

Summary statement regarding potential archaeological impact of the installation of fixed slate bench in front of Eglwys Tysilio, Ynys Tysilio.

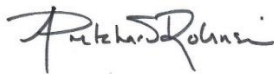
The proposed siting of a new slate bench in front of the north wall to east of doorway is likely to carry negligible, if any, archaeological risk - specific reference to the disturbance of buried human remains or below ground architectural remains. The area in question is already tarmacked and thus has been disturbed, possibly to several centimetres depth. The building itself is a restored, largely early 15th century building of continuous nave and chancel. It is of rubble construction, largely limestone with walls and that the north wall has been repointed a number of times, areas of areas of rebuilding and a window insertion visible in the standing structure. In consequence, extant remains below ground level in the in this location where digging and preparation for the benches fixing are highly unlikely.

That the bench will be situated c. 15-20 cm away from the wall further mitigates risk of disturbance too close to the footings. This together with the form and style of the bench will also serve to ensure that the surface elevation is not hidden nor obscured.

As an additional point, there is small but noticeable wear to the projecting plinth at the base of the west end of the north wall – an area which serves as a useful sitting-place for visitors. While carrying dateable architectural features, this plinth is a strong indicator of an earlier, pre-15th century phase of building. Lack of earlier decorated architectural features precludes precise dating of this phase difficult, but one could postulate an 13th century or 12th century date if considered as part of wider Anglesey corpus of church buildings and the presence of the surviving 12th or 13th century baptismal font. The addition of a new, purpose-built seat may therefore reduce the use of this plinth as a bench and limit further wear on an architectural feature of potential significance.

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