

1. World Heritage Property Data

1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property

Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd

1.2 - World Heritage Property Details

State(s) Party(ies)

- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Type of Property

cultural

Identification Number

374





Year of inscription on the World Heritage List

1986

1.3 - Geographic Information Table

Name	Coordinates (longitude / latitude)	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
	0 / 0	?	?	?	
Beaumaris Castle, Beaumaris , Anglesey , Wales , United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	53.265 / -4.09	2	0	2	1986
Caernarfon Castle and Town Walls, Caernarfon , Wales , United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	53.14 / -4.277	1.2	0	1.2	1986
Conwy Castle and Town Walls, Conwy , Wales , United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	53.28 / -3.825	1.1	0	1.1	1986
Harlech Castle, Harlech , Wales , United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	52.861 / -4.11	1.7	0	1.7	1986
Total (ha)		6	0	6	

1.4 - Map(s)

Title	Date	Link to source
Beaumaris Castle	24/12/1985	
Caernarfon Castle	24/12/1985	
Conwy Castle	24/12/1985	
Harlech Castle	24/12/1985	

1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property

- Christopher Young
English Heritage
Head of World International Advice
- Paul Blaker
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Comment

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1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency

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Comment

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1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)

- [View photos from OUR PLACE the World Heritage collection](#)
- [Welsh Castles of Edward I](#)
- [CADW: Welsh Historic Monuments](#)

1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)

Comment

Conservation Areas: established under the 1971 Town and Country Planning Act and the 1974 Town and Country Amenities Act Listed Buildings: By Provision of the 1971 Town and Country Planning Act. Scheduled Ancient Monuments: by provision of the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act

2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance

Statement of Significance

The four castles of Beaumaris, Conwy, Caernarfon, Harlech and the attendant fortified towns at Conwy and Caernarfon are the finest examples of late 13th century and early 14th century military architecture in Europe, as demonstrated through their completeness, pristine state, evidence for organized domestic space, and extraordinary repertory of their medieval architectural form.

The castles as a stylistically coherent groups are a supreme example of medieval military architecture designed and directed by James of St George, King Edward I of England's chief architect, and the greatest military architect of the age. The extensive and detailed contemporary technical, social, and economic documentation of the castles, and the survival of adjacent fortified towns at Caernarfon and Conwy, makes them one of the major references of medieval history.

The castles of Beaumaris and Harlech are unique artistic achievements for the way they combine characteristic 13th

century double-wall structures with a central plan, and for the beauty of their proportions and masonry.

Criterion (i): Beaumaris and Harlech represent a unique achievement in that they combine the double-wall structure which is characteristic of late 13th century military architecture with a highly concerted central plan and in terms of the beauty of their proportions and masonry. These are the masterpieces of James de St George who, in addition to being the king's chief architect, was constable of Harlech from 1290 to 1293.

Criterion (iii): The royal castles of the ancient principality of Gwynedd bear a unique testimony to construction in the Middle Ages in so far as this royal commission is fully documented. The accounts by Taylor in Colvin (ed.), *The History of the King's Works*, London (1963), specify the origin of the workmen, who were brought in from all regions of England, and describe the use of quarried stone on the site. They outline financing of the construction works and provide an understanding of the daily life of the workmen and population and thus constitute one of the major references of medieval history.

Criterion (iv): The castles and fortifications of Gwynedd are the finest examples of late 13th century and early 14th century military architecture in Europe. Their construction, begun in 1283 and at times hindered by the Welsh uprisings of Madog ap Llywelyn in 1294, continued until 1330 in Caernarfon and 1331 in Beaumaris. They have only undergone minimal restoration and provide, in their pristine state, a veritable repertory of medieval architectural form: barbicans, drawbridges, fortified gates, chicanes, redoubts, dungeons, towers, and curtain walls.

Comment

A draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2010 and was agreed by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in June 2013.

2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed

(i)(iii)(iv)

2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion

(i) Relationship between castle design and site -concentric (Harlech and Beaumaris) and linear with two wards (Caernarfon and Conwy); administrative facilities and architectural features (iii) Surviving records and associated scholarship; constructional features linked to documentation (wall strengthening, breaks between masonry, spiral putlog holes) (iv) Military features (barbicans, fortified gates and gatehouses, towers, curtain walls with complex arrowloop positions); watergates.

