

20 Alexandra Place

The white tenement building comprising of 22/24/26 Alexandra Place was built by the first Provost of Oban – William Menzies.

Its walls are 3ft thick, inner layer of Drimvargie Stone and outer of Sandstone. The building was erected in 1866 as a block of good quality flats to be rented out as a source of income.

Alexandra Place is built on a solid spur of rock which acts as its foundation and runs down across the esplanade to the sea.

At the time of building William Menzies had his builders yard on the site but transferred it along the esplanade to where the Gem Box now stands so that he was able to build Alexandra Place on the best possible site.

Unfortunately while in the process of building the now long gone Park Hotel which went on fire and not insured Menzies had to make good his losses by selling his property to John Grant McCaig in 1897.

Originally Alexandra Place stood on its own but is now surrounded by buildings on either side. The building became a grade C listed building in 1995

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