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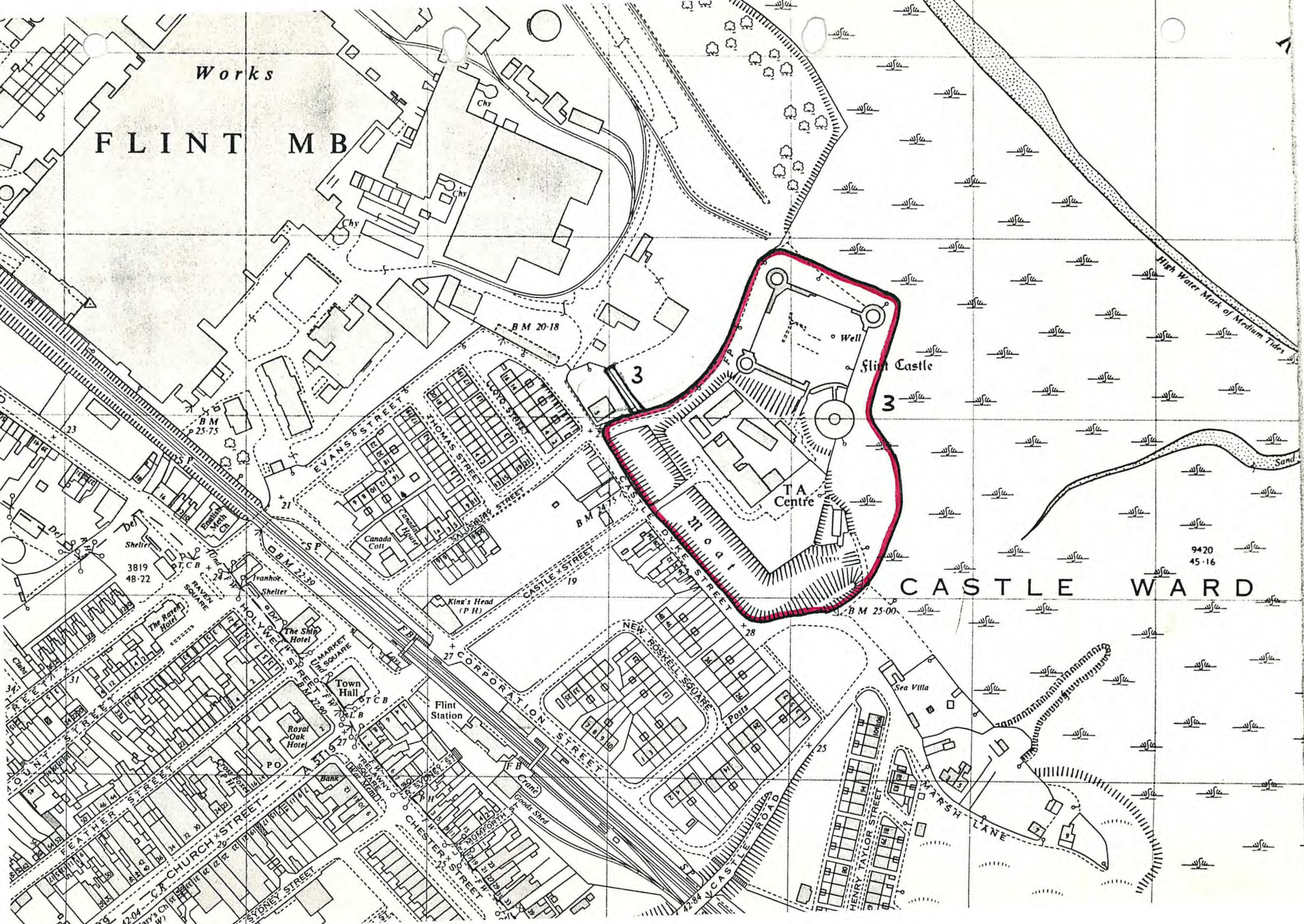
Flint Castle

T.A. Centre

CASTLE WARD

High Water Mark of Medium Tides

9420
45-16



3819
48-22

King's Head (P.H.)

