



Cambria Archaeology Historic Environment Record

Guide and Index to the reference collections

Scope of information resources

The Cambria Archaeology Historic Environment Record comprises information on all *known* sites, monuments, features and artefacts of archaeological and/or historical interest in the counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. These range in date from the earliest known human activity in the region up to the period of the Cold War. Geographically, the record covers the former county of Dyfed, now the counties of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire (southwest Wales).

The aim is for the Record to be inclusive of subject and period for all terrestrial and maritime archaeology within the region, and for this to be achieved either through its own holdings or through links with related information resources. In practice, the circumstances of the development and resources of the Record mean that coverage is incomplete.

This guide lists major reference sources in the HER. The material is categorised by resource type (e.g. digital/non-digital). Within these categories the lists are organised alphabetically in broad subject categories.

Non-digital and reference

- **Aerial Photographs**

Meridian aerial photographs.

Vertical aerial photographs of most of the region covered by the HER. Taken by Meridian Airmaps Ltd during the period 1952 - 1984 (Scale 1:3,000 - 1:30,000). Those in the HER mostly date from 1954/55. c.6000 photographs.

RAF aerial photographs.

Vertical aerial photographs taken by the RAF during their national survey in 1946/7 (Scale 1:10,000). The HER collection of c.2500 photographs does not give complete coverage of the region.

Oblique aerial photographs.

Oblique aerial photographs, mostly of Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the region. Taken by RCAHMW and others. c.6000 photographs.

- **Cambria Archaeology Reports (master copies) – unbound project reports**

- **Cadw Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical Interest booklets – Listed Buildings paperwork**

Booklets containing detailed information for a number of listed buildings in Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire. Some booklets for areas outside the geographical remit of Cambria Archaeology are available from the library.

- Coastal reports and surveys

A number of coastal reports and surveys conducted by various organisations including CADW and RCAHM covering a number of different regions across Britain.

- Dyfed Archaeological Record

Paper Site Record Forms (SRFs) for all known archaeological sites, monuments, artefacts and events recorded in the region prior to 2000 (after this date the information was only recorded digitally).

Annotated Ordnance Survey maps showing the location of all known sites, monuments, artefacts and events recorded in the region prior to 2001 (since this date the information has been recorded digitally in a MapInfo table, see **digital resources** below). 1:10,560 Ordnance Survey maps produced in 1964.

- Detailed Record Files (DRFs)

Documentary evidence (site-specific) to support the information in the main HER database and the paper site record forms (correspondence, photocopies of newspaper & magazine articles etc). Sourced in the site records.

- Dyfed Archaeological Trust/ Cambria Archaeology reports

Copies of all unpublished archaeological reports produced by the Trust since 1992. Catalogued in a FoxPro database – **report.dbf**

- Geophysical survey reports

The results of geophysical surveys carried out in the region. Catalogued in a FoxPro database – **boxes.dbf**

- Journals

A small library of international, national and local journals. Articles within these journals that relate to sites and monuments etc. in the region may not be sourced in the site records, but they are catalogued in two FoxPro databases – **articles.dbf** and **library.dbf**

- Library

A library of archaeological books. Catalogued in a FoxPro database – **library.dbf**

- Miscellaneous documentation – leaflets, newsletters, policy documents, guidance notes and other paperwork**- National Trust publications and surveys**

A number of publications and surveys, carried out by the National Trust, for sites within the region covered by the HER.

- Offprints from books and journals

Extracts from publications where the extract mentions sites, monuments etc. recorded in the region covered by the HER. Again these may not be sourced, but are catalogued in a FoxPro database – **boxes.dbf**

- Ordnance Survey original surveyors drawings

Copies of the original surveyors drawings for the 18th century 1st edition Ordnance Survey maps. One and two inch to the mile maps available, for the region covered by the HER.

- Ordnance Survey Record Cards

A number of record cards, produced by the Archaeology Division of the Ordnance Survey, recording the details of individual sites documented within the HER.

- Outreach & Education Materials

A variety of different educational resources including exhibition material; CADW leaflets and other heritage organisation literature; factsheets; newsletters; information about local history groups and open days such as National Archaeology day.

- Paper maps

1st edition Ordnance Survey maps. Copies of the Ordnance Survey First Edition maps of Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire. Coverage of the 1:10,560 maps is thought to be complete. Copies of the 1:2,500 maps have been collected on a project-by-project basis and are therefore not complete. Both collections are catalogued in FoxPro databases – **first6.dbf** and **first25.dbf**

2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps. Copies of the Ordnance Survey Second Edition maps of Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire. Coverage of the 1:10,560 maps is thought to be complete. Copies of the 1:2,500 maps have been collected on a project-by-project basis and are therefore not complete. Both collections are catalogued in FoxPro databases – **first6.dbf** and **first25.dbf**

3rd edition Ordnance Survey maps. Copies of the Ordnance Survey Second Edition maps of Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire and Pembrokeshire. 1:2,500 scale only, collected on a project-by-project basis and therefore not complete. Catalogued in a FoxPro database - **first25.dbf**

Common land maps. Copies of maps 1:50,000, displaying areas of Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire that are recorded as 'common land'.

Geological maps. Copies of maps 1:50,000, taken from the Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales).

