Historic place names of Wales

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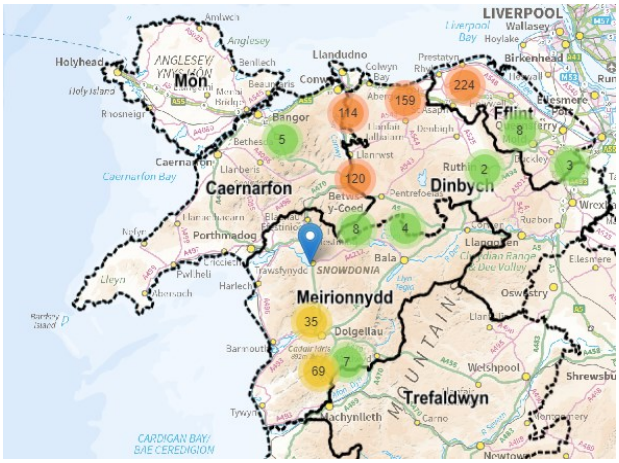
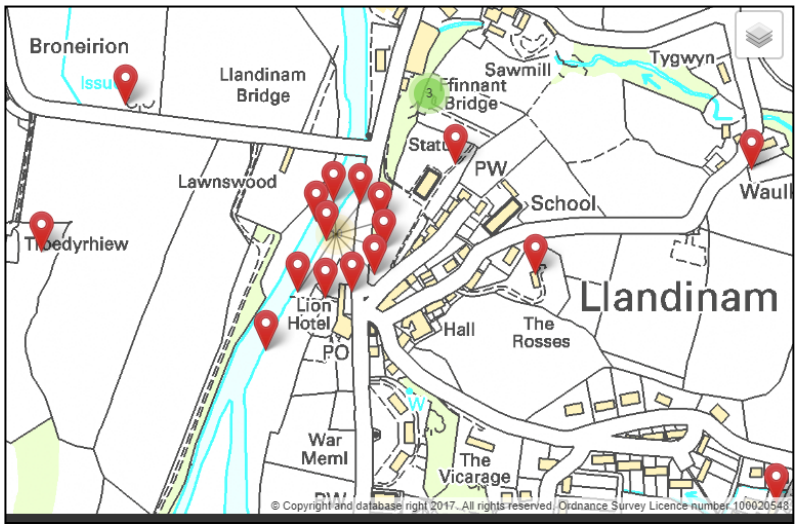
The List of Historic Place Names was launched in May 2016 following the Historic Environment (Wales) Act. The List is a response to the numerous concerns raised recently by the Welsh Place Names Society, amongst others, following changes made to historic names by new proprietors.



The aim of this project is to enable us to record, maintain and in some cases, save our place names in Wales, by providing a database of names which will be of interest to the public, as well as being useful for local authorities and academics in their professional capacities.

During this talk I will discuss the background to the creation of the List, and will go through the various ways in which the list can be of use to those interested in place name studies. In addition, I will discuss the sources currently in use, and those which will be added in the near future. I will also mention the various ways in which the List and the use thereof is being promoted amongst the public, paying particular attention to the efforts already made in this direction. I will end with an appeal to the public to take possession of the List, and to help with the work of expanding its contents, so that it provides the fullest possible image of Wales' place name heritage.