Flint Station

Town Hall

Royal Oak Hotel

Sea Villa

Henry Taylor Street

42-04

Stony Street

Church Street

Stony Street

Chester Street

Corporation Street

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CADW: Welsh Historic Monuments

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Ancient Monuments Record Form

01 Site number	02 Cross reference	03 G.R. number	
04 County CLYD (FLINTS)	05 County number F 3	06 Local Authority DELYN	
07 Parish FLINT	08 NGR SJ 247 733 27SW	09 Height OD 10M.	10 File number ANC/1080

11 Site Name
FLINT CASTLE

12 Description THE PRECISE DATE OF THE CONSTRUCTION... IS... THE SUMMER OF 1277... THE SITE CHOSEN WAS A SMALL ROCKY PLATFORM EXTENDING ABOUT 50 YDS INTO THE... RIVER DEE, AND PARTLY OR WHOLLY COVERED AT EVERY HIGH TIDE. IN PLAN THE CASTLE IS AN ALMOST PERFECT SQUARE WITH ONE CORNER CUT OFF, HAVING 3 THREE-QUARTER ENGAGED TOWERS AND ONE SEPARATE TOWER... THE INNER WARD MEASURES 160' BY 145', AND IS ABOUT $\frac{1}{3}$ ACRE IN AREA. THE CURTAIN WALLS ARE ALIGNED NEARLY TO THE CARDINAL POINTS.

THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURE... IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE SE TOWER. WHILE FORMING PART OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE SCHEME... THIS TOWER IS NOT FITTED INTO THE STRUCTURE OF THE FORTRESS. IT STANDS AT THE SE CORNER, BUT A LITTLE OUTSIDE IT, THE S AND E CURTAINS AVOIDING IT BY A SHEEPING INWARD CURVE. IN THE CURVE IS A STRONG ABUTMENT OF MASONRY, UPON WHICH RESTED THE END OF THE DRAWBRIDGE CONNECTING THE TOWER WITH THE MAIN BODY OF THE CASTLE; OTHERWISE, IT WAS COMPLETELY ISOLATED...

THE 3 OTHER TOWERS ARE FITTED INTO THE SEVERAL ANGLES OF THE WALLS, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE ALIKE... BUT THEY ARE NOW IN SUCH A RUINED CONDITION THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO RECOVER THEIR DETAILS. (1)

13 Site type/Period - general/Period - specific/Form IND. BUILDING/POST-MED./UND./BLDG. FOUNDATION;
CASTLE/MEDIEVAL/PLANT-EDWARD./RUINED BUILDING & EARTHWORKS;

14 Proportion of Site Scheduled/Survival within Scheduled Area/Condition
2/3/B

15 Area
1.3 ha.

16 Land Class, on site COASTLAND 4;
OTHER 8. MONUMENT; OTHER 14. OPEN SPACE

17 Land class, around site
COASTLAND 4; OTHER 13; OTHER 11. ROADS

18 Site Status
GAM.

19 Area Status
PA; PROW

20 Owner(s)
? FLINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

21 Occupier(s)

25 Assessment of Importance of Monument

26 Scheduling Procedure

Date /	/19	/Recommended/IAM,
/	/19	/(Approved (Not Approved/PIAM,
/	/19	/Review by Scheduling Policy Branch
/	/19	/Review by Head of Territorial Branch
/	/19	/(Recommended (Not Approved/Ancient Monuments Board
/	/19	/Notices Sent
/	/19	/Monument included in Schedule

Other Comments:

27 Monument not scheduled, de-scheduled because:

28 Archaeological History: Event/Name/Date

29 Visits: Name/Date MORGAN, J. FW /16/4/1987

30 Sources: Source Type/Collection/Author/Date/Title/Other

DESC.TEXT/R CAM // 1912/FLINT. / NO 88 PP 25-27 {1}

" " / DOE // 1976 RP/ FLINT CASTLE / LEAFLET {2}

" " / AM 107A / MORGAN, J. / 1987 / F 3 / SECT. 12 {3}

" " / AM 107 / " " / " / " " / " 24 {4}

PLAN SKETCH / AM 107A / " " / " / " " / " 12 {5}

DESC.TEXT / HIST. OF KING'S WORKS / TAYLOR, A. J. / 1974 / KING'S WORKS IN WALES / PP. 308-318 {6}

1277-1330

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ANCIENT MONUMENTS RECORD FORM