Soil survey maps. Copies of maps 1:63360, displaying the series and phases of soil for areas of Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire as recorded by *The Soil Survey of England and Wales*.

Tithe Maps. Copies of nineteenth century tithe maps of parishes in the area. Almost complete coverage. Those for Carmarthenshire currently being catalogued in a FoxPro database – **Carms.dbf**

Large scale town maps. Copies of maps 1:25,000, for a number of towns within Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire.

Miscellaneous maps.

- Photographic contact prints – contact prints and paper catalogues of 35mm films

Copies of contact prints taken by Cambria Archaeology/Dyfed Archaeological Trust

- Photographic negatives – 35mm negatives

Copies of negatives taken by Cambria Archaeology/Dyfed Archaeological Trust

- Photographic slide record forms – paper catalogues of photographic slides

Relating to slides taken by Cambria Archaeology/Dyfed Archaeological Trust

- Post-excavation records – artefact records and specialist reports

Paper copies of specialist reports covering fields such as pottery analysis.

- **Publication illustrations (masters) – publication standard illustrations and photographs**

Relating to publications produced by Dyfed Archaeological Trust/Cambria Archaeology.

- **Reports by various archaeological research groups**

Paper copies of reports conducted by several different archaeological research groups such as the Medieval Settlement Research Group and the Urban Research unit.

- **Reports by other Welsh Archaeological Trusts**

Copies of reports for excavations carried out by other WATs working within the region.

- **Terrestrial Photographs**

An extensive collection of photographs, both digital and non-digital

- **Unpublished dissertations**, both undergraduate and post-graduate, which focus on the region

Digital catalogues

- All known archaeological or historical sites, monuments, events, features and chance finds in the region.
- All books, journal articles and offprints relating to the above sites, monuments, features, events and artefacts
- All Cambria Archaeology and Dyfed Archaeological Trust reports
- All reports created by external organisations regarding archaeological work in the region
- All paper copies of historic Ordnance Survey maps held in the HER
- All project archives held in the HER
- 19th and 20th century military buildings in Pembrokeshire surveyed during a 1994 project
- Several databases relating to the Cadw-funded Churches project
- A database recording the contents of all DVDs of digital images taken by Cambria Archaeology

Digital Mapping Layers

- Ordnance Survey Landline data
- Locations of all known archaeological or historical sites, monuments, features and chance finds in the region
- Locations of archaeological or historical sites, monuments and artefacts extracted from the Extended National Database (END). Includes Portable Antiquities Scheme data*.
- Locations of Listed Buildings in the region
- Map of all points from where DAT photographs were taken
- Areas of all Countryside Council for Wales environmental designations
- The known and suggested routes of Roman roads in the region
- Site types in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
- Outlines of areas where archaeological work has been undertaken in the region
- Conservation areas in the region
- Iron Age defended enclosures in the region
- Boundaries of Local Communities within the region
- The locations of Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the region
- Registered Historic Landscapes in the region

* Restrictions are placed on access to locational information from this dataset

- Boundary of the region covered by the HER
- Indices to the Ordnance Survey 6" and 25" to the mile maps in the Cambria Archaeology collection
- *Landmark* early Ordnance Survey maps (digital)
- The flight runs of the Meridian Air photographs for Carmarthenshire
- The locations of areas of ridge and furrow cultivation recorded in the HER (draft)
- The locations of place-names of potential archaeological significance seen on Tithe maps (draft)
- The locations of findspots recorded in the HER (draft)
- Polygons of site information retrieved from annotated paper Ordnance Survey Maps

All of the above are continually updated as new information becomes available.

Links to related historic environment information systems - Those that complement the record's holdings, and organisations that host or curate them, can be found on the Cambria Archaeology website. These include: -

[Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust](#)

[Gwynedd Archaeological Trust](#)

[Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust](#)

[Council for British Archaeology \(UK archaeology on-line\)](#)

[Network Wales](#)

[Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Wales](#)

[Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments](#)

[Portable Antiquities Scheme](#)

[The National Trust](#)

[Institute of Field Archaeologists](#)

[Council for British Archaeology \(main site\)](#)

[Rescue: The British Archaeological Trust](#)

[Castles of Wales](#)

[Internet Archaeology](#)

[British Archaeology](#)

[Current Archaeology](#)

[Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers \(ALGAO\)](#)

Museums:

[National Museums & Galleries of Wales](#)

[British Museum](#)

Non-archaeological but useful websites:

[Carmarthenshire County Council](#)

[Wales Tourist Board](#)

[Data Wales](#)

[National Assembly for Wales](#)

[Development Board for Rural Wales](#)

[Countryside Council for Wales](#)

[Brecon Beacons National Park](#)

[Carmarthenshire Tourist Association](#)

[Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#)

[A Kidwelly History](#)

[Cilycwm Village Website](#)

[Wales on the web](#)
[The Science Lab News Resources](#)

Differential coverage and selective inclusion/omissions

There is a general cut-off date in that no sites later than the Cold War period are currently on the record.

Statement of existing arrangements for exchanging/sharing data

Data is regularly exchanged (usually every quarter, on CD or by email) with external dependent and/or contributory records. These comprise the Extended National Database (END) and Core Archaeological Record iNdex (CARN), both parts of the National Monuments Record. All exchanges are governed by written service level agreements an example of which is included with this document.

Statement on IPR issues

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