



# Gatehouse News

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**Developments of the Gatehouse Website. The comprehensive bibliography and gazetteer of the castles, fortifications and palaces of medieval England and Wales.**

Having found a online source for the listed building reports for Wales, as reported last November, I found that link had become defunct. However I was able to find another source; [HistoricWales](#) - the map enabled portal for historic environment information in Wales. Actually this is a revamped and much improved version of the Historic Wales Portal, the source for my earlier link. While the earlier version of the mapping aspect of Historic Wales Portal was not worth linking to the new version is and I now include a link to that site.

This is particularly useful for showing the surrounding historical sites (such as the local church, Roman sites and, I find particularly important in Wales with its unbroken Celtic culture, Iron Age sites). I've also improved the records for Wales by splitting the site description taken for authoritative reports such as the Archaeological Trust databases from my own thoughts, now put into a new field called 'comments'.

Doing this took rather longer than I anticipated as I kept coming across records that were inadequate and needed improving so a good number of records are now different although I really have much more work to do in this regard. I am also aware of a number of broken links, particularly to online copies of the RCAHMW *Inventories* which I've not yet had a chance to update (The *Inventories* themselves can be [downloaded](#) from the Royal Commission).

Finally I've changed the index pages of the historic counties of Wales so that reject sites are listed after the more certain sites.

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