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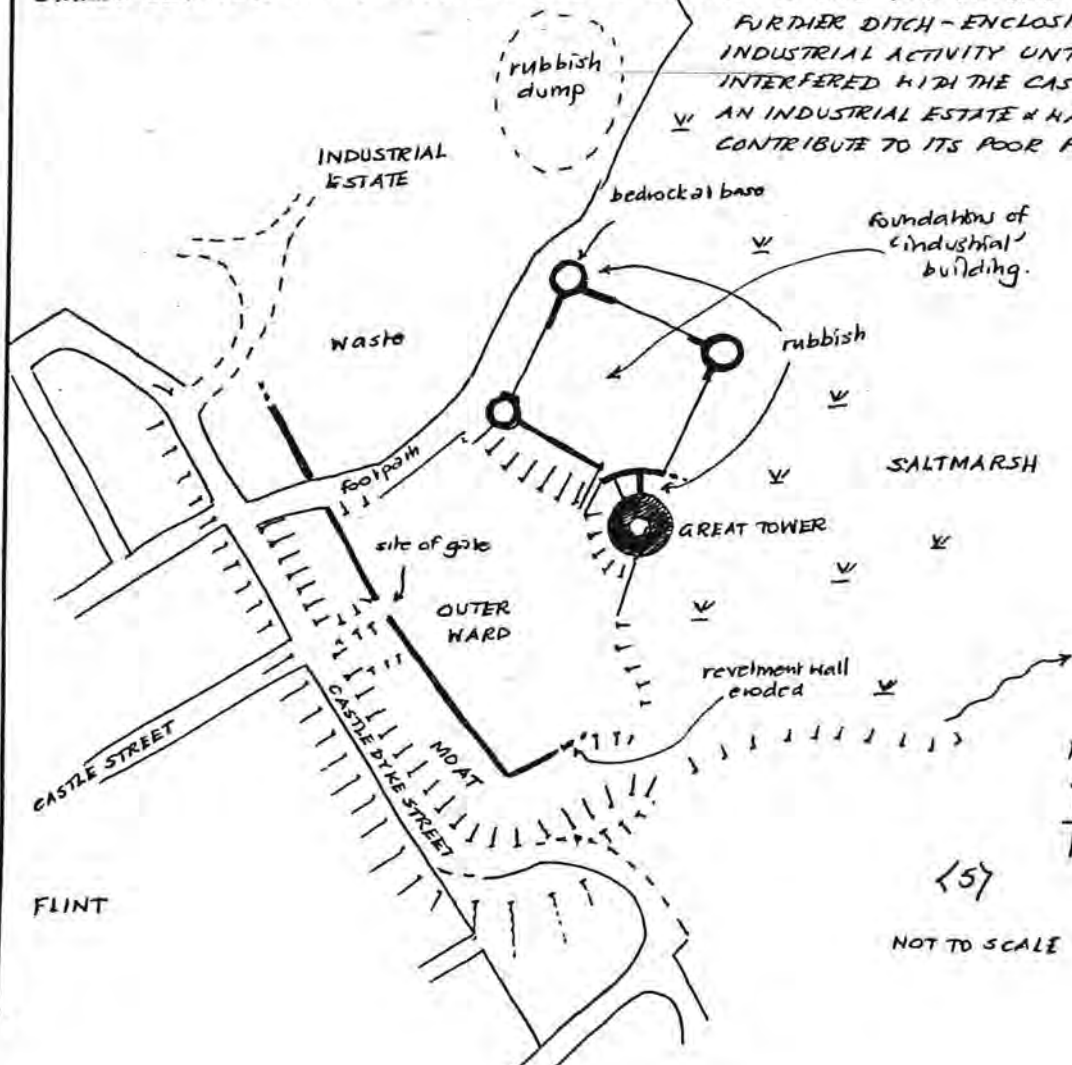
F3 FLINT CASTLE

