Filling the Gaps: the Iron Age in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan

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Site Name	Site Type	Year of excavation	Publication status	Area of excavation (m ²)	Reason for excavation	Animal bone	Carbonised cereal remains	Published C ¹⁴ dates	4- posters	Querns (Saddle)	Querns (Rotary)	Dating evidence	Dating confidence
Aberthin	Possible open settlement	1978	Short note in unpublished report	Unknown	Trial excavation after fieldwalking by GGAT	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	0	0	Unknown	Low
Atlantic Trading Estate	Open settlement	1987–90	Journal article	1325	In advance of development of a industrial estate	Yes (frags)	Samples taken but not processed at time, now not viable	0	1	0	1	25 sherds of pottery in gritty quartz fabric	Low
Batslays Farm	Field system	2009	Unpublished report	2130 (71 evaluation trenches)	In advance of redevelopment of land at RAF St Athan for Technical College & Business Park	Yes	Spelt	0	0	0	0	LIA date suggested on basis on 2 pottery sherds & presence of spelt wheat	Low
Beech Court Farm, Ewenny	Inland Promontory Fort	2002	Interim report	Unknown	In advance of destruc- tion by quarrying	Unknown	Unknown	1	0	0	0	C ¹⁴ date from char- coal from ditch fill	Medium
Biglis	Open Settlement	1978–9	Monograph	6500 (total excavation of site)	In advance of construction of Barry Docks link road	Yes	Club wheat; 6-row hulled barley; oats	4	2	0	7	Assemblage of calcite-gritted pottery & 4 C ¹⁴ dates	High
Cae Rhyngell	Enclosure	2014	Unpublished report	180	In advance of development	Yes	Spelt; oats	0	0	0	0	LIA date suggested by presence of 5 pottery sherds & hulled (spelt) wheat	Low
Caer Dynnaf	Hillfort & Field system	1965–7	Interim reports	80	Research for Ph.D.	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	0	0	Unpublished pottery assemblage	Low
Caerau Hillfort	Hillfort & Enclosure	2012–5	Interim	1344	University research project	Yes	Spelt; Emmer; Oats	0	3	3	1	Pottery assemblage of c , 500 sherds	Medium
Castle Ditches, Llancarfan	Hillfort	1963–4	Journal article	250	Research for RCAHMW Glamorgan Inventory	Yes	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	Exact no. not specified, but at least 30 sherds	Low
Castle Field Camp	Hillfort	2011	Unpublished report	39	Privately funded research	No	Spelt; emmer	3	0	1	0	C ¹⁴ samples from 2ndry ditch fills not basal deposits	Medium
Castle Wood	Enclosure	2000	Unpublished report	30	GGAT Romano- British SE Wales settlement survey	Yes	Spelt; oats	0	0	0	0	1 sherd black burnished ware & 2 flints	Low
Coed-y- Cymdda	Enclosure	1978–80	Journal article	3100	In advance of destruction by quarrying	Yes	No samples taken	4	0	0	1	Exact no. sherds not given but at least 15 diagnost- ically MBA/LBA represented along with 4 C ¹⁴ dates	High

