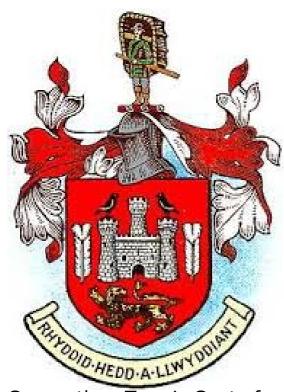
THE CARMARTHEN TOWN



Carmarthen Town's Coat of

Granted on the 9th April, 1936 to the Carmarthen Borough Council. The coracle man, standing proud at the top of the crest, was added at a later date.

The town crest reads 'RHYDDID HEDD A LLWYDDINT' - Freedom, peace and prosperity.

"The arms were based on a seal in previous use. The feathers are from the insignia of the Princes of Wales, and the lion may have been derived from the arms ascribed to Cadell, Prince of South Wales in the last part of the ninth century.

The crest represents the salmon and sewin fishing industry, in connection with which the coracle is still in use."

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Court of Admiralty

The Mayor of Carmarthen also has the title of Admiral of the Port of Carmarthen which was granted by a Charter of Henry VIII in 1546.

It was customary in the days when Carmarthen was an important port for the Mayor to voyage down to the bar of the Towy on 'Admiral's Court Day' for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the river – this custom still continues today.

