

# GLAMORGAN GWENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD ENQUIRY REPORT - EVENT RECORDS

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## Search criteria

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**PRN** E001411 **NAME** *The Roman fortress of Caerleon and its environs: A framework for research* **NGR** ST33909060 **COMMUNITY** Caerleon  
**TYPE** *Desk based assessment* **YEAR** 2004 **ORGANISATION** Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust  
**(GGAT) PERSON** -

**SUMMARY** *The Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust undertook a research frame for the Roman fortress of Caerleon and its environs.*

**DESCRIPTION** *The Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust undertook a research frame for the Roman fortress of Caerleon and its environs. The survey area was centred on the fortress and was divided into three zones. Zone A- comprises the fortress as defined by the ditch system Zone B - comprises the area immediately outside the fortress, containing the amphitheatre, parade ground and waterfront but occupied in the main by the civil settlement and the cemeteries, and the area of settlement on the southern bank of the Usk around the bridgehead and the associated cemetery on the lower slopes of Chepstow Hill. Zone C- comprises a more extensive area, located to the south of Caerleon and extends along the Severn Levels from Rumney at the west to Goldcliff at the east.*

**COMMENTS** *None*

### ARTEFACTS

**TYPE:** *None recorded* **MATERIAL:** - **PERIOD:** - **DESCRIPTION:** -

**CROSS REFERENCES** - GGAT00738g, GGAT00514g, GGAT02210g, GGAT03078g, GGAT03600g, GGAT00550g

### SOURCES

*Report Evans, E M 2004 The Roman fortress of Caerleon and its environs: A framework for research 2679*

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**PRN** E002570 **NAME** *Ty Coch House, Llantarnam Industrial Park*  
**EVAL** **NGR** ST2972693256 **COMMUNITY** Llantarnam  
**TYPE** *Evaluation* **YEAR** 2001 **ORGANISATION** - **PERSON** *Makepeace, G.A*

**SUMMARY** *Palmer Environmental commissioned G.A makepeace to undertake an archaeological evaluation on land near Ty Coch House, Llantarnam Industrial Estate, Cwmbrân after planning permission was sought to build and extend a current factory on the site, no archaeological evidence was found (Makepeace 2001).*

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*build and extend a current factory on the site, no archaeological evidence was found (Makepeace 2001).*

**COMMENTS** *None*

**ARTEFACTS**

*TYPE: None recorded MATERIAL: - PERIOD: - DESCRIPTION: -*

**CROSS REFERENCES** - GGAT00148g

**SOURCES**

*Report Makepeace, G.A 2001 An Archaeological Evaluation at Ty Coch House, Llantarnam Industrial Park, Cwmbrân. 1079 201/03*

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**PRN** E003187 **NAME** *Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran* **NGR** ST3035794488 **COMMUNITY** *Llanyrafon*  
**TYPE** *Watching Brief* **YEAR** 2010 **ORGANISATION** *Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust*  
(GGAT) **PERSON** -

**SUMMARY** *The Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (Projects Division) were commissioned by Torfaen County Borough Council to undertake an archaeological watching brief to observe groundworks with Llanyrafon Manor.*

**DESCRIPTION** *The Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (Projects Division) were commissioned by Torfaen County Borough Council to undertake an archaeological watching brief to observe groundworks with Llanyrafon Manor. Seven test pits were excavated by hand and measured approximately 300mm by 300mm. Archaeological deposits were recorded in all test pits, all of which were stone either flagged or cobbled surfaces overlain by modern limecrete or concrete. From the watching brief it is assumed that the earlier floor surfaces survive throughout the rest of the building.*

**COMMENTS** *Planning Application no 09/P/00198*

**ARTEFACTS**

*TYPE: None recorded MATERIAL: - PERIOD: - DESCRIPTION: -*

**CROSS REFERENCES** E003519

**SOURCES**

*Report Burton, J 2010 Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran, Torfaen: Archaeological Watching Biref 2860 2011/01*

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**PRN** E003519 **NAME** *Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran* **NGR** ST3035794488 **COMMUNITY** *Llanyrafon*  
**TYPE** *Desk based assessment* **YEAR** 2009 **ORGANISATION** *Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust*  
(GGAT) **PERSON** *Graham, E*

**SUMMARY** *A desk based assessment was carried out in advance of the proposed redevelopment of Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran*

**DESCRIPTION** *A desk based assessment was carried out in advance of the proposed redevelopment of Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran. A total of 52 sites of archaeological interest were identified within the study area, including 33 not previously recorded in the regional HER. Most of these relate to former agricultural activities on site, or are domestic features associated with the manor house itself. (Graham 2009)*

