

INDEX OF TREE-RING DATED BUILDINGS IN WALES
COUNTY LIST approximately in chronological order, revised 2016.

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1550-1599

Median number	Felling date range	County – historic (later)	Placename	Address	VA ref; lab (other ref)	Description / keywords	NGR
1550	1537 -63	Caer (Gwyn)	Beddgelert	Ty-mawr, Nantmor	38.134 Oxf	Inserted fireplace beam.	SH 610462
1550	1550	Mont (Powys)	Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain	Ffinnant	41.118 Oxf	Small cruck-framed open hall house. (For barn see 1609 /10 & for alterations to cottage see 1626 -30).	SJ 207212
1551	1549 -52	Caer (Gwyn)	Dolbenmaen	Derwyn-bach	38.135 Oxf (1)	Cross-passage, gable end chimney, stone fireplace stair, collar trusses.	SH 476452
1551	1550 & 1551	Mont (Powys)	Meifod	Peniarth-uchaf	27.107 Oxf	Upper end of box-framed house with single-bay hall. Post & panel partition, close-studded inner rooms.	SJ 145154
1552	1549 & 1552	Mont (Powys)	Llandrinio	Llwyn	34.121 Oxf (2)	Single-bay hall between upper smoke bay & lower dais canopy. Walls – 3 small square panels high. Full cruck truss @ parlour end gable – tiebeam, collar, V-struts. Screens partition box framed – tiebeam, queen struts to collar, V-struts. 2 tiers of trenced side purlins + ridge purlin.	SJ 246168
1552	1552	Mont (Powys)	Llanllugn	Gwernfyda	27.107 Oxf	Box-framed hall house with smoke bay.	SJ 045017
1553	1552 /53	Mer (Gwyn)	Corwen	Bryn Berllan, Cynwyd	42.114 Oxf	Fully-storeyed house with close-studded walls, herringbone framing in gable. Post & panel partition, dais bench. Central open truss arch-braced collar, raking struts, principals tenoned into posts. Wind-braced lower purlins. (Also a re-used collar 1525/26).	SJ 054412
1553	1552 /53	Mont (Powys)	Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain	Ffinnant Farmhouse	44.110 Oxf	Cruck-framed house with 2-bay hall in which central truss has arch-braced collar. Post-&-panel partition. (For inserted fireplace see 1583/84. For ancillary cruck cottage see 1550 & for barn see 1609 /10).	SJ 208211
1554	1553 -55	Caern (Gwyn)	Llandegai	Dyffryn Mymbyr	42.111 Oxf (3)	Stone, storeyed, Snowdonian plan type. Beam for former cross-passage post-and-panel partition. Principals, collar, raking struts.	SH 695573
1554	1553 /54	Flint (Clwyd)	Llanefydd	Berain	45.126 Oxf	Stone. Upper end hall range & associated wing. (Hammer-beam roof in hall house failed to date).	SJ 007697
1554	1539 -69	Mer (Gwyn)	Corwen	Ty-mawr, Druid	41.114 Oxf	Cruck-framed 2-bay open hall, post & panel dais partition originally with canopy. Arch-braced open truss. (For inserted floor see 1584 & for barn see 1566 -96).	SJ 035431

1554	1554	Mont (Powys)	Pennant Melangell	Tyddyn-Ilwydion	27.107 Oxf (4)	Fully recorded & excavated cruck-framed longhouse with cow bay, passage bay, passage partition truss of large open panels, single bay hall with upper end box-framed truss, parlour with close-studded walls. Two tiers trenched side purlins, wind braces tenoned to lower tier. (Also a wing of 1602).	SJ 017259
1555	1536 -74	Caern (Gwyn)	Aberdaron	Bodwrda	41.112 Oxf (5)	Principal stone-built phase has 3-unit plan with large hall & lateral chimney. (Also see 1575).	SH 188272