2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised

N/A

2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value

A draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2010 for validation. See 2.1 above

3. Factors Affecting the Property

3.14. Other factor(s)

3.14.1 - Other factor(s)

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

	Name	Impact						Origin		
3.1	Buildings and Development									
3.1.1	Housing									
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure									
3.1.5	Interpretative and visitation facilities									
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure									
3.2.1	Ground transport infrastructure									
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure									
3.3	Services Infrastructures									
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities									
3.3.5	Major linear utilities									
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric									
3.7.1	Wind									
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)									
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage									
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses									
3.8.2	Society's valuing of heritage									
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation									
3.9	Other human activities									
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage									
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events									
3.10.1	Storms									
3.10.2	Flooding									
3.13	Management and institutional factors									
3.13.1	Low impact research / monitoring activities									
3.13.3	Management activities									
Legend	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside				

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.1	Buildings and Development					
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	localised	on-going	minor	high capacity	static
3.2	Transportation Infrastructure					
3.2.4	Effects arising from use of transportation infrastructure	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.3	Services Infrastructures					
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities	localised	on-going	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	extensive	one off or rare	minor	medium capacity	increasing
3.7	Local conditions affecting physical fabric					
3.7.6	Water (rain/water table)	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage					
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	localised	frequent	insignificant	high capacity	increasing
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	localised	frequent	minor	high capacity	static
3.9	Other human activities					
3.9.2	Deliberate destruction of heritage	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	medium capacity	static

		Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend
3.10	Climate change and severe weather events					
3.10.1	Storms	localised	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	static

3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

3.17.1 - Comments

4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is no buffer zone, and it is not needed

4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The property had no buffer zone at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by the management authority but **are not known by local residents / communities / landowners**.

4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The property had **no buffer zone** at the time of its inscription on the World Heritage List

4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

The Management Plan has defined essential settings to protect the World Heritage Site. These are recognised by all parties involved in managing the site.

4.2. Protective Measures

4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

Conservation Areas: established under the 1971 Town and Country Planning Act and the 1974 Town and Country Amenities Act
Listed Buildings: By Provision of the 1971 Town and Country Planning Act.
Scheduled Ancient Monuments: by provision of the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act
All four monuments are maintained and managed by Government Servants and funded by Central Government through the Secretary of State for Wales

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)

Submitted on Friday, October 28, 2005

• Question 6.02

By statute as scheduled ancient monuments; through town and country planning system; and through state care of the greater part of the monuments (See Management Plan para. 2.2.2) These measures provide protection for the whole of the site.

Comment

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4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The property had **no buffer zone at the time of inscription** on the World Heritage List

4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

An **adequate** legal framework exists for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone, but **there are some deficiencies in its implementation** which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the property

4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?

There is **acceptable** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property but some deficiencies remain

4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures

There is an adequate legal framework in place to maintain the OUV of the WHS but more work could be done to publicise the OUV and significance of the WHS.

4.3. Management System / Management Plan

4.3.1 - Management System

Steering group formally set up on 01 / 01 / 2000 to approve the management plan and to set up a scheme of co-ordination between the interested parties. Site manager on a part-time basis. Management under protective legislation. Levels of

public authority who are primarily involved with the management of the site: national (DCMS; Welsh Assembly Government exercised through CADW, the executive agency), local.

NB: No electronic copy of the Management Plan available.

Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 (2001-2006) Section 2

Source: [Periodic Reporting Cycle 1 \(2001-2006\)](#)


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- **Question 5.02**
Sterling group or similar management committee has been set up to guide the management of the site
- **Question 5.03**
Set up date: 2000
Function: To approve the management plan and to set up a scheme of co-ordination between the interested parties.
Mandate: Monitoring the implementation of the Management Plan.
Constituted: formal
- **Question 5.05**
Overall management system of the site
 - Management under protective legislation

Comment

The four properties are managed by Cadw the Historic Environment Service of the Welsh Government. The WHS is managed under protective legislation. A coordination group has been established to develop and monitor implementation of the WHS management plan and to co-ordinate actions between interested parties.

4.3.2 - Management Documents

Title	Status	Available	Date	Link to source
Cynllun Rheoli Safle Treftadaeth y Byd / World Heritage Site Management Plan	N/A	Available	01/01/2005	

Comment

The World Heritage Site Management Management Plan was established in 2005. The associated action plan is currently under review by the Co-ordination Group.

4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?

There is coordination between the range of administrative bodies / levels involved in the management of the property but it could be improved

4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?

An annual work / action plan exists and **most or all activities** are being implemented and monitored

4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following

Local communities / residents	Fair
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Landowners	Fair
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?

No indigenous peoples are resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone

4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?

There is contact but only **some cooperation** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

Management systems are in place to maintain the OUV of the WHS. The Management Plan and associated action plan is currently under review and will be updated during 2013.

4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report

N/A

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	0%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	100%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	0%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	0%

Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	0%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Comment

None

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding are **secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

The properties are managed by Cadw the Welsh Historic Environment Service. Visitors are charged for entry to the castles and this money makes a contribution to support of Cadw's conservation services.

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	25%
Part-time	75%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	55%
Seasonal	45%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	100%
Volunteer	

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Fair
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Medium
Promotion	High
Community outreach	Medium
Interpretation	Medium
Education	Medium
Visitor management	High
Conservation	Medium
Administration	High
Risk preparedness	High
Tourism	High
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is **in place and fully implemented**; all technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally, who are assuming leadership in management

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

Cadw provides on-going individual training plans for staff involved in management of the WHS.

4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects

4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for most key areas **but there are gaps**

4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme of research**, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?

