual accounts Working files containing a copy of the published annual report and accounts for the preceding year [19 files]	1946-1964
DGSR17	Register of ground rents [1 volume]	1920-1977
DGSR18	<u>Title deeds</u> Title deeds to lands at Rhiwbina, part of the Pentwyn and Rhiwbina Halt estates, the property of Rhiwbina Garden Village limited [1 bundle]	1913-1965
DGSR19	Title deeds of properties in Heol Wen, Rhiwbina [1 bundle]	1972-1975
DGSR20	Title deeds of properties in Heol-y-deri, Rhiwbina [1 bundle]	1953-1965
DGSR21	Title deeds of properties in Pantbach Road, Rhiwbina [1 bundle]	1932-1975
DGSR22	Title deeds of properties in Pen-y-dre, Rhiwbina [1 bundle]	1953-1968
DGSR23	<u>Plans</u> Rhiwbina Garden Village, layout of estate [1 plan]	1932
DGSR24	Sketches for a pair of hoses on a corner site [1 plan and 1 duplicate]	n.d.

DGSR25/1-204	House and building alteration plans (for detailed list see end of section) [1 box of plans]	1925-1975
DGSR26	Duplicated site plan for use in conjunction with leases [1 bundle]	n.d.
DGSR27	<u>Photographs</u> Rhiwbina Garden Village, general view of houses and allotment gardens [1 photograph, framed]	1918
DGSR28	Rhiwbina Garden Village, a selection of photographs [15 photographs mounted on a board]	n.d.
DGSR29	Tom Bassett, member of the Society, 1946-1956, chairman, 1951-1952 [1 photograph, framed]	c.1946-1956
DGSR30	Professor H. Stanley Jevons, housing reformer [1 photograph, framed]	1912
DGSR31	G. Cynfrig Jones, member of the Society, 1946-1959, chairman, 1953-1954 [1 photograph, framed]	c.1946-1959
DGSR32	Fred Stibbs, member of the Society, 1912-1934, chairman, 1922-23 [1 photograph, framed]	c.1912-1934
DGSR33	E. Hall Williams, Secretary of the Society [1 photograph, framed]	1954
DGSR34	Photographs of houses, events, etc. (see separate list at end of collection) [1 box photographs]	n.d.
DGSR35	<u>Miscellaneous</u> Rules of Rhiwbina Garden Village limited [1 booklet, printed]	1948
DGSR36	Fire insurance policies for £131,750 and £39,000 on the building of houses at Rhiwbina, 1955; Endorsements for the above, 1955-1959 [1 bundle]	1955-1959

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DGSR37	Cardiff City Council, Planning and Development Committee Copy of City Planning Officer's report on the proposed Rhiwbina Garden Village Conservation area [1 file]	1 February 1977
DGSR38	Plan of premises of the Welsh Town Planning and Housing Trust limited, 6 Cathedral Road, Cardiff [1 plan]	n.d.
DGSR39	Photograph of 6 Cathedral Road, Cardiff [1 photograph, framed]	n.d.
	<u>Printed books</u>	
DGSR40	<i>The Welsh Housing Yearbook</i> [1 booklet]	1916
DGSR41/1-18	<i>The Welsh Housing and Development Yearbook</i> [18 booklets]	1917-1934
DGSR42	<i>The Betrayor of Slums</i> , by Christopher Addison, M.P., First Minister of Health (Herbert Jenkins Ltd, London, c.1923) [1 volume]	c.1923
DGSR43	<i>The Housing Problem in Wales</i> , by Edgar J. Chappell, (Welsh Housing and Development Association, Cardiff, 1920) [1 volume]	1920
DGSR44	<i>The Agricultural Holdings Acts, 1908-1914</i> , by T.C. Jackson (3 rd edition, Sweet and Maxwell Ltd, London, 1917) [1 volume]	1917
DGSR45	<i>Small Holdings of England: A Survey of Various Existing Systems</i> , by L. Jebb, (John Murray, London, 1907) [1 volume]	1907
DGSR46	<i>The Practical Side of Small Holdings</i> , by James Long, (Collins, London, c.1913) [1 volume]	c.1913
DGSR47	<i>Round About a Pound a Week</i> , by Mrs. Pember Reeves (2 nd edition, G. Bell and Co. Ltd, London, 1914) [1 volume]	1914

DGSR48	<i>The Housing Act, 1935</i> , by Alfred R. Tylour, (Hadden, Best and Co. Ltd, London, 1935) [1 volume]	1935
DGSR49/1-9	<u>Dies</u> Paper sealing dies and instruments:	n.d.
49/1	Barry Garden Suburb Ltd.	
49/2	Burry Port Garden Suburb Ltd.	
49/3	Great Western (Severn Tunnel Junction)	
49/4	Garden Village Society Ltd	
49/5	Great Western (Swansea) Garden Village Society Ltd.	
49/6	Harrow, South Hill Tenants Ltd.	
49/7	National Welsh Housing Pioneers Ltd.	
49/8	Rhiwbina Garden Village Ltd.	
49/9	2 Instruments, sealed [7 sealing instruments; 2 dies only without sealing instruments]	
DGSR50	<u>Share certificate</u> Certificate for the Ordinary £1 share in Rhiwbina Garden Village Ltd. held by Mrs. Gladys Jones of 57 Pen-y-dre, Rhiwbina, (widow of Jack Jones, novelist), 31 December 1968, with collection stamp, 12 April 1972 [1 paper]	1968, 1972
DGSR51	<u>Additional deposit</u> News cuttings from local newspapers relating to Rhiwbina Garden Village and Garden Villages in general [1 file]	1912-1928
DGSR52	File containing:	
	Rules of Cardiff Workers' Co-operative Garden Village Society Ltd.	1912
	Rules of the Welsh Garden Villages Investment Society Ltd.	1912
	Information leaflet for tenants of Rhiwbina Garden Village	c.1914
	Programme for May day festival	1924
	Programme for fiftieth anniversary celebrations	1962
	Prospectuses for the sale of shares in the Cardiff Workers' Co-operative Garden Village Society	1913
	Tenancy agreement (not used)	c.1914

Article re-printed from the Architects' Journal on Rhiwbina Garden Village	1924
Membership card for Rhiwbina recreation club	1932
Notes on the aims of the Rhiwbina Garden Village Society	c.1914
Reports on the financial situation of the Rhiwbina Garden Village Society [1 file]	1934, 1935