1555	1540 -70	Mer (Gwyn)	Llanuwchllyn	Prys Mawr	45.126 Oxf	Lesser gentry storied Snowdonian house with end chimney & cross-passage; roof replaced.	SH 869302
1556	1541 -71	Mer (Gwyn)	Llanfrothen	Bwthyn Cae-glas	37.131	Stone, 3 bays. 2 smoke-stained, lap-jointed cruck trusses. Another felling date range of 1497 -1527 might indicate that 2 cruck blades are earlier.	SH 628446
1556	1545 -66	Mont (Powys)	Kerry	Great Cefnyberin	42.116 Oxf	T-plan fully storied lobby-entry house. Timber-framed, close studding with oak boards between studs. Tiebeams, principals, queen struts.	SO 195919
1556	1555 & 1555 /56	Rad (Powys)	Cwmdeuddwr	Nannerth-ganol	27.108 Oxf	Stone. Upper end cruck-framed single bay hall, post & panel partition with harr-hung door. Lower end lost. (For inserted floor see 1633).	SN 132429
1556	1555 /56	Rad (Powys)	Nantmel	Middle Nant-serth	30.113	3-unit cruck-framed hall house with arch-braced central truss.	SN 969699
1557	1539 -75	Caer (Gwyn)	Beddgelert	Gwastad Annas	46.116 UoW (6) NPRN 26549	Fireplace lintel. (For cruck blades see 1508).	SH 656536
1557	1554 to 1557	Glam	Oxwich	Oxwich Castle	37.131 Oxf (7)	W end roof trusses – high collars between thin principals: 2 tiers of side purlins + ridge purlin. (Also see 1631).	SS 497862
1557	1556 /56 to 1557	Mer (Gwyn)	Maentwrog	Brynyrodyn	42.115 Oxf (8)	Primary phase of fully storied Snowdonian house. Screened cross-passage, post & panel partitions. Collar beam roof trusses were not sampled. Refines date given for main range in VA 41.116. (Also see 1640).	SH 707408
1559	1557 /58 & 1559	Denb (Clwyd)	Llansilin	Glas-hirfryn	45.126 Oxf	Collapsed building under reconstruction. Timber-framed, close studding with intermediate rails, decorative bracing on 1st floor, jetty. Moulded timbers, contemporary panelling. (Rail or joist in stone extension dated 1826 /27).	SJ 157296
1559	1544 -74	Monm (Gwent)	Newport	Tredegar House (NT)	42.115 Oxf	Primary timbers in service wing (at later brick mansion). Also see 1624 -54 & 1671 /72).	ST 288852
1559	1540 -68 & 1548 -78	Mont (Powys)	Llanidloes	Old Market Hall	34.120 Oxf	Re-used posts in structure of 1612 -22 (qv).	SN 954845
1559	1559	Mont (Powys)	Meifod	Ystumcolwyn Barn	36.101 Oxf	Walls 3 panels high, 1 end truss poss. originally hipped. Cruck-framed, morticed tiebeams & collars. (For S extension see 1669).	SJ 189165
1560	1545 -75	Caern (Gwyn)	Llandudno	Penrhyn Old Hall	46.113 Oxf	Ceiling beam in SW wing.	SH 815815
1560	15547 /58 & 1559 /60	Denb (Clwyd)	Ruthin	Cae'rafallen	46.114 Oxf NPRN 26910	L-plan – hall and parlour wing, both close-studded and jettied; lozenge framing in gable. Lobby entry, back-to-back fireplace.	SJ 127596
1560	1545 -75	Rad (Pow)	Gldestry	Llanhaylow Old House	38.137 Oxf	(Demolished). Secondary cruck phase. (For 1st phase see 1515 -36).	SO 208535
1561	1561	Mer (Gwyn)	Ffestiniog	Bodlloged (or Bodloesygad)	43.105 Oxf (9)	2-unit slate rubble Snowdonian house. Opposed doorways, end chimneys, fireplace stair. Post & panel partition. Open truss has principals, collar, raking struts. 2 tiers of trenched side purlins + ridge purlin.	SH 709411
1561	1559 /60 & 1560 -61	Mer (Gwyn)	Ffestiniog	Ddualt, Maentwrog	42.114 Oxf (10)	End chimney Snowdonian house, & the earliest of 2 unit system ranges; principals, collars, raking struts. (For second building – east range - see 1604 /05).	SH 673417