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FLINT CASTLE IS BUILT ON A LOW PROMONTORY OF SANDSTONE ROCK AMONG THE MARSHES BORDERING THE SHORES OF THE DEE. THE APPROACH FROM THE TOWN IS BY A STONE-WALLED CAUSEWAY LEADING OVER WHAT WAS ONCE MARSHLAND INTO THE OUTER BAILEY OF THE CASTLE. THE WALL ON THE FURTHER SIDE ... HAS PROBABLY THE BASE OF A CURTAIN WALL SURROUNDING THE OUTER BAILEY, WHILE THE SMALL REMAINS OF ANCIENT MASONRY ... ARE FRAGMENTS OF THE OUTER GATEWAY TO THE CASTLE. THE RED SANDSTONE BUILDING UNTIL RECENTLY [1976] OCCUPYING MOST OF THE OUTER BAILEY A ... WAS BUILT IN 1785 AS A GAOL. THE ENTRANCE TO THE INNER BAILEY ... IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MODERN WOODEN BRIDGE ACROSS THE INNER MOAT ... LITTLE IS LEFT [OF THE GATEHOUSE], ALTHOUGH ... UNDER THE BRIDGE 2 DEEP CHASES FOR THE COUNTERPOISES OF THE DRAWBRIDGE [CAN BE SEEN]. BEYOND .. IS THE INNER BAILEY ... COMPLETELY [OR WAS] ENCLOSED BY THE CURTAIN WALL. THIS IS FAIRLY WELL PRESERVED ONLY ON THE S SIDE. TO THE RIGHT .. IS A WOODEN BRIDGE LEADING ACROSS THE MOAT INTO THE DONJON.

RUINED STRUCTURE OF EDWARDIAN CASTLE ENCLOSING APPROX. SQUARE INNER BAILEY, WITH MASSIVE DETACHED DONJON TOWER. AN OUTER WARD, OCCUPIED UNTIL c 1970 BY MILITARY BUILDINGS, LIES BETWEEN THE CASTLE AND THE BASTIDE TOWN OF FLINT. THIS BAILEY IS DEFINED BY MOST OF A BROAD OUTER DITCH, ITS INNER FACE REVETTED WITH STONE. CASTLE DYKE STREET BEYOND IS CAUSEWAYED - A FALL OF BETWEEN 3 AND 9 M PERHAPS INDICATING A

FURTHER DITCH - ENCLOSED THE TOWN. INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY UNTIL RECENTLY HAS INTERFERED WITH THE CASTLE - AND ITS LEGACY. AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE & WASTE GROUND CONTRIBUTE TO ITS POOR PRESENTATION. (2)



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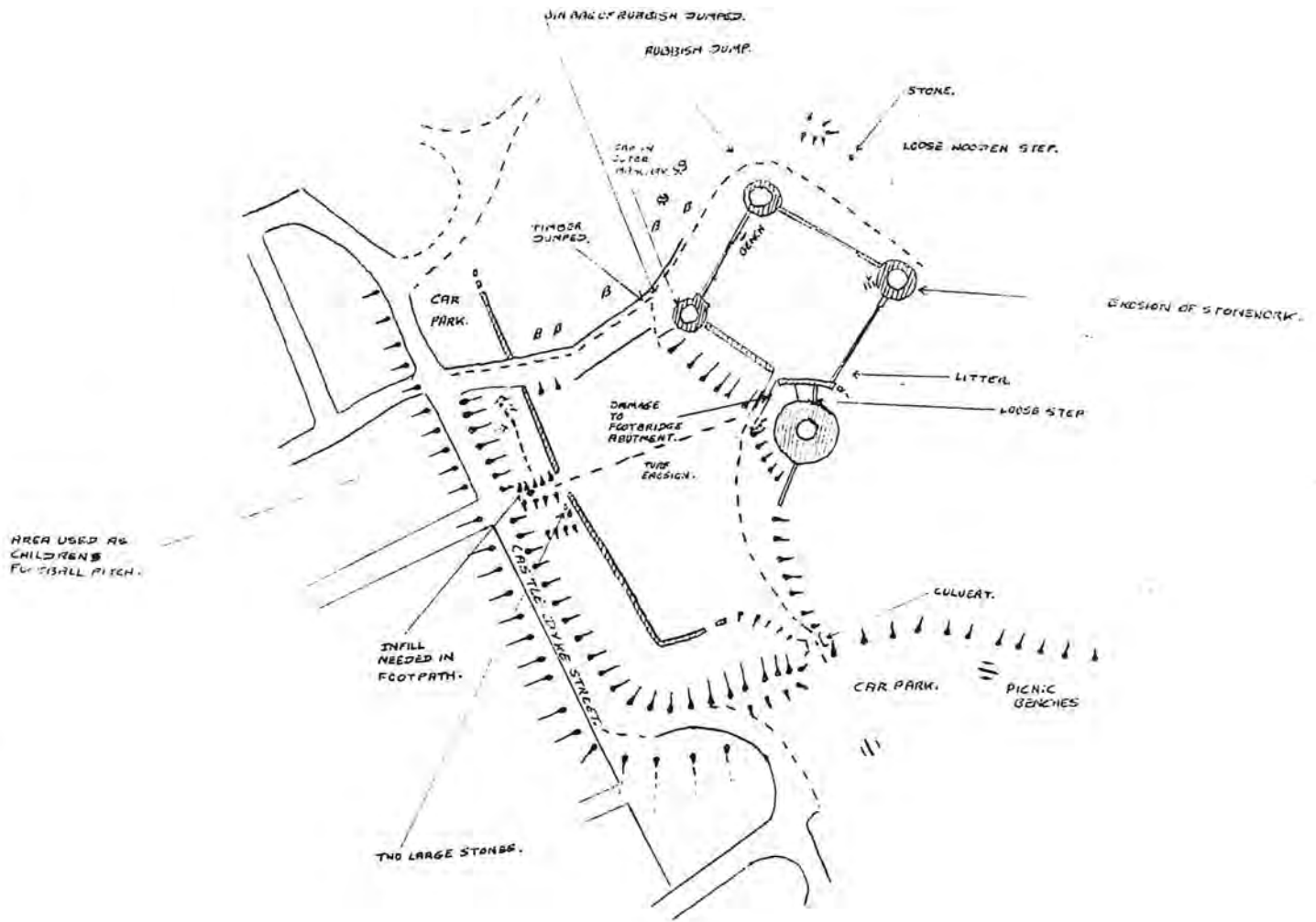
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04 County Clwyd	05 County number F 3	06 Local Authority Delyn
07 Community Flint	08 NGR SJ 247.733 27 SW	09 Height OD 10 M
10 File number ANC/1080	11 Site Name Flint Castle	

