

## THE LATE MEDIEVAL TOWNSHIP OF DEGANNWY

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In 1248 a borough was established in Degannwy by King Henry III - three years after the castle on the Vardre was re-fortified. The borough could have its own markets and fairs and it was granted its Royal Charter in 1252 - more than 30 years before the establishment of the town of Conwy, on whose Charter of 1284 was largely based.



The historical importance of Deganwy in the 13th century was highlighted by Jane Kenney, Senior Archaeologist of Gwynedd Archaeological Trust, when she led a large group of members on a two hour evening walk around the Vardre. In her clear, enthusiastic style, she drew attention to the various surface features which might give a clue to the true history of Deganwy Castle.

*Not only did Jane state the known facts indicated from archive records and the topography of the site, but she advanced her own plausible theories as to how the various fortifications on top of the Vardre were built and what might have gone on in the immediate surroundings.*

Her knowledge of her subject, aided by laminated maps and aerial photographs, made this a most enjoyable and informative evening. She was introduced and thanked by Elan Rivers.

