Cadw’s recent best-practice guidance — all are available in Welsh and English on the Cadw website (www.cadw.gov.wales)

**Understanding Listing in Wales** will help anyone who wants or needs to know why and how buildings are listed. It explains how to ask for a building to be listed or delisted, and how to request a review of a listing decision. This fully illustrated publication also provides an introduction for owners, occupiers and agents about what listing means for them. (September 2018)

**Managing Change to Listed Buildings in Wales** sets out general principles to consider when making changes to listed buildings and explains how to apply for listed building consent, including the roles and responsibilities of owners, local planning authorities and Cadw. This best-practice guidance is aimed principally at owners of listed buildings and agents acting on their behalf to help them understand the implications of owning a listed building and making changes to it. (May 2017)

**Heritage Impact Assessment in Wales** sets out the general principles to consider when planning changes to historic assets and applying for listed building, conservation area and scheduled monument consent. This best-practice guide is aimed principally at owners and occupiers of historic assets and their agents. It will help them to understand why, when and how to use the heritage impact assessment process and write heritage impact statements. (May 2017)

**Managing Listed Buildings at Risk in Wales** outlines the critical relationship between a building’s use, ownership and condition, and how the careful balance between these elements can be managed to ensure a sustainable future. It also outlines the roles and responsibilities of owners, the Welsh Government and local authorities. It shows how policies and programmes to manage listed buildings at risk can be successful, but also explains the statutory powers that can be used to protect listed buildings at risk where appropriate. This best-practice guidance is aimed primarily at local authority conservation, planning, housing, regeneration and development departments. It may also be of interest to owners, occupiers and agents, as well as local communities and third sector organisations that have a vital role in caring for listed buildings at risk. (May 2017)
Managing Conservation Areas in Wales sets out the policy context for the designation and management of conservation areas and the duties of local planning authorities. It also identifies key aspects of best practice for their designation and appraisal, including the participation of stakeholders and the development of local policies for positive management and enhancement so that their character and appearance are preserved and enhanced. This best-practice guide is aimed mainly at local planning authorities to ensure a consistent approach to conservation area designation, appraisal and management throughout Wales. (May 2017)

Managing Lists of Historic Assets of Special Local Interest in Wales sets out general principles and good practice for preparing and managing lists of local historic assets — including criteria, nomination, consultation, validation, appeals and monitoring — and provides guidance on their use in the planning system. This guidance is aimed primarily at local planning authorities, but also at third sector organisations and the owners of historic assets, to encourage all sectors to work together to protect and enhance historic assets of special local interest. (May 2017)

Managing Change to Historic Places of Worship in Wales explains the operation of the Ecclesiastical Exemption Order. It sets out the general principles that need to be taken into account when considering changes to historic places of worship covered by the Order, and the specific principles and practices that need to be included in the decision making process. This best-practice guidance is aimed principally at those denominations which are already exempt, as well as local planning authorities, congregations and individuals with an interest in the protection of historic places of worship. (November 2018)

Managing Historic Character in Wales explains why it is important to recognise historic character and use it as an evidence base for conservation, regeneration and planning work. It shows how policies and programmes to manage change can take inspiration from the past to help create and sustain distinctive places for the future. This guidance is aimed primarily at local authority conservation, planning, housing, regeneration and development departments. It will also be of interest to other public bodies, local communities and third sector organisations, as well as owners, developers and agents, who have a vital role in identifying, promoting and caring for local historic character. (May 2017)
Setting of Historic Assets in Wales explains what setting is, how it contributes to the significance of a historic asset and why it is important. It also outlines the principles used to assess the potential impact of development or land management proposals within the settings of World Heritage Sites, ancient monuments (scheduled and unscheduled), listed buildings, registered historic parks and gardens, and conservation areas. This best-practice guidance is aimed at developers, owners, occupiers and agents, who should use it to inform management plans and proposals for change which may have an impact on the significance of a historic asset and its setting. (May 2017)