**COMMENTS** *None*

**ARTEFACTS**

*TYPE: None recorded MATERIAL: - PERIOD: - DESCRIPTION: -*

**CROSS REFERENCES** E004055, E003187

**SOURCES**

*Journal Graham, E 2009 Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran*

*Report (digital) Graham, E 2009 Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran: Archaeological Desk-based Assessment 3270 ReportPDF/3270\_P1333\_LlanyrafonDBA.pdf*

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**PRN** E003849 **NAME** *Abbey Farm Lands Llantarnam, Gwent, DBA* **NGR** ST3022992979 **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*  
**TYPE** *Desk Based Assessment* **YEAR** 1994 **ORGANISATION** *Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust*  
(GGAT) **PERSON** *Page N*

**SUMMARY** *Gwent County Council commissioned GGAT to undertake a desk based assessment re the potential impact of a planning application for the development of a parcel of land southeast of the present A4042 near Llantarnam.*

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potential impact of a planning application for the development of a parcel of land southeast of the present A4042 near Llantarnam. Due to the presence of substantial medieval and post-medieval remains at Llantarnam the report concluded that further archaeological work was required to assess the impact of any development. This work would take the form of an archaeological field evaluation of 2% of the proposed area. The results of this evaluation would guide further archaeological intervention.

**COMMENTS** None

**ARTEFACTS**

**TYPE:** None recorded **MATERIAL:** - **PERIOD:** - **DESCRIPTION:** -

**CROSS REFERENCES** E004344 GGAT00622g, GGAT00623g, GGAT00624g, GGAT00627g, GGAT00630g, GGAT03790g, GGAT04379g

**SOURCES**

Report Page N A 1994 Abbey Farm Lands, Llantarnam, Gwent. Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment. 279 94/02 ReportPDF/279\_A178\_AbbeyFarmLandsLlantarnamDBA.pdf

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**PRN** E003886 **NAME** Newport to Shrewsbury Trunk Road: Llantarnam

Bypass **NGR** ST3057592018 **COMMUNITY** Llantarnam

**TYPE** Desk Based Assessment **YEAR** 1990 **ORGANISATION** Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) **PERSON** -

**SUMMARY** GGAT was commissioned by the Welsh Office Highways Directorate to carry out an assessment of the archaeological impact of the proposed Llantarnam bypass section of the A4042 Newport-Shrewsbury road. The affected area was surveyed in the field in November 1989 and January 1990, and extensive documentary research was carried out.

**DESCRIPTION** The proposed road runs north from Croes y Mwyllach and dips down to the flatter land of the Llantarnam Valley. There are no recorded pre-Medieval sites in the area affected by the proposed road. Earlier sites may be concealed beneath the river terrace. Historically, the area is best-known for its Medieval history and archaeology. **THE IMPACT OF THE ROAD** A number of sites are of significance and may be affected by the development to varying degrees. **THE ABBEY, THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, THE TITHE BARN** There should be no risk to the present buildings listed above beyond increased pollution. However, the medieval abbey's peripheral buildings may be at risk depending on how far west they extend **THE GRAIN AND FULLING MILLS** The post-medieval watermill, which may lie on the site of an earlier mill, is very close to the line of the proposed bypass. If the medieval mill rather lies under Abbey Farm, the risk will be much greater. As its exact location is unknown, it is impossible to assess the road's impact. **THE MAGNA PORTA** The present site will benefit from the new road, which should remove traffic from its immediate vicinity. However, it is possible that the remains of the original medieval structure will be affected as its exact location has not been securely identified. **THE DESERTED VILLAGE** The road will pass directly over building 3 and go through the road and house platforms around and to the s/w of house 17. In between these areas the road will pass through the open area, which may be very important to the understanding of the village. Virtually all of the rest of the known area will be covered by screen planting. The remains of the buildings so far recovered have been close to the surface and so will be extensively damaged by tree roots. **RECOMMENDATIONS** In view of the importance of the village and its relationship with the abbey, it is recommended that an alternative route be sought. However, this option may have detrimental implications for other aspects of the environment and may be impractical The next best option is to preserve the sensitive area under an embankment. If the road cannot be re-routed or the area preserved, trial excavation is suggested to estimate costings for a full excavation. Its primary aims would be to define the western limits of the abbey buildings and to investigate the potential of the deserted village's open area. The sites of any surviving structures should not be screen planted, and when it does take place it should be undertaken by hand. A watching brief should be carried out during soil stripping outside the known archaeologically sensitive area of the village. Salvage excavation may be necessary in the area of the nursery and Abbey Farm. In terms of Palaeoenvironmental research the alluvial silts around the Afon Lwyd to the north of Abbey Farm may provide an opportunity to establish a palaeoenvironmental sequence. Contingency should be made for any unexpected discoveries.