Research results are **shared widely** with the local, national and international audiences

4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report

Diane M Williams & John R Kenyon (eds) (2009). The Impact of the Edwardian Castles in Wales. Oxbow, London.
 Proceedings of a Conference held at Bangor University, September 2007. Ashby J (2007) Conwy Castle Guidebook. Cadw.

4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects

Research including survey and investigation is ongoing. Archaeological watching briefs and excavations (as applicable) are carried out in connection with all physical works within the WHS.

4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?**

In **many locations and easily visible** to visitors

4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Excellent
Local businesses and industries	Average

4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?

There is a planned education and awareness programme but it only **partly meets the needs** and could be improved

4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, **but it could be improved**

4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted **but improvements could be made**

4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property

Visitor centre	Adequate
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Site museum	Poor
Information booths	Poor
Guided tours	Adequate
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Excellent
Transportation facilities	Not provided but needed
Other	Not needed

4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building

Work is underway to implement new interpretation across the WHS. An interpretation plan "Castles of Edward I" was published in 2011 linking with the wider pan-Wales Interpretation Plan for Wales initiative. The plan formed the basis for new interpretation including panels, art and phone apps introduced at Conwy Castle in 2012.

4.7. Visitor Management**4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years**

Last year	Static
Two years ago	Static
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Decreasing
Five years ago	Minor Increase

4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?

Entry tickets and registries
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys
Other

4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**Comment**

The Custodian's Handbook provides full guidance on site management procedures including risk assessments, training and induction.

4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?

There is **excellent co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?

The fee is collected, and makes **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property

None

4.8. Monitoring

4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient and key indicators have been defined but **monitoring the status of indicators could be improved**

4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Average
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Not applicable
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?

No relevant Committee recommendations to implement

4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee

N/A

4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring

The WHS is subject to quinquennial surveys of fabric condition combined with regular visual inspections which inform conservation programmes.

4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs

4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)

Please refer to question 5.2

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

5.1.1 - Summary - Factors affecting the Property

		World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
3.1	Buildings and Development						
3.1.4	Major visitor accommodation and associated infrastructure	Potential to impact on setting of WHS	Control through the Planning System. Mechanisms are in place through Planning Guidance Wales to preserve the WHS.	Monitor through planning system.	Ongoing	Local Authority Planning Departments; Cadw (statutory consultee)	All developments should be reviewed for potential to impact on the OUV of the WHS.
3.3	Services Infrastructures						
3.3.2	Renewable energy facilities	Potential to impact on the wider setting of the WHS.	Control through the Planning System. Mechanisms are in place through Planning Guidance Wales to preserve the WHS.	Monitor through planning system.	Ongoing	Local Authority Planning Departments; Cadw (statutory consultee)	All developments should be reviewed for potential to impact on the OUV of the WHS.
3.3.5	Major linear utilities	Potential to impact on the wider setting of the WHS.	As statutory consultees Cadw and Local Authorities to review proposals and provide appropriate comments	Ongoing	2013-2015	Local Authorities; Cadw	Proposals to install new electrical connection in North Wales may impact on setting of WHS.
3.8	Social/cultural uses of heritage						
3.8.1	Ritual / spiritual / religious and associative uses	Large scale events and visitor pressure has potential to impact on the physical fabric of the castles (criteria (iv)).	All events are managed according to strict guidelines to avoid physical impact on the monuments. All event plans are reviewed by conservation specialists.	All events/activities are monitored by Cadw.	Ongoing	Cadw	Events are an important means of involving local communities with WHS but need to be appropriately managed.
3.8.6	Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation	Large scale developments have potential to impact on wider setting of WHS.	Control through the Planning System. Mechanisms are in place through Planning Guidance Wales to preserve the WHS.	Monitor through planning system.	Ongoing	Local Planning Authorities; Cadw (statutory consultee)	The planning process provides mechanisms to protect the WHS.

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.1 Boundaries and Buffer Zones						
		Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment	
4.1.4	The boundaries of the World Heritage property are not known by local residents / communities / landowners	Undertake exercise to increase community awareness and understanding of the WHS.	Programme to run over course of next three years (2013-2016)	Cadw and Local Authorities.	This will be one element of a wider programme of community engagement.	

5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property

5.4.1 - Comments

None

6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise

6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	Positive
Recognition	Positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Very positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	No impact
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	No impact

6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status

The WHS status is regularly used for marketing the four towns as visitor destinations.

6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Non Governmental Organization
External experts

Advisory bodies

6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?

yes

6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire

None.

6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Good
Advisory Body	Good

6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

Most of the required information was accessible

6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following

The World Heritage Convention
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value
The property's Outstanding Universal Value
The concept of Integrity and / or Authenticity
The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Satisfactory
Site Managers	Satisfactory
Advisory Bodies	Satisfactory

6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee

- **Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

Reason for update: A draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2010 and was agreed by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in June 2013.

6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise

No comments