Managing Scheduled Monuments in Wales sets out the general principles to consider when managing and making changes to scheduled monuments. It explains how to apply for scheduled monument consent, including the roles and responsibilities of owners and Cadw. This best-practice guide is aimed principally at owners, occupiers and managers of scheduled monuments. It explains what it means to own a scheduled monument and how to care for it, and provides details about where to get further help and assistance. (November 2018)

Managing Change to Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales sets out general principles to follow when considering changes that may have an impact on registered historic parks and gardens. It explains the status of the register of historic parks and gardens in Wales and its place in the planning system, including the roles and responsibilities of owners, local planning authorities, amenity societies and Cadw. Although the register is statutory, registration does not introduce any new consent regimes. This best-practice guidance is aimed principally at owners of registered historic parks and gardens, and agents acting on their behalf, to help them understand the implications of owning a registered historic park or garden and managing changes that affect it. (May 2017)

Managing Change in World Heritage Sites in Wales sets out general principles for understanding and managing World Heritage Sites in Wales, including how they are protected through the planning system. This best-practice guidance is aimed primarily at decision makers, including local authorities, statutory undertakers and prospective developers, to raise the profile of World Heritage Sites in Wales and to help them manage change without adverse impact on their Outstanding Universal Value. Managers and stakeholders of World Heritage Sites may also find it useful to inform management plans, alongside UNESCO’s Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention. (May 2017)
Historic Environment Records in Wales: Compilation and Use has been issued by the Welsh Ministers as statutory guidance for local and National Park authorities in Wales and Natural Resources Wales under powers in the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016. It explains how those public bodies may contribute to the compilation of historic environment records and how they should use historic environment records in the exercise of their functions. While the named public bodies must have regard to this guidance, it will also be of relevance to a range of other public, voluntary and private sector bodies, and individuals with an interest in the historic environment of Wales. (May 2017)

Other publications of interest

Conservation Principles for the sustainable management of the historic environment in Wales
Cadw's Conservation Principles inform our approach to the protection and management of the historic environment.

Planning Policy Wales sets out the land use planning policies of the Welsh Government. Planning Policy Wales emphasises that the positive management of change in the historic environment is based on a full understanding of the nature and significance of historic assets and the recognition of the benefits that they can deliver in a vibrant culture and economy.

Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment contains detailed guidance on how the planning system considers the historic environment during development plan preparation and decision making on planning and listed building consent applications.
Introducing Cadw gives a short introduction to Cadw and its work. It explains Cadw’s position in the Welsh Government and its internal structure and outlines the organisation’s priorities and how it achieves them. (July 2019)

Information on individual historic assets in Wales

There are detailed records on historic assets in Wales to help owners, statutory bodies and others understand their significance and undertake their sustainable management.

Cof Cymru — National Historic Assets of Wales

Cof Cymru provides free, online access to Cadw’s records on scheduled monuments, listed buildings, registered landscapes of historic interest, protected wrecks and World Heritage Sites in Wales. The map-based resource allows users to locate sites, determine their extent and download descriptions. Historic parks and gardens will be displayed on the site towards the end of 2019 after the completion of a review of existing sites before the introduction of a statutory register under the provisions of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/cof-cymru

Historic Environment Records

Historic environment records provide detailed information about the historic environment of a given area. The historic environment records in Wales have been created as a result of decades of research and investigation.

Archwilio provides free, online access to the historic environment records for each local authority area in Wales. It includes (or provides access to):

- information on tens of thousands of historic sites;
- thousands of records relating to investigative work across Wales; and
- records of hundreds of thousands of historic place names.

The core records on Archwilio are supported by additional information held by the regional archaeological trusts. As well as being useful to private and academic researchers, this information is critically important for local authorities and other organizations. It provides the basis for strategic advice and case management support where development proposals or agri-environmental, forestry and woodland schemes impact on the historic environment.

https://archwilio.org.uk/arch/