12 Description

Damage sustained to edge of stone walk-way along top of abutment where it meets the timber footbridge leading into the Castle. A small path leading below the eastern side of the footbridge, is causing minor surface erosion to the grass embankment leading down into the moat. Minor items of litter in the interior of the south w. tower. Two small pieces of stone noted in the base of the north e. tower. The wooden steps leading into this tower are marked by graffiti, & the fifth step from the base moves considerably forward when stood on. The wooden steps leading into the the Great Tower are also marked by graffiti. The step at the south end of the footbridge leading into the tower is also unstable, & a bolt head is missing from one side. The " Great Tower " sign is also marked by graffiti, & minor litter & glass fragments were evident in the base of the tower. A bicycle has also been dumped to the north of the Great Tower on the marsh ground. The south western tower is marked by a gap in the masonry between the wall & the western side of the tower. Rubbish has been dumped to the west of the footpath skirting the west side of the north w. tower. This includes partly burnt timber, mattresses, & a pile of tarmac/coal waste which has been dug into. The footpath leading into the Castle grounds from Castle Dyke Street, requires some infill in the summit of the causeway crossing the moat.

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13 Site type/Period – general/Period – specific/Form Castle / Medieval / Plant.-Edward. / Ruined Building & Earthworks; /	
14 Proportion of Site Scheduled/Survival within Scheduled Area/Condition 2 / 2 / 8	15 Area
16 Land Class, on site Coastland 4 / Other 8 Monument / Other 14 Open Space /Other 6 Wall /	17 Land class, around site Coastland 4 / Other 12 / Other 11 Footpath; Road / Other 6 Wall /Other 1 Car-park /
18 Site Status G.A.M.	19 Area Status



Site No: F 3 Site Name: Flint Castle.