1561	1559 to 1561	Mont (Powys)	Machynlleth	Royal House	35.112 Oxf	Front range of town-house with central stack, main domestic rooms on 1st floor. For rear range see 1576.	SH 745009

1562	1557 /58 & 1562	Caern (Gwyn)	Pentir	Vaynol (Faenol) Old Hall	41.114 Oxf (11)	Hall range. Hall has a lateral chimney & a 16 panel ceiling. (Also see 1628 /29).	SH 538695
1563	1563	Caern (Gwyn)	Betws-y-Coed	Cae Gwegi, Capel Curig	46.95 CCKG/14/05	Bressumer.	SH 730570
1564	1563 & 1563 /64	Caern (Gwyn)	Betws-y-Coed	Bennar, Penmachno	44.107 Oxf (12)	Rebuilt 1693 (inscription), but retains evidence of Snowdonian house with stop-chamfered beams & post-&-panel partitions.	SH 794518
1564	1561 /62 & 1564	Flint (Clwyd)	Mold	The Tower, Nercwys	43.104 Oxf	Felling dates for timber used to re-roof 'tower house'. Cranked tiebeam. (Also see 1698).	SJ 240619
1565	1559 & 1564 /65	Caern (Gwyn)	Penmachno	Ty-mawr, Wybrnant	42.112 Oxf (13)	Date is for reconstruction of roof: principals, collars. (Cruck fragments failed to date. Re-used mantle beam in adjacent cottage 1521-51).	SH 770524
1565	1564 /65	Mer (Gwyn)	Llandecwyn	Nant-pasgan-mawr	39.142 Oxf	Snowdonian farmhouse, stone, cross-passage between outer rooms & hall. Crucks with morticed collars are contemporary with hall ceiling. Head-beam of post-&-panel partition.	SH 654365
1565 +	1565 +	Rad (Powys)	Beguildy	Bryndraenog	11.34 Sh	Post of a cruck hall.	SO 204783
1567	1567	Monm (Gwent)	Blaina	Chapel Farm, Coalbrookvale	36.100 Oxf	Stone-walled open hall house with cow-house in lower end bay. Cruck-framed with spurs & saddles.	SO 190089
1568	1564 -69	Mer (Gwyn)	Llanfrothen	Gelli-Cornwydog	38.136 Oxf	2-unit farmhouse with end chimney & mural stairs. Date is for mantel beam. Also see 1615 /16 & 1662 /63.	SH 618435
1568	1567 /68	Mont (Powys)	Kerry	St Michael's Church	42.116 Oxf	Clock chamber ceiling beams. (Fir bell chamber see 1525 /26).	SO 147901
1571	1571	Caern (Gwyn)	Beddgelert	Hafodruffydd-uchaf	38.134 Oxf	2-unit storeyed farmhouse.	SH 605457
1572	1571 /72	Caern (Gwyn)	Buan	Penhyddgan	41.112 Oxf (14)	Snowdonian 2-unit end-chimney house. Post & panel passage partition. 1st-floor chambers originally open to roof: multi-cusped central truss with raking struts.	SH 302386
1572	1570 /71 & 1572	Denb (Clwyd)	Gwyddelwern	The Rose & Crown	31.112 Oxf	Stone & timber-framed, but originally clay?. Hearth-passage plan. Close studding, jettied gable wall. Tiebeams, principals.	SJ 075467
1572	1571 /2	Mer (Gwyn)	Rhos	Minffordd	38.137 Oxf	Snowdonian house with gable fireplace. Mantel beam, transverse beam, principals. (Undatable cruck blade fragment).	SH 592387
1573	1570 /71 & 1573	Caern (Gwyn)	Betws-y-Coed	Plas Glasgwm, Penmachno	44.107	Farmhouse. Dates are from re-used rafter & purlin.	SH 774504
1574	1571 & 1573 /74	Caer (Gwyn)	Clynnog	Pant-glas-uchaf	38.135 Oxf	Snowdonian house with winding stair & gable fireplace. Collar truss, purlin, half-beam.	SH 477478
1574	1574	Denb (Clwyd)	Clocaenog	Paradwys	46.114 Oxf	Cruck-framed house with single-bay hall.	SJ 083540
1575	1574 /75	Brec (Powys)	Crucadarn	Hafodygarreg, Erwood	41.111	Inserted fireplace & hall ceiling (in a cruck-framed longhouse of 1402d qv).	SO 107415
1575	1575	Caern (Gwyn)	Aberdaron	Bodwrda	41.112 Oxf	Extension to hall range (see 1536 -74).	SH 188272
