

27 March 2026

Dear

ATISN 26816 – Listed Buildings

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 March 2026. You asked for:

The number of listed buildings in Wales and the % of these that are at risk.

The number of scheduled monuments in Wales and the % of these that are at risk.

I can't find this information on the Cadw website you mentioned in 2023. Please can you provide me with a link to it please: during the current financial year (2023/24), Cadw plan to publish both a report on the condition of scheduled monuments in Wales and a report on the condition of historic buildings in Wales. The reports will be made available on the Cadw website.'

Our response

There are currently 30,119 designated listed buildings in Wales, but buildings are added to the statutory list (and sometimes removed) on a regular basis. The pan-Wales condition survey of listed buildings is carried out on a rolling 5-year programme based on local authority areas. Each year approximately 20% of the listed building stock is surveyed using a consistent methodology. Therefore, the actual current number of buildings at risk at any time can only be an estimation. Our current estimate indicates that there are between 8.5%-9% of buildings at risk in Wales.

There are currently 4,236 designated scheduled monuments in Wales. Cadw continues to add monuments to the schedule and sometimes remove them. The condition monitoring survey of scheduled monuments is carried out on a rolling 10-year programme, with 10% of scheduled monuments visited and evaluated each year using a consistent methodology. Our current estimate indicates that around 15% of scheduled monuments are at risk in Wales. The higher percentage of scheduled monuments at risk compared to listed buildings is to be expected given that they are ruinous in character and there is no requirement for them to be maintained by their owners.

I apologise that reports summarising this information are not currently published on the Cadw website. Both reports are in preparation and will be published later this year. I will write to you when a publication date has been confirmed.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,