25 Assessment of Importance of Monument

26 Scheduling Procedure

Date	/	/19	/Recommended/IAM,
	/	/19	/(Approved (Not Approved/PIAM,
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29 Visits: Name/Date

Morgan, T. / F.M.W. / 16.4.1987 /
 Bell, L.M. / F.M.W. / 20.4.1990 /
 Bell, L.M. / F.M.W. / 24.5.1994 /

30 Sources: Source Type/Collection/Author/Date/Title/Other

Desc. Text / R.C.A.M. // 1912 / Flint / No. 88 / pp 25-27 / <1.>
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 Plan. Sketch / AM107A / Morgan, T. / 1987 / F3 / Sect. 12 / <5.>
 Desc. Text / Hist. of King's Works / Taylor, A.J. / 1974 / King's Works in Wales / pp.
 1277-1330 / pp. 308-318 / <6.>
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**CADW Scheduled Ancient Monument Record
SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)**

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SAM No: FL003(FLT)	AI No: 1	File No: 1080	Schedule Ref: 10/1080/FL003(FLT)/G/
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SAM Name: Flint Castle

NGR: SJ247733	Additional NGR: SJ 247733	Scheduled: Yes
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Primary	117	SJ27SW	SJ2473
Additional	117	SJ 27SW	SJ 2473

Primary	Unitary Authority(UA):	Community:
	English: Flintshire	Flint
	Welsh: Sir y Fflint	

Additional English:

Welsh:

Area(Ha): 2.14	Class: Medieval and Post Medieval Secular
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Summary:

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SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)**

SAM No: FL003(FLT)	SAM Name: Flint Castle
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Archaeological History:

Events	Name	Date	Source
Part excavation		1994	

Sources:

Type	Collection	Author	Year	Source
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Map	1:10,000 / 1:2,500			9
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Title: The supposed outer Ditch of Flint Castle		Other: pp-71-77		
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Title:		Other:		31
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Descriptive text	RCHAM Inventory		1912	15
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SAM No: FL003(FLT)	SAM Name: Flint Castle
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Guidebook Title: Flint Castle Ewloe Castle	Cadw Welsh Historic Monuments	Renn D and Avent J R	1995	22
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		Other:		
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		Other:		

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SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)**

SAM No: FL003(FLT)

SAM Name: Flint Castle

Sources:

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	Other:			
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	Other:			
Descriptive text Title:	AM 107	Ackroyd Bell LM	1997	50
	Other:			

**CADW Scheduled Ancient Monument Record
Archaeological Item Information**

Section 1: General

AI No: FL003A		AI Name: Flint Castle	
NGR:	Altitude(m): 10	Trust PRN:	Endex PRN: 94448

Site Type (FMW): Castle

Period	General: Medieval Specific: Plantagenet	Date:
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Site Type (Broad):	Site Type (Narrow):
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Components:

Status: Scheduled Ancient Monument; Guardianship

Form: Ruined building	Condition: Good
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Proportion SCH: Almost complete	Survival within SCH. Area: Most
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Summary:

Section 2: Internal use only - A.I. Monitoring

Date	Name	Office	Purpose	Condition
16/04/87	Morgan T	FMW	Routine	
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground				
24/05/94	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Land boundary; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground; Other - Land boundary; Other - Other				
25/11/94	Bell L M	FMW	SMC	Worsened
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Land boundary; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground; Other - Other				
06/06/96	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Improved
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Land boundary; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground; Other - Other				
18/07/96	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Stable
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare				
13/08/96	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Improved
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare				

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26/09/96	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Recreational use			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
10/10/96	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
21/11/96	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
19/12/96	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
14/01/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
25/02/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
07/03/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
13/05/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
13/05/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
04/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
04/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			

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10/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Watching b	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
10/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Watching b	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
11/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Watching b	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
11/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Watching b	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
25/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Watching b	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
25/06/97	Bell L M	FMW	Watching b	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
24/07/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
28/08/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
30/09/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
28/10/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
11/12/97	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			

**CADW Scheduled Ancient Monument Record
SAM Visit Description Text**

SAM No: FL003(FLT)	SAM Name: Flint Castle
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Visit Date: 16/04/87

Visited By: Morgan T

Description Text: Source: R.C.A.M. //1912 /Flint. / No.88 / pp. 25-27 / <1.> : The precise date of the construction...is...the summer of 1277....The site chosen was a small rocky platform extending about 50 yards into the ...River Dee, and partly or wholly covered at every tide. In plan the castle is an almost perfect square with one corner cut off, having 3 three quarter engaged towers and one separate tower...The Inner Ward measures 160' by 145', and is about half an acre in area. The curtain walls are aligned nearly to the cardinal points. The distinguishing feature ...is unquestionably the S.E. Tower. While forming part of the constructive scheme...This Tower is not fitted into the structure of the fortress. It stands at the S.E. corner, but a little outside it, the south and east curtains avoiding it by a sweeping inward curve. In the curve is a strong abutment of masonry, upon which rested the end of the drawbridge connecting the tower with the main body of the castle; otherwise, it was completely isolated...

