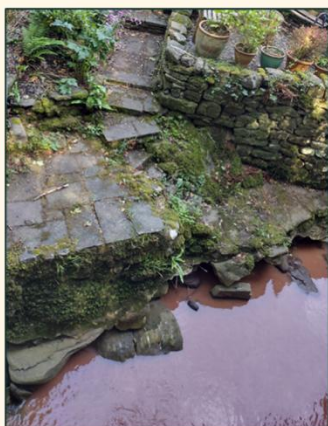




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List of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest: Llangynidr



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Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority



What is the Local List?

A List of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest, or 'Local List', is an inventory of all the heritage assets that do not appear on any national lists or registers, but which are important to local communities and to the places in which we live. These might be buildings, archaeological sites, monuments, sites where significant local historical events may have taken place, open spaces or other features, such as milk churn stands, milestones or historical post boxes. Local heritage plays a very important role in our day to day lives, contributing to our quality of life, our identity and our sense of place and community. The Local List helps to celebrate local heritage, highlighting its importance and ensuring that it is valued. It allows local communities to formally identify the heritage assets that hold significance for them, that they value and that they want to see protected and preserved. The purpose of maintaining a list of historic assets of special local interest is to ensure that the significance of local assets is taken into account when change is being considered, as described in Cadw's *Managing Lists of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest in Wales* (2017).

Local List Criteria

1. Historic Interest

- a) Does this relate to an important aspect of local social, religious, political, or economic history?
- b) Is it historically associated with an important local feature?

2. Historic Association

- a) Is it closely associated with: famous local people, local history events, strong community or social developments (must be well documented)?
- b) Does it relate closely to any statutory protected structure or site?

3. Architectural & Design Merit

- a) Is the surviving building/structure/park or garden the work of a particular architect or designer which illustrates local or regional history or design?
- b) Does it show qualities of age, style or distinctive characteristics relative to the area?
- c) Does the architectural design, details and construction materials add to the local character of the area?

4. Survival

- a) Does it remain in a substantial and recognisable form?
- b) Does it retain its historic features and layouts?
- c) Does it represent an important element in the development of the area?

5. Townscape Merit

- a) Does it represent an important visual amenity locally? For instance, does it create interesting visual impact in an area or make a landmark?
- b) Is it a notable building (s) on an important route into the area, which creates a vista or contributes to the skyline? Does it emphasise corner sites or provide focal points in the townscape?

6. Biodiversity

a) Buildings that provide habitat/protection and encourage biodiversity.

What is the effect of local listing?

Although there are no additional statutory controls over properties included on the Local List, the Authority will encourage owners to preserve the special qualities that have resulted in their inclusion. Under the present Local Development Plan, the protection of buildings identified on the Local List is covered by **Policy 18: Protection of Buildings of Local Importance**:

Development affecting buildings which make an important contribution to the character and interest of the local area as set out on the local list will be permitted where the distinctive appearance, architectural integrity or their settings would not be significantly adversely affected.

Consultation

Consultation with the local community was undertaken at Llangynidr Village Hall on the 1st May 2025, with comments accepted for a period of six weeks following the drop-in session. Other assets proposed by the community which are potentially suitable for inclusion on the Local List following future consultation, were:

- St Cynidr and St Mary Church (315542,219406): identified on the Historic Environment Record and tithe map and apportionment document of 1840
- The Red Lion (315560,219451): identified on the Historic Environment Record and tithe map and apportionment document of 1840
- 'Toll Booth' by the Red Lion: a structure of similar size identified on tithe map of 1840.



Comments were also made regarding protection of the stone boundary walls, stone stiles and green paths which add much to the character of the area, and which could be highlighted in any future Conservation Area designation.



