

Research your local area

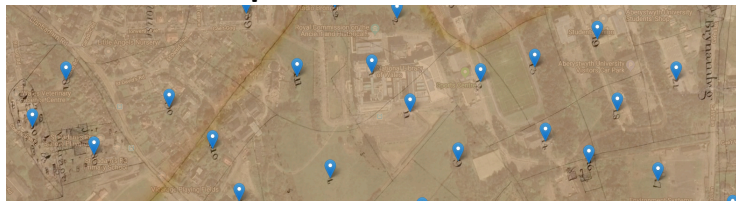
This pack aims to give teachers and learners the tools and guidance to research their local area using these websites to develop an understanding and sense of their *cynefin*.

Definition of *cynefin*

“This is the place where we feel we belong, where the people and landscape around us are familiar, and the sights and sounds are reassuringly recognisable. Though often translated as ‘habitat’, *cynefin* is not just a place in a physical or geographical sense: it is the historic, cultural and social place which has shaped and continues to shape the community which inhabits it”
(*Draft Curriculum for Wales 2022: Humanities*)

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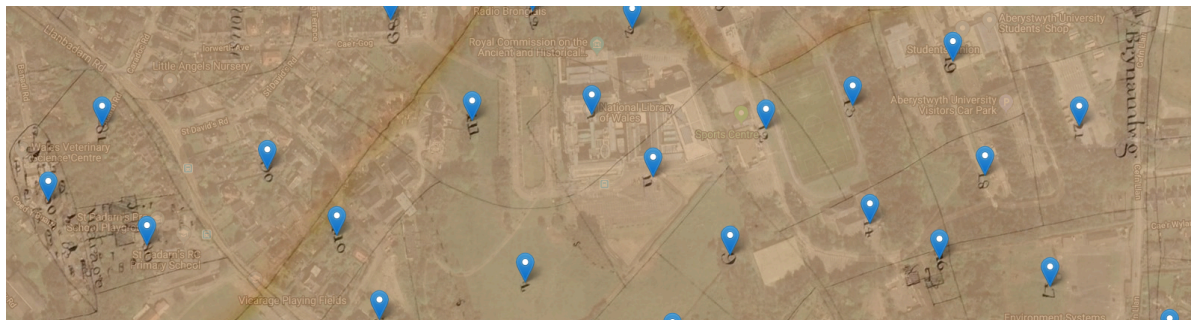


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Welsh Tithe Maps

places.library.wales



Why use Welsh Tithe Maps to research?

The maps and information that is included in the apportionment documents provide a great opportunity to discover a lot of information about local history. You can compare the tithe maps (1838-1850) with with an Ordnance Survey map (NLS 1888-1913) as well as modern maps

What are tithe maps?

Tithes were payments charged on land users. Originally, payments were made using commodities like crops, wool, milk and stock. Tithe maps were produced between 1838 and 1850 to ensure that all tithes were paid with money rather than produce.

These are the most detailed maps of their period and they cover more than 95% of Wales. The apportionments accompanying each map list the payable tithes, the names of the landowners and land occupiers, the land use, and in most cases (75%) the field names.

Research ideas

- Find important locations for the learners and enter the field name, resident, landowner, land use from the checklists.
- Has the use of the land changed?
- Does the landowner own more land on the map?
- Discover buildings that existed in either 1838-1850 or 1888-1913 compared with modern buildings.
- Are there geographical changes to the town, e.g. new houses or roads?
Changing the river path?
- Are there more or less farms, public houses, industrial works, chapels and churches today compared to the older maps? What can we learn or interpret about the change in the area from this information?

Welsh Newspapers Online

Newspapers.library.wales



Why use Welsh Newspapers Online to research?

The website offers an opportunity to see how local histories between 1840s and 1919 were reported by the press. This is a quick way to research millions of articles that tell the story of events, individuals and locations during this time.

What is Welsh Newspapers Online

Welsh Newspapers Online is a free online resource from the National Library of Wales where you can discover millions of articles from the Library's rich collection of historical newspapers.

Welsh Newspapers Online currently lets you search and access over 1,100,000 pages from nearly 120 newspaper publications generally up to 1919.

Research ideas

- Have newspapers changed? What's different?
- What's different about the front page?
- Can you discover information from the adverts?
- Is there a famous local story from this period? Search for a name or words related to that story.
- Chose a newspaper that's local to you. Make a table to show the type of articles that appear and compare with a modern newspaper. Has the type of news reported changed?

People's Collection Wales

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Why use People's Collection Wales to research?

The People's Collection is a website full of fascinating photographs, sound recordings, documents, videos and stories about the history and heritage of Wales and its people.

What is People's Collection Wales?

People's Collection Wales brings together the digital collections of Wales' leading heritage organisations, together with material from smaller museums, archives and libraries, and is a place for you to share your story of Wales.

It offers quick and easy access to the rich heritage of Wales and allows you to contribute your own content to enhance the diversity of the site and ensure that the history of your area is told.

Research ideas

- Discover an old photograph of your area. Are there any changes?
- Note any information that is available about the photograph, e.g. date and location.
- Discover items by location by searching through the map.
- Register as a user and upload photographs/items to add to the collection.