The three other towers are fitted into the several angles of the walls, and would appear to be alike...but they are now in such a ruined condition that it is difficult to recover their details. <1.>

Source: Desc. Text /D.O.E. //1976 R.P. / Flint Castle / Leaflet / <2.>: Flint Castle is built on a low promontory of sandstone rock among the marshes bordering the shores of the Dee.

The approach from the town is by a stone-walled causeway leading over what was once marshland into the outer bailey of the castle. The wall on the further side...was probably the base of a curtain wall surrounding the outer bailey, while the small remains of ancient masonry ...are fragments of the outer gateway to the castle. The red sandstone building until recently (1976) occupying most of the outer bailey...was built in 1785 as a gaol.

The entrance to the inner bailey...is on the other side of the modern wooden bridge across the inner moat... little is left (of the gatehouse), although...under the bridge 2 deep chases for the counterpoises of the drawbridge (can be seen). Beyond...is the inner bailey...completely (or was) enclosed by the curtain wall. This is fairly well preserved only on the S. side. To the right.. is a wooden bridge leading across the moat into the Donjon. <2.>

Source: Desc. Text / AM107 / Morgan, T. / 1987 / F3 / Sect. 12 / <3.> : Ruined structure of Edwardian Castle enclosing approximately square inner bailey, with massive detached Donjon Tower. An outer ward, occupied until c.1970 by military buildings, lies between the Castle and the bastide town of Flint. This bailey is defined by most of a broad outer ditch, its inner face revetted with stone. Castle dyke street beyond is causewayed- a fall of between 3 and 9 M. perhaps indicating a former ditch-enclosing the town. Industrial activity until recently has interfered with the Castle-and its legacy, an industrial estate & waste ground contribute to its poor presentation. <3.>

Visit Date: 24/05/94

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: S.M.C. visit to site. All five trenches have been excavated, back-filled & reseeded with turf. The back-fill material covering trench 1 on the eastern side of the moat contained fragments of Buckley pottery, glazed pottery sherds, willow pattern, brick fragments, leather shoes, a large iron bolt, & glass. The infill on trench 2 at the south eastern corner of the moat contained fragments of ridge tiles of modern date. Trench 3 infill contained fragments of glass and brick. The trench running from the wall to the outer rim of the ditch. Trench 4 infill contained fragments of slate, glass, pottery and tin. This trench was sited just north of the causeway crossing the moat from Castle Dyke Street, & ran from the wall southwards across the moat to the outer rim adjacent with the inner kerb of the pavement. Trench 5 sited to the north w. of the footpath & boundary wall crosses a former car park. The trench has been back-filled with stone, which is settling slightly below the layer of

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SAM Name: Flint Castle

surrounding tarmac surface.

There is a general problem with litter and vandalism on site. A small bicycle wheel & remains of a string mat have been dumped on the south western side of the moat. Blue paint has been thrown over the sandstone boundary wall adjacent to the footpath, opposite Salusbury Street. Northwards along the verge, within scheduled area, several black bags of garden waste have been dumped, along with sections of yellow plastic tubing, a rolled up mattress & a shower base. Northwards along the footpath, on the western side of the verge, a small pile of bricks has been recently dumped. The boundary wall adjoining the south side of the south west tower has been sprayed with graffiti. The 'Flint Castle' information board sited on the northern side of the outer ward has been sprayed with copper metallic paint & the perspex has been indented in several places. Minor graffiti also marks the stone walkway leading into the Great Tower, & litter has blown into the base of the tower, & along the base of the inner moat.