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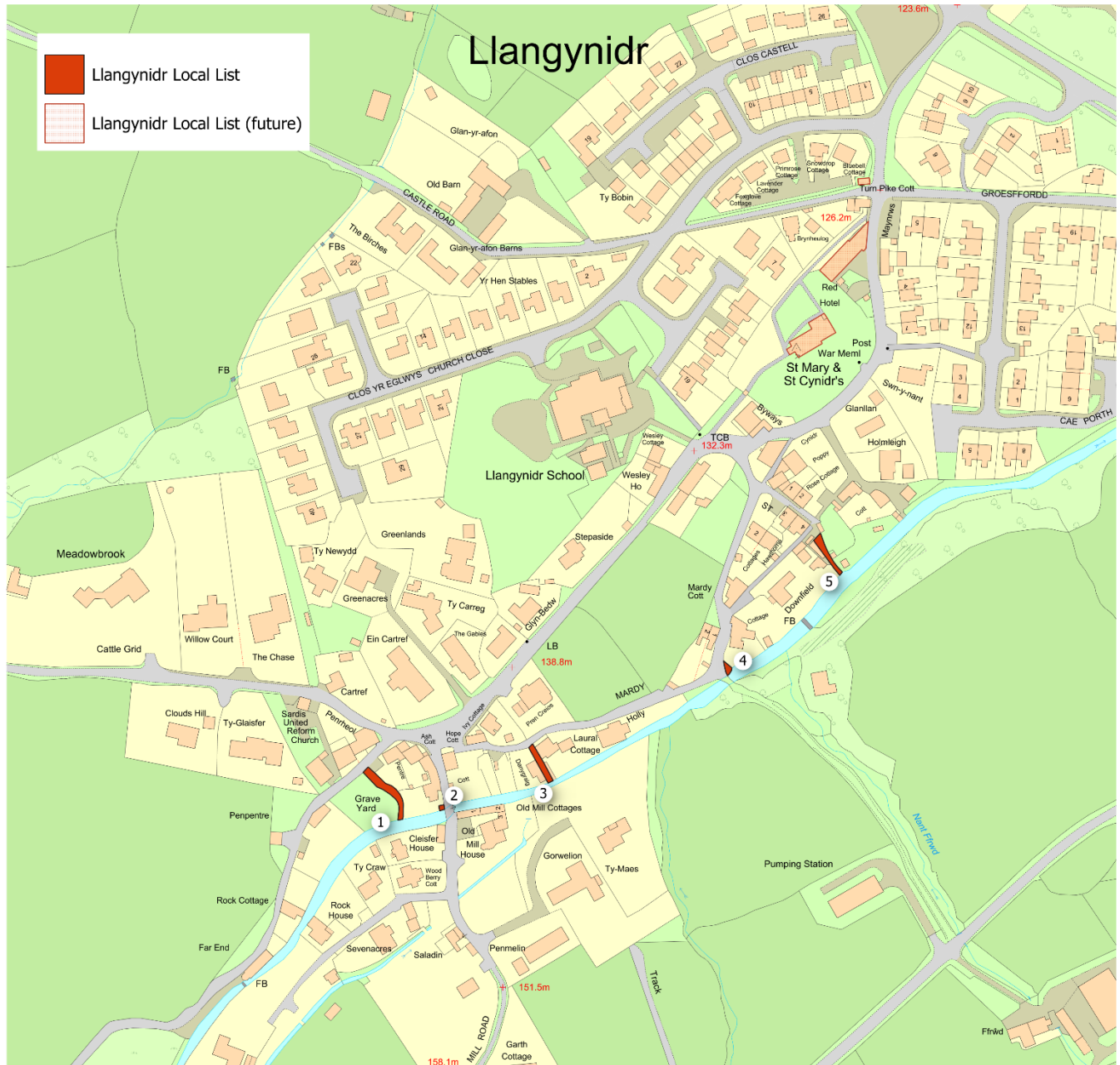


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Map of Heritage Assets Included on the Local List at Llandgynidr