APPENDIX 2: DETAIL OF ALL EXCAVATED SITES

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Crickhowell Road	Open Settlement	2006	Journal article	4800	In advance of development	Yes	Spelt	0	0	0	2	1821 sherds pottery dating 1st– to 4th century AD	Medium
Darren Farm	Enclosure	2002	Unpublished report	180	In advance of housing development	No	Unknown	2	0	0	0	C ¹⁴ date from char- coal from ditch fill	Medium
Dinas Powys (Cwm George)	Inland Promontory Fort	1954-8	Monograph	850	University research project	No	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	LBA/EIA date suggested on basis of medium-sized pottery assemblage	Medium
Dinas Powys Common	Field system	1978?	Short note in journal	Unknown	Local History Society research project	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	0	0	Unpublished pottery assemblage	Low
Dunraven	Coastal Promontory Fort	1850?	Short note in journal	Unknown	Antiquarian	No	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	Unknown	Unknown
Enclosure, Llandough	Enclosure	1979	Monograph	240	In advance of housing development	Yes	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	Small calcite- gritted pottery assemblage	0
Great House Farm, Llanmaes	Enclosure	2007	Interim reports	249	National Museum Wales research project	Yes, but not yet published	Yes, but not yet published	0	0	0	1	LIA date suggested by pottery & C ¹⁴ date from round- house post-hole (AD 5–84). Ditch produced 2 late C ¹⁴ dates (AD 260– 530; AD 610–780)	Low
Lesser Garth Cave	Cave	1912, 1922, 1963–4	Journal article	Unknown	Research by antiquar- ians & National Museum Wales	Yes	No samples taken	0	0	Yes, but no detais given	0	Diagnostic pottery but exact size of assemblage not specified	Low
Llanmaes Midden & Settlement	Midden	2003-?	Interim reports	350	National Museum Wales research project	Yes, but not yet published	Yes, but not yet published	8	0	3	4	8 C ¹⁴ dates ranging from LBA to LIA	High
Moulton	Open Settlement	1958	Short note in journal	Unknown	Trial excavation after fieldwalking by GGAT	No	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	Unpublished pottery assemblage	Low
Mynydd Bychan	Enclosure	1949-50	Journal article	705	National Museum Wales research project	Yes	No samples taken	0	0	0	2	Dated by pottery, but no. sherds not specified	Medium
Nurston North	Field system	2000	Unpublished report	50	GGAT Romano- British SE Wales settlement survey	Yes	Spelt; bread wheat; barley; oats	0	0	0	0	5 sherds of dark- grey calcite-gritted fabric	Low
Pencoedtre Wood I	Open Settlement	1998	Unpublished report	290	In advance of housing development	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	0	0	1 sherd of pottery	Low
Radyr Woods	Open Settlement	1916	Short note in journal	Unknown	Antiquarian	No	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	8 sherds of pottery	Low

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RAF St Athan	Enclosure & Field system	2003	Journal article	27,000 (features sampled, not total excav.)	In advance of development of aircraft hangar	Yes	Emmer wheat	17	4	0	0	268 prehistoric pottery sherds and 17 C ¹⁴ dates	High
RAF St Athan, Airside	Open settlement	2009	Unpublished report	660 (22 evaluation trenches)	In advance of re- development of land at RAF St Athan for a Technical College & Business Park	Yes	Hulled wheat; barley	0	0	0	0	LIA date suggested on basis of presence of hulled wheat	Low
The Bulwarks	Coastal Promontory Fort	1968	Journal article	222	In advance of development for Cardiff Airport	Yes	No samples taken	0	0	0	0	1 sherd of prehistoric pottery	Low
Tredogan, North-west	Enclosure	2000	Interim report	80	In advance of development of Cardiff Airport carpark	Unknown	Unknown	0	0	0	0	Dated on basis of 3 sherds of pottery, only 1 sherd stratified	Low
Tremains Farm	Open settlement	2009	Unpublished report	1980 (66 evaluation trenches)	In advance of re- development of land at RAF St Athan for a Technical College & Business Park	Yes	Hulled wheat	0	0	0	0	LIA date suggested on basis on 30 pottery sherds & presence of spelt wheat	Low
Tyn-y-Coed, Southern Banks	Enclosure	2012-4	Interim reports	130	University research project	No	No	0	0	0	0	c.10 sherds of Glastonbury ware	Low
Whitton	Enclosure	1965-70	Monograph	3300 (total excavation of site)	Rescue excavation after significant destruction by ploughing) by Cardiff University & Inspectorate of Ancent Monuments (now Cadw)	Yes	Spelt; Emmer; Oats	0	0	0	6	No. sherds not specified, but large	High