

Dear

ATISN 27189 – Closed property

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 7 July 2026. You asked for information on the closure of historic sites across the UK.

Our response

The information you requested is below.

Total number of closed sites — How many of your properties are currently closed to the public, either fully or partially.

No Cadw sites are currently fully closed to the public; some sites are seasonal or open through guided visits on published days of the year. All opening arrangements are published on the Cadw website.

In 2024 Cadw closed visitor centres at five properties; visits to those sites are now through pre-booked guided tours. Details, dates and booking for tours are advertised on the Cadw website.

How many properties do you look after in total?

132 (including 19 staffed, charging sites).

Visitor impact — Any available data on estimated visitor numbers lost due to site closures.

There was a total of 8,370 fewer visitors across the five sites.

Financial impact — Any available estimates of financial impact (e.g., lost ticket revenue) resulting from closures

The income from ticket sales didn't cover the running costs of the visitor centres which contributed to the decision to close: savings £79,985.

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