

A Research Framework for the Archaeology of Wales  
Southeast Wales – Early Medieval, Key Sites  
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'Key sites' are defined as being all those for which excavation evidence is available; it does not include casual finds. Note that, whilst for burials and settlement site, this list includes substantially all identified sites (with the exception of Harold's House, Portskewett (NGR ST500882) and Saint-y-Nyll (ST09667807) for which no excavation evidence is known), church sites include only those for which excavation evidence provides reasonable certainty that they were in use before the beginning of the 12th century. At the end of the ongoing project to identify all Early Medieval ecclesiastical sites, it should be possible to add to this section sites for which there is a reasonable degree of other evidence.

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## **BURIALS**

### **Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry (ST134673)**

Cemetery, beginning in use in the Roman period; contemporary context unknown.

Radiocarbon dates.

Newman and Newman forthcoming

### **St Baruc's chapel, Barry Island SAM Gm 120 (ST11936667)**

Burials predating 12th century stone chapel. Dating by stratigraphy only.

Knight 1981

Caerleon

Burial at **Roman Gates (ST34039079)** within the ruins of the Roman fortress, associated with building. Radiocarbon date. Archive deposited at the NMR. Evans and Metcalf 1992, 54

Burial at **Cambria House (ST34239086)**, associated with possible reoccupation of two buildings within the extramural area.

Radiocarbon date. Archive deposited at Newport Museum.

Evans 2000, 171

### **Caerwent SAM Mm 1**

Cemetery at **Vicarage Orchard (ST47189046)**, outside East Gate of Roman Town.

Radiocarbon dates.

Campbell and Macdonald 1995

**Intramural cemetery**, around and to the west of Church of SS Stephen and Tathan (ST46839052).

Radiocarbon dates. Possible **Viking burial** from Insula XII. Metalwork.

Campbell and Macdonald 1995; Farley 1984; Knight 1998

### **Llandough (ST16837334)**

Cemetery at Great House Farm, probably associated with adjacent church, and with nearby Roman villa. Radiocarbon dates.

Thomas and Holbrook 1994

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**Burry Holms SAM Gm 473 (SS40099258)**

Timber church with associated structures and burial within embanked enclosure.  
Dating by stratigraphy only.  
RCAHMW 1976c, 14

**LLANELEN SAM Gm 376 (SS51129337)**

Timber chapel with associated graves. Dating by stratigraphy only.  
Kissock, *et al*; Schlesinger and Walls 1995

**SETTLEMENTS**

**Caerleon**

Building at **Roman Gates** (ST34039079) within the ruins of the Roman fortress; associated with burial (see above). Archive deposited at the NMR.  
Evans and Metcalf 1992, 54

Possible reoccupation of parts of buildings within civil settlement at **Cambria House** (ST34259084); associated with burial (see above).  
Archive deposited at Newport Museum.  
Evans 2000, 170-2

**CAERWENT SAM Mm 1 (ST46789057)**

Rectangular buildings, possibly associated with a sequence of metalwork extending from the late Roman period to the 10th century.  
Knight 1998

**Cold Knap (Glan-y-mor) SAM Gm 419 (ST09926659)**

Some of rooms of coastal building of Roman period reused 6th-7th centuries; round-cornered building constructed in courtyard 9th-10th centuries.  
Radiocarbon date.  
Evans *et al* 1985, 90

**Dinas Powys SAM Gm 23 (ST14827203)**

Probable buildings excavated within a defended hilltop enclosure.  
Imported pottery and glass.  
Alcock, 1963

**Hen Gastell (SS73169405)**

Excavation of part of a defended hilltop enclosure with internal structure. Imported pottery and glass. Archaeomagnetic dates.  
Archive deposited at Neath Museum.  
Wilkinson 1995

**UNCERTAIN**

**Pentre Farm (SN59130263)**

A fire pit dug immediately adjacent to a Bronze Age ring cairn.  
Radiocarbon date.  
Ward 1978, 56

**BACON HOLE (SS565048682)**

Irish type bronze penannular brooch of 7th century date reportedly found in cave, but identification not confirmed; it could be a Romano-British type.

Edwards and Lane 1988, 22

**CULVER HOLE SAM Gm 87 (SS40589296)**

Brooch of 9th century date found in cave; best paralleled in hoards from Ireland, Scotland and northwest England.

Edwards and Lane 1988, 47

**LESSER GARTH CAVE (ST12558210)**

Finds from cave for this period consist of E-ware of c7th century date, ring brooch of 7th-9th century, and a slotted and pointed object of about the same date.

Edwards and Lane 1988, 86-7

**MINCHIN HOLE (SS55538688)**

Three 9th century silver coins found in cave.

Edwards and Lane 1988, 94-5