Description Text: Damage sustained to edge of stone walk-way along top of abutment where it meets the timber footbridge leading into the Castle. A small path leading below the eastern side of the footbridge, is causing minor surface erosion to the grass embankment leading down into the moat. Minor items of litter in the interior of the South W. tower. Two small pieces of stone noted in the base of the North E. tower. The wooden steps leading into this tower are marked by graffiti, & the fifth step from the base moves considerably forward when stood on. The wooden steps leading into the Great Tower are also marked by graffiti. The step at the south end of the footbridge leading into the tower is also unstable, & a bolt head is missing from one side. The "Great Tower" sign is also marked by graffiti, & minor litter & glass fragments were evident in the base of the tower. A bicycle has also been dumped to the north of the tower on the marsh ground. The South Western tower is marked by a gap in the masonry between the wall & the western side of the Tower. Rubbish has been dumped to the west of the footpath skirting the west side of the North W. Tower. This includes partly burnt timber, mattresses, & a pile of tarmac/coal waste which has been dug into. The footpath leading into the Castle grounds from Castle Dyke Street, requires some infill in the summit of the causeway crossing the moat. <7.>

Visit Date: 09/08/94

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: S.M.C. visit to site. All five trenches have been excavated, back-filled & reseeded with turf. The back-fill material covering trench 1 on the eastern side of the moat contained fragments of Buckley Pottery, glazed pottery sherds, willow pattern, brick fragments, leather shoes, a large iron bolt, & glass. The infill on trench 2 at the south eastern corner of the moat contained fragments of ridge tiles of modern date. Trench 3 infill contained fragments of glass and brick. The trench running from the wall to the outer rim of the ditch. Trench 4 infill contained fragments of slate, glass, pottery & tin. This trench was sited just north of the causeway crossing the moat from Castle Dyke Street, & ran from the wall southwards across the moat to the outer rim adjacent with the inner kerb of the pavement. Trench 5 sited to the north w. of the footpath & boundary wall crosses a former car park. The trench has been back-filled with stone, which is settling slightly below the layer of surrounding tarmac surface.

There is a general problem with litter & vandalism on site. A small bicycle wheel & remains of a string mat have been dumped on the south western side of the moat. Blue paint has been thrown over the sandstone boundary wall adjacent to the footpath, opposite Salusbury Street. Northwards along the verge, within scheduled area, several black bags of garden waste have been dumped, along with sections of yellow plastic tubing, a rolled up mattress & a shower base. Northwards along the footpath, on the western side of the verge, a small pile of bricks has been recently dumped. The boundary wall adjoining the south side of the south west tower has been sprayed with graffiti. The 'Flint Castle' information board sited

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on the northern side of the outer ward has been sprayed with copper metallic paint & the perspex has been indented in several places. Minor graffiti also marks the stone walkway leading into the Great Tower, & litter has blown into the base of the tower, & along the base of the inner moat. <9.>

Visit Date: 25/11/94

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

S.M.C. visit to site. No work as yet in progress.

Outer moat partially flooded with surface water on the south side of the causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street. Litter is tending to collect in this area, & a supermarket trolley has been dumped in the moat.

The Great Tower - Litter is collecting in the interior of the tower. Two areas of the interior stonework on the upper level of the tower have been sprayed with graffiti, marking 0.5 & 0.7 M. across.

South W. Tower - Formica boards have been dumped below the west side of the tower lying to the east of the footpath. Timber pieces have also been dumped on the verge on the western side of the footpath. <11.>

Visit Date: 06/06/96

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE.

JUNE 1996

Introduction

Landscaping around the perimeter of the Castle grounds in conjunction with recent tree planting and the provision of low level barrier rails has greatly improved the overall approach to the Castle site. An attractive tree lined path has been newly created to the west of the Castle, and the landscaped embankment to the north west already provides a host of wild flowers including poppy, to enhance the overall aspect of the area. Two stone walls unrelated to the Castle have been removed from the bed of the inner moat, providing a clear view of the line of the moat, & the perimeter of the Great Tower. Top soil seeded with grass has been laid on an incline within the bed of the moat to provide natural drainage into the surrounding marsh. The new car park sited to the south west of the Castle is already proving popular with visitors.

The Report.

The following notes have been drawn together by the Field Monument Warden with a view to providing a basis for monitoring problems associated with vandalism, and the general welfare of the site.

The North West Tower.

- (1.) Remains of white paint splashes & graffiti on north facing exterior wall of tower should be cleaned and plant growth treated in stonework.
- (2.) Plant growth could be treated in upper masonry.
- (3.) A hand-rail should be provided at this point leading into the tower. The floor of the tower could be improved in appearance by the addition of a fine covering of gravel or a layer of bark chippings. Bark chippings would impede the growth of weeds within the base

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of the tower.

- (4.) Plant growth could be treated in the stonework.
- (5.) Plant growth could be treated in the stonework.
- (6.) