

Crickhowell District Archive Centre

Information Asset Register

Outline List of Information Resources



Area Coverage

Our archive and other information relates to the eight parishes which we serve, namely Crickhowell, Llanbedr, Llanelly (Monmouthshire), Llanfihangel Cwmdru (inc. Tretower), Llangattock, Llangenny, Llangynidr, and Partrishow; the area of the Crickhowell Rural District Council prior to 1974 (earlier the Hundred of Crickhowell).

Parish Registers

Microfilm and CDRom copies of the surviving parish registers of all the Anglican churches in the local area:

Crickhowell*	1633–1997	Llangenny	1695–1970
Llanbedr*	1675–1989	Llangynidr	1783–1992
Llanelly, Mon.	1701–1963	Partrishow	1728–1992
Llanfihangel Cwmdru*	1734–1992	Tretower*	1813–1992
Llangattock*	1703–1992		

*Parishes for which indexed transcripts are available.

Transcripts available of non-conformist chapels include:

Bethesda Independent Congregational Chapel, Llangattock
 Peniel Baptist Chapel, Bwlch,
 Peniel Chapel Cwmrhos, Cwmdru.

Also the Crickhowell Municipal Burial Registers (1888–2012).

Monumental Inscriptions

Records are available for most local churches and chapel graveyards either in print, microfiche, or computer file form. Also transcripts for the municipal cemeteries at Crickhowell and Brynmawr. Most are searchable by name, Monumental Inscription data in digital form for bordering areas, especially the Heads of the Valleys and Gwent.

Photocopies of the tithe maps and schedules of local parishes as follows:

Crickhowell – 1845*	Llangattock – 1845
Also the Hamlets of Grwyne – Fechan and Grwyne Fawr (then in Talgarth Parish) 1839	
Llanbedr Ystradwy – 1839*	Llangenny – 1839
Llanelly – 1839	Llangynidr – 1845*
Llanfihangel Cwmdu – 1845*	Partrishow – 1841
(Also Bedwellty)	
*Transcribed and indexed.	

Also in our map collection is a survey of “Grwynefechan Hamlet in the Parish of Talgarth” of 1803, similar in style although not purpose, to the tithe maps. Of interest is a record of tithe payments made to the Rector of Llangattock for the parishes of Llangattock, Llanelly and Llangenny, 1827–32.

School Records

Available for Crickhowell Junior and Primary Schools, Llangattock School, Llangynidr School.

Census Returns

Local details for 1841–1901. CD, microfiche and paper formats; some surname indexes.

Register of Electors

Currently available: 1873, 1913 (Jury List only), 1925, 1964, 1982, 1996 and 2008.

Early Ordnance Survey (OS) Maps

Copies of the OS Surveyors’ initial mapping of the area (1813-1815) including a mosaic of this coverage of the Black Mountains—The Budgen Map, and of the OS First Edition 1 Inch to 1 Mile Map (1832) and later reprints.

Coverage of the OS 25 Inches to 1 Mile sheets of the area is complete, although not for every edition—some first editions (ca. 1880), many of Revision 1 (ca.1904) and a few of Revision 2 (ca. 1920).

Coverage of early OS 6 Inches to 1 Mile Mapping is almost complete for the First Edition (ca.1886) plus later revisions of many sheets (ca.1905 and ca. 1922).

Estate Maps

Of particular importance is a collection of facsimile copies of the Beaufort Estate Maps of the Manors of Tretower and Crickhowell. There were two surveys, one in 1587 (the earliest example in Wales of an estate map drawn to scale and recently added to UNESCO’s UK Register of Outstanding Historical Collections) and a later one of 1760. An atlas, Estate Maps of the Crickhowell Area 1587 and 1760 is a prized resource of the Archive Centre.

Other estate maps available in facsimile form at CDAC include Sir Edward Williams’s Estate of Grwyne Fawr and Grwyne Fechan, Dinas Lordship, 1759-60; The Earl of Ashburnham’s Estate in Talgarth and Cwmdu (ca. 1770; and Lord Vernon’s Breconshire Estates 1776. A handbook is available to assist users of our map collection.

Photographs of the town and its immediate environs, 1932–1999.

Images of the local area in the past

Includes:

1. A collection of prints (lithographs, etc.) of the area before the camera.
2. A photographic collection in two albums classified under People and Places;
3. An extensive digital collection of historic and recent photographs.

Sale Catalogues

Important sale catalogues available are of the Beaufort Estate of 1915 and 1923 (Llangattock Park); the Glanusk Estate (1919 and 1920); Cwrt-y-Gollen Estates (1891); the Ashburnham Estate (1913). Gwernvale Estate (1895) and the Llangattock Court Estate (1919).

Extracts from national and regional newspapers.

Files relevant to the Crickhowell area from the following: *The Times* 1785–1985, *The Monmouth Merlin*, *Monmouthshire Beacon*, *Hereford Journal*, *Hereford Times* up to 1859

File copies of newspaper cuttings on local events including a scrapbook for the years 1973–1984.

Index to Wills of the Crickhowell Area, 1539–1857.

These are from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (originals in the National Archives, Kew) and the Archdeaconry of Brecon (National Library of Wales. CDAC has an on-going project to transcribe selected local wills and inventories and a file of completed transcripts is available for consultation. A research guide, *Wills of the Crickhowell Area*, is available.

Trade Directories.

File of extracts featuring the local area, 1791–1926.

Listed Buildings Record.

The CADW record of Listed Buildings is available for all parishes (incl. location maps).

Local Archive

This is the core of CDAC's collection and comprises material collected over 50 years by the local Historical Society and Civic Society, together with subsequent donations from many individuals. All items are entered on a database and digitally searchable.

Items of note include:

Document collections and writings of local historians, notably Louis Hurley, Roy Davies and Brian Couzens.

Minute books of the Crickhowell branch of the Royal British Legion, 1949–1973.

First minute book, Cwmdy Vestry 1827–1990 and assorted material from Cwmdy Church.

Two ledgers of Frank Powell, cobbler, The Legar 1929–1937 and other tradesmen's records.

Research reports by Karl Martin on roads and tracks in the local area.

The deeds of the Watkins family of Cwmdru, 1671–1865.

A comprehensive record of church and chapel buildings of the area, past and present.

Crickhowell Cricket Club minute books, 1925–1947.

Henry Thomas Payne MS

A noted antiquarian and rector of Llanbedr, Payne (1759–1832) produced valuable manuscript accounts on all of the parishes which we serve ('A Parochial Visitation', 1785 and 'Parochial Notices', 1806). We have photocopies of much of his work (the originals are at the National Library of Wales or the Powys Archives Office).

On loan from Powys Archives Office and Library Service.

Boxed and indexed, we have a comprehensive collection of local minute books, etc. e.g.:

Crickhowell Parish Council: Minute books 1894–1974. Elections and Declarations 1946–1987. Account books, General and Special Funds, 1899–1916; General and Burial 1916–1966. Financial Statements, 1927–1976.

Crickhowell Community Council: Minute books 1974–1979, Planning decisions and correspondence 1974–1989 etc;

First Crickhowell Public Library: Subscriptions account book 1904–1922.

Llangynidr Parish Council: Financial statements 1905–1973.

Miscellaneous Burial Board records 1888–1966.

Local family history records and house histories resulting from research by CDAC volunteers and users of our collections.

The latter include histories of Latham House (published) and Ty-yn-wlad, Crickhowell, Dyffryn, Nant yr Chain, and Ty Commin, Llanbedr; Llangattock Court, The Plas, Penallt and Ysgubor Newydd, Llangattock; Tyn y Llwyn, Partrishow (photo survey). Also an account of the Manor of Aberonney and Penallt, Llangattock and of the lost mansion Llwn yr Enwyn, Llangattock. Historical Buildings of Llangattock (photographical survey) and Farmsteads and smallholdings of Llangattock.

Book Collection

A small library of books, journals and pamphlets with a local focus, including a complete set of *Brycheiniog*, the journal of the Brecknock Society. A guide is available for researchers wishing to use this collection.



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