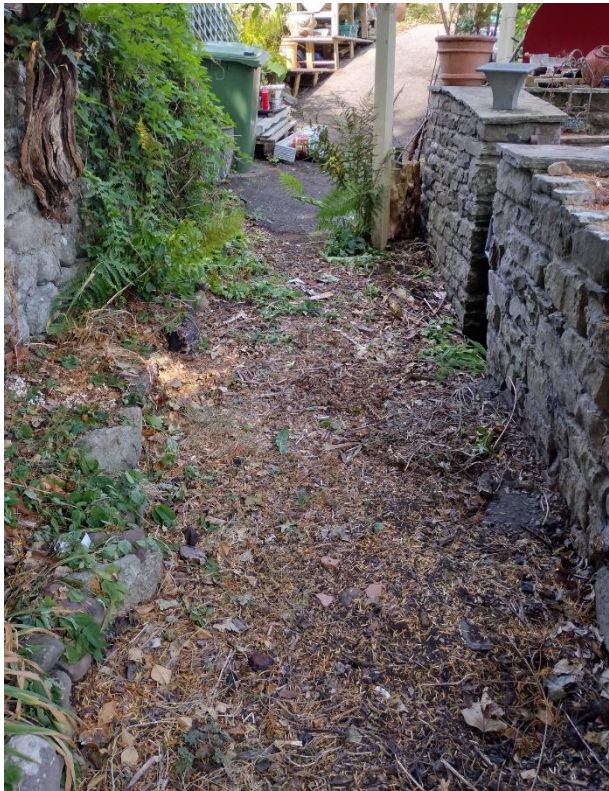


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Approved Local List

Wash Lane 1: Llangynidr Cemetery			
Reference Number: 001		Coordinates: 315330,219162	
			
Criteria			
Historical	X	Historical Interest	X
		Historical Association	
Architectural	X	Local/regional architectural history/design	
		Age/Style/Distinctive characteristics	
		Adds to the local character	X
Survival	X	Intactness	
		Important element in areas development	X
Townscape Merit		Important visual amenity	
		Notable building or site	
Biodiversity		Provides habitat/protection and encourages biodiversity	





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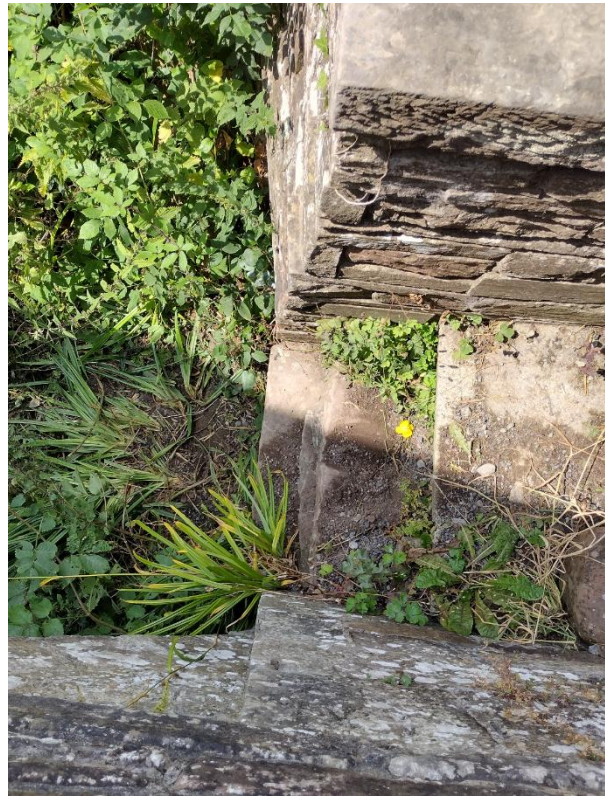
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Wash Lane 1 remains only as an access path, c1.75m wide and tarmacked where it leaves the public highway, narrowing to an earth path of approximately 1m width with stone walling to either side as it approaches the river.