1575	1573 /74 & 1575	Denb (Clwyd)	Corwen	Rhug, Ucheldref	41.114 Oxf	Stone. Gentry house. Floored hall (in west range). (Also see 1598 -1608 & 1606 /07).	SJ 049451
1576	1576	Mont (Powys)	Machynlleth	Royal House	35.112	Rear range added to town-house of c. 1561 (qv).	SH 745009
1577	1562 -92	Caern (Gwyn)	Penmachno	Dulasau-uchaf	42.112 Oxf (15)	Now the S wing of a larger house, this began as a 2-unit end-chimney house.	SH 830516

1577	1576 & 1576 /77	Mont (Powys)	Meifod	Rhos-fawr-isaf	36.102 Oxf	Box-framed house with integral framed fireplace, but hall possibly originally open. Internal post & panel partitions.	SJ 135147
1578 c.	1573 & 1578	Caer (Gwyn)	Conwy	Plas-mawr (Cadw)	27.106 Oxf	Townhouse, courtyard plan, 3 broadly coeval stone ranges. Withdrawing room roof intended to be open, with arch-braced collars, V-struts, tenoned purlins, decorative pegging, framed after summer 1578 but apparently ceiled over in 1580. (For gatehouse see 1585 c.).	SH 780776
1578	1578	Denb (Clwyd)	Trefnant	Dolbelydir	33.81 UoW	Country house, stone. Principals, collars.	SJ 031710
1579	1568 /69 & 1578 /79	Caern (Gwyn)	Caerhun	Llanerchfelin, Rowen	44.108 Oxf	Fully storeyed Snowdonian house. Post & panel partition, reed-moulded screen. Collar-beam trusses with raking struts.	SH 889699
1579	1576 to 1579	Mer (Gwyn)	Maentwrog	Cae'nycoed-uchaf	38.136 Oxf	Stone. 2-unit house with end chimneys, fireplace stair. Post & panel partition. Heavy roof trusses with tenoned collars, trenched side purlins. (Alterations used timber felled 1593)	SH 682406
1581	1581	Denb (Clwyd)	Denbigh	24 Bridge St	33.80 UoW	Roof – principals, collars. 1st-floor fireplace lintel. (A latrine was dated 1525+ but is presumed to be of the same phase).	SJ 051661
1581	1566 -96	Mer (Gwyn)	Corwen	Ty-mawr, Druid	41.114 Oxf	Cruck barn (near cruck-framed house of 1539 -69 qv).	SJ 035431
1581	1581	Mer (Gwyn)	Llanaber	Llwyn-du	39.142 Oxf (16)	Principal house includes parlour, cross-passage, storeyed hall, end chimneys. 'Collar-beam trusses.' (For dower house see 1592 /93).	SH 600185
1581	1581	Monm (Gwent)	Llanvetherine	Croft Farm barn	42.115 (Oxf)	Stone & timber-framed barn. 4 bays. 2-tier square panels in side walls, box-framed ends, 2 cruck-framed internal trusses.	SO 379178
1582	1581 /82	Mont (Powys)	Pennant Melangell	Trefechan	35.112 Oxf	Roof reconstructed. (Cruck phase 1517 -?47 & 1528 -59 qv).	SJ 025261
1584	1583 /84	Mont (Powys)	Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain	Ffynnant Farmhouse	44.110 Oxf	Inserted fireplace in 2-bay hall of 1552 /53 (qv) .	SJ 208211
1584	1568 - 1600	Glam	Caerphilly ?	Cefn Mably	33.80 UoW	Wallplates & tiebeam of gallery roof.	ST 224841
1584	1584	Mer (Gwyn)	Corwen	Ty-mawr, Druid	41.114 Oxf	Floor inserted (into cruck-framed hall 1539 -69 qv). (For barn see 1566 -96).	SJ 035431
1584	1583 /84	Mont (Powys)	Berriew	Lower Cil (or Keel)	38.137 Oxf	3-unit lobby entry timber-framed house with storeyed porch, post-and-panel partition, wind braces.	SJ 182015
1585	1584 /85	Caern (Gwyn)	Betws Garmon	Llwyn-bedw	38.134 Oxf (17)	Stone. Gable-end chimney, fully storied. Date is from hall ceiling.	SH 530582
1585 c.	1556 -93, 1550 -95	Caern (Gwyn)	Conwy	Plas-mawr (Cadw)	27.106 Oxf	Gatehouse presumed complete by 1585, but there are several overlapping tree-ring dates. (For townhouse see 1578 c.)	SH 780776