**COMMENTS** None

**ARTEFACTS**

**TYPE:** None recorded **MATERIAL:** - **PERIOD:** - **DESCRIPTION:** -

**CROSS REFERENCES** E003755 GGAT03640g, GGAT02887g, GGAT04364g, GGAT00621g

**SOURCES**

Report Geake, H 1990 A4042 Newport to Shrewsbury Trunk Road: Llantarnam Bypass. An Archaeological Assessment 172 90/01 ReportPDF/172\_A4042NewporttoShrewsburyBypassDBA.pdf

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**PRN** E003972 **NAME** Report on Geophysical Survey Llantarnam,

Gwent **NGR** ST3057592018 **COMMUNITY** Llantarnam

**TYPE** Geophysical survey **YEAR** 1990 **ORGANISATION** GSB Prospection (Geophysical Surveys of

Bradford) **PERSON** -

**SUMMARY** Survey to help to evaluate the archaeological potential of the whole of the proposed route of the A4042 Newport to Shrewbury Road - Llantarnam By-pass.

**DESCRIPTION** Survey to help to evaluate the archaeological potential of the whole of the proposed route of the A4042 Newport to Shrewbury Road - Llantarnam By-pass. The major areas threatened by development were all covered by the resistance technique. A magnetic survey was also used to identify possible industrial features in designated area. A number of anomalies were noted that may be of archaeological interest. A ground contour survey would help to eliminate from the archaeological interpretation those anomalies caused by natural causes.

**COMMENTS** None

**ARTEFACTS**

**TYPE:** None recorded **MATERIAL:** - **PERIOD:** - **DESCRIPTION:** -

**CROSS REFERENCES** E003886

**SOURCES**

Report Geake, H 1990 A4042 Newport to Shrewsbury Trunk Road: Llantarnam Bypass. An Archaeological Assessment 172 90/01 ReportPDF/172\_A4042NewporttoShrewsburyBypassDBA.pdf

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**PRN** E004055 **NAME** Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran **NGR** ST3035794488 **COMMUNITY** Llanyrafon  
**TYPE** Field Visit **YEAR** 2009 **ORGANISATION** Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) **PERSON**  
**SUMMARY** The Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust conducted a site visit to Llanyrafon Manor, in April 2009 in order to inform an archaeological desk-based assessment of the effects of a proposed development. Sites within the development area were visited and assessed (Graham 2009).

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**COMMENTS**

**ARTEFACTS**

**TYPE:** None recorded **MATERIAL:** - **PERIOD:** - **DESCRIPTION:** -

**CROSS REFERENCES** E003519

**SOURCES**

Report Graham, E 2009 Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran, Torfaen: Archaeological Desk-based Assessment

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**PRN** E004122 **NAME** Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran WB **NGR** ST3035794488 **COMMUNITY** Llanyrafon  
**TYPE** Watching Brief **YEAR** 2011 **ORGANISATION** Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust  
(GGAT) **PERSON**  
**SUMMARY** The Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (Projects Division) were commissioned by Torfaen County Borough Council to undertake an archaeological watching brief to observe groundworks with Llanyrafon Manor (Crawford 2011).

**DESCRIPTION** The Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (Projects Division) were commissioned by Torfaen County Borough Council to undertake an archaeological watching brief to observe groundworks with Llanyrafon Manor (Crawford 2011). A limited number of archaeological features were encountered during the watching brief. These consisted of an extensive area of cobbled surface to the south of the manor house, likely to date to the late Post-medieval period, and the remains of three low walls immediately to the north of the house. Analysis of the mortar used in the walls suggests that they also date to the late Post-medieval period. Their position suggests that they may be the remains of minor agricultural buildings (Crawford 2011). No other archaeological features or deposits were discovered during the watching brief. The entirety of the small artefactual assemblage dated to the later Post-medieval period (Crawford 2011).

**COMMENTS** Planning Application no 09/P/00198

**ARTEFACTS**

**TYPE:** None recorded **MATERIAL:** - **PERIOD:** - **DESCRIPTION:** -

**CROSS REFERENCES** -

**SOURCES**

Report (digital) Crawford, J 2011 Llanyrafon Manor, Cwmbran, Torfaen: Archaeological Watching Brief, Stage 2 3276 ReportPDF/3276\_P1439\_LlanyrafonManorStage2WB.pdf

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