Wash Lane 2: Mill Road

Reference Number: 002 **Co-Ordinates: 315352,219166**



Criteria

Historical	X	Historical Interest	X
		Historical Association	
Architectural	X	Local/regional architectural history/design	
		Age/Style/Distinctive characteristics	
		Adds to the local character	X
Survival	X	Intactness	
		Important element in areas development	X
Townscape Merit		Important visual amenity	
		Notable building or site	
Bio-diversity		Provides habitat/protection and encourages bio-diversity	

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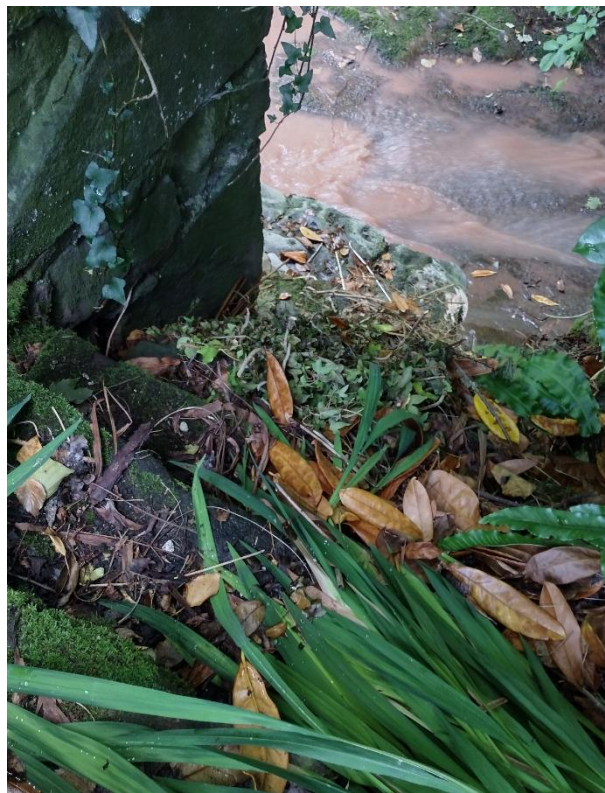
Wash Lane 2 is adjacent to a stone bridge and retains five steps down to the river. The top three appear to be of concrete, with the lower two in stone. This wash lane is notably narrower than the others, with the steps only c40cm wide; the adjacent retaining wall appears to be a modern intervention. Access to the steps from the path leading across the bridge has been absorbed into the ownership of the neighbouring property. This is the only instance in which boundaries have been redrawn, although Wash Lane 1, 4 and 5 all show evidence of being used unofficially as extensions of the neighbouring properties.



Wash Lane 3: Mardy Lane

Reference Number: 003

Co-Ordinates: 315407,219180



Criteria

Historical	X	Historical Interest	X
		Historical Association	
Architectural	X	Local/regional architectural history/design	
		Age/Style/Distinctive characteristics	
		Adds to the local character	X
Survival	X	Intactness	X
		Important element in areas development	X
Townscape Merit		Important visual amenity	
		Notable building or site	
Bio-diversity		Provides habitat/protection and encourages bio-diversity	