1586	1576 -96	Brec (Powys)	Hay-on-Wye	Hay Castle	39.141 Oxf	Fireplace lintel in refitted keep. (Also see 1610 -40 & 1616 -46).	SO 299423
1587	1586 /87	Denb (Clwyd)	Abergele	Bryngwylan, Llangernyw	44.108 Oxf	Stone house, hearth-passage plan. Ceiling inscription 1589.	SH 889699
1587	1587	Mont (Powys)	Trelystan	Church of St Mary the Virgin	46.115 Oxf NPRN 149330	Dendro date is for rebuilt west end – studs, purlin. (Heavily restored 1856. Timber-framed church with single cell nave and chancel divided by a re-set screen).	SJ 263039
1587	1587	Mont (Powys)	Welshpool	Powis Castle (Nat Trust)	36.102 Oxf	Undisturbed E end of state bedroom built from timber felled 1587. (Also see 1663/4 & 1814).	SJ 215064
1588	1588	Caern (Gwyn)	Penmachno	Old House, Fedw-deg	46.113 Oxf NPRN 26449	Post and panel partition in 3-unit lobby entry house.	SH 789532

1588	1584/85 & 1588	Mer (Gwyn)	Trawsfynydd	Brynmaenllwyd	44.109 Oxf NPRN 417311	Rubble-walled 1½-storey upland farmhouse (with roof of c. 1665 in present form, <i>qv</i>) contains mantel beam of 1549+, re-used tiebeams & a purlin felled 1584/85 & 1588.	SH 705332
1589	1589 /90	Brec (Powys)	Llanwrthwl (Elan Valley)	Llannerch-y-cawr	30.112 Oxf	Mantel beam of inserted fireplace (in stone cruck-framed longhouse).	SN 902614
1589	1587 /88 & 1588 /89	Mont (Powys)	Pennant Melangell	Blaen-y-cwm	36.102 Oxf	Cruck-framed solar cross-wing. (For hall range see 1646 /47; also see barn 1634 /35).	SJ 017269
1592	1592	Angl	Llanedwen	Plas-coch	42.111 Oxf	Felling date for purlin and principals in a roof which re-used a reset cusped truss (1534) & other earlier timbers (1560 -71).	SH 512684
1592	1589 -94	Mont (Powys)	Kerry	Dolfor	43.106 Oxf	Timber-framed. (Now lobby entry but) built as an open hall with internal jetty. Roof pitch altered but principals, collar & V-struts assumed primary.	SO 117876
1593	1587 /88 & 1592 /93	Caern (Gwyn)	Penmachno	Dulasau-isaf	42.112 Oxf	Two 2-storey houses set corner to corner (unit system). In main range, large hall with twin outer rooms.	SH 821525
1593	1592 /93	Mer (Gwyn)	Llanaber	Llwyn-du	39.142 Oxf (18)	Dower house. 2-storeys, 2-units, with fireplaces to ground & 1st floors. (For principal house see 1581).	SH 599185
1594	1594	Caern (Gwyn)	Penmachno	Dugoed	42.112 Oxf (19)	Parlour wing with fireplace stair, possibly originally a subsidiary dwelling. (For main (S) range see 1516 /17).	SH 806521
1594	1593 /94	Glam	St Hilary	Old Beaupré Farmhouse	38.135 Oxf (20)	Fortified manor house. Date is for ground-floor ceiling beam in E range of inner court.	ST 009720
1594	1593 & 1594	Mont (Powys)	Castell Caereinion	Ty-mawr	29.128 Oxf (21)	Floor inserted into 'upper bay' (For primary build see 1460, & for smoke hood see 1630 -31).	SJ 172043
1594	1593 /94	Mont (Powys)	Llanidloes	St. Idloes's Church	34.120 Oxf	Belfry. (For nave hammer beam roof see 1538).	SN 954845
1596 c. ?	1581 - 1611 ?	Caer (Gwyn)	Dolbenmaen	Clenennau	338.135 Oxf (22)	Front range (parlour wing), with 2 arch-braced trusses, yielded 7 different date ranges, earliest 1520-50, latest 1581-1611. Rear (hall) range yielded 1556 -86 & 1571 -1601. Repairs in 1731.	SH 532424

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