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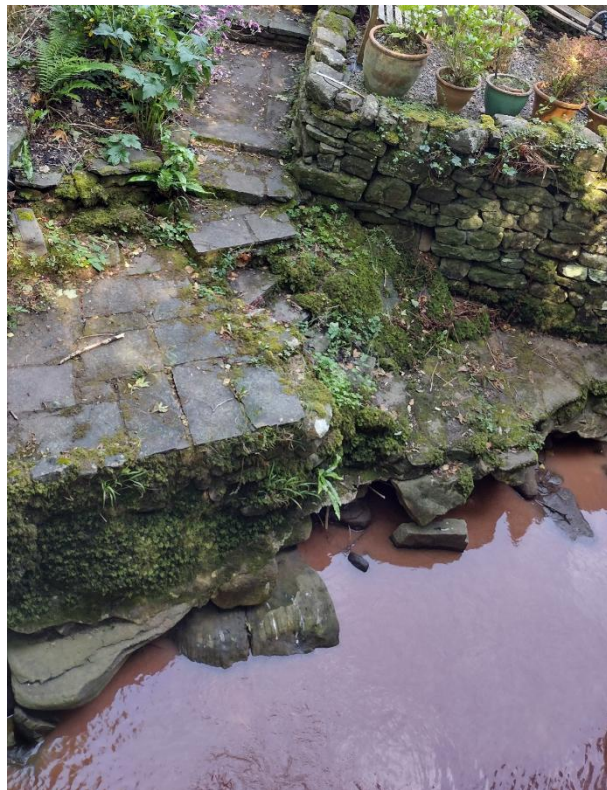
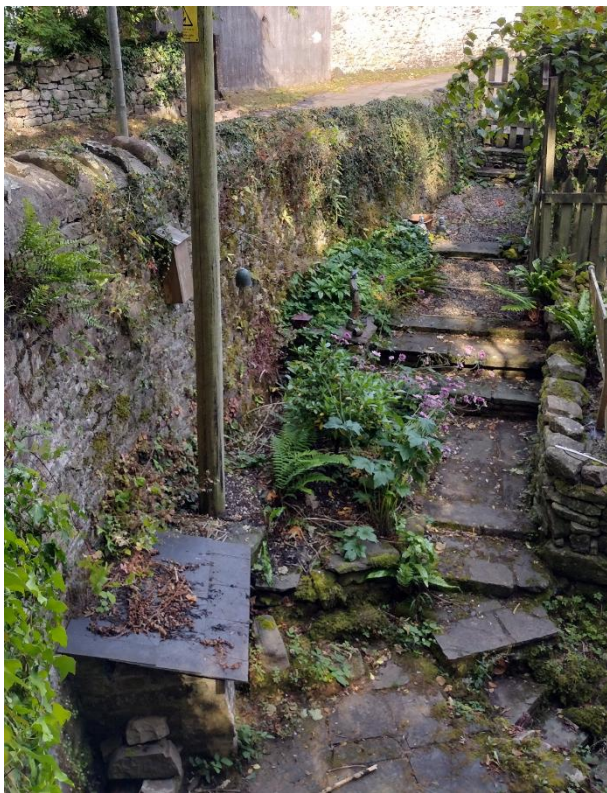
Wash Lane 3 begins as a grassed path, approximately a metre wide, between the listed buildings Danygraig (Cadw reference number: 20362) and Laurel Cottage (Cadw reference number: 20360). The wash lanes are referred to in the listing descriptions for these properties: "Wash lane to the E forming boundary with Laurel Cottage/to the W forming boundary with Danygraig, leading to the Nant Cleisfer with masonry steps down to the river. A number of wash lanes in between the houses backing onto the Nant Cleisfer were created to provide access to water supplies for the villagers." Wash Lane 3 retains ten stone steps down to the river, with stone walling to either side, and the lowest step a large, triangular flat stone which continues along the stone retaining wall of the bank to the east for approximately 2m.



Wash Lane 4: Bridgend House

Reference Number: 004

Co-Ordinates: 315498,219237



Criteria

Historical	X	Historical Interest	X
		Historical Association	
Architectural	X	Local/regional architectural history/design	
		Age/Style/Distinctive characteristics	
		Adds to the local character	X
Survival	X	Intactness	
		Important element in areas development	X
Townscape Merit		Important visual amenity	
		Notable building or site	
Bio-diversity		Provides habitat/protection and encourages bio-diversity	

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Wash Lane 4 is beside a stone bridge, with thirteen steps curving down to the river. A wooden gate has been installed where the wash lane is accessed from the path across the bridge (although the wash lane can be accessed freely). Unusually this wash lane widens out from approximately 1.75m as it nears the river. The majority of the steps are modern replacements, with those at the very bottom in stone; these may be original, although the large flat stone at the bottom appears to have been mortared. The stones may have been re-laid, perhaps as part of the works to create a small terrace adjacent to the bridge.

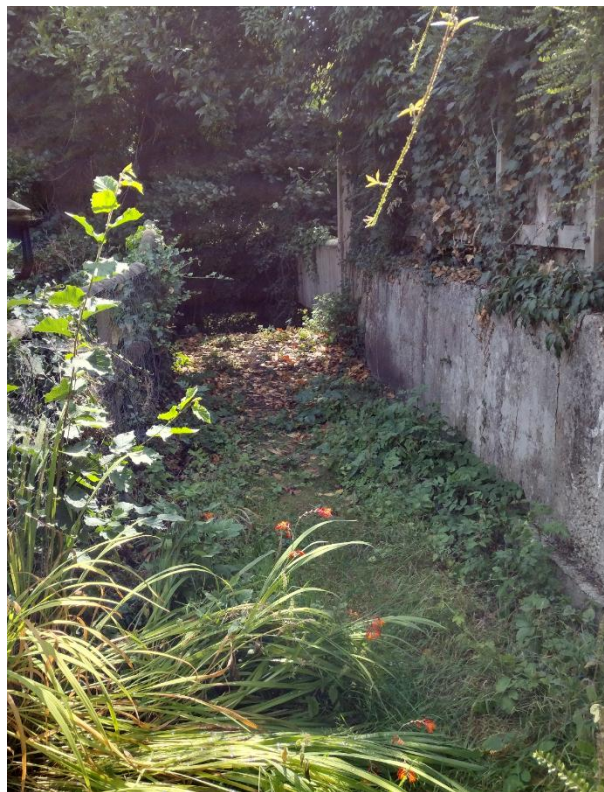
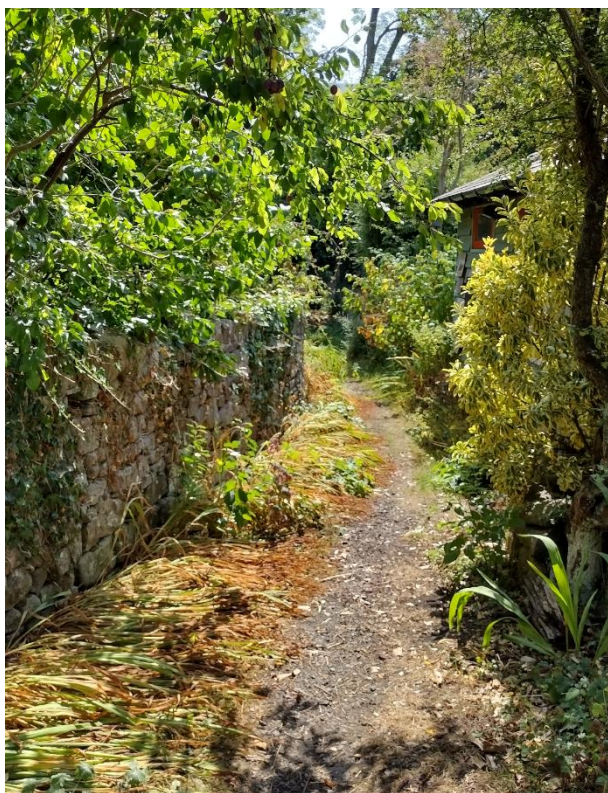




Wash Lane 5: James Street

Reference Number: 005

Co-Ordinates: 315555,219287



Criteria

Historical	X	Historical Interest	X
		Historical Association	
Architectural	X	Local/regional architectural history/design	
		Age/Style/Distinctive characteristics	
		Adds to the local character	X
Survival	X	Intactness	
		Important element in areas development	X
Townscape Merit		Important visual amenity	
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Wash Lane 5 is wider than the other wash lanes at approximately 2m across, and opens as a grassed path with stone walling to the left, which appears to have been partially converted into an outbuilding. As the lane approaches the river the walling to the left becomes a timber and chicken wire fence, whereas walling to the right-hand side is faced with concrete. Wash Lane 5 remains only as an access path and there is evidence of major erosion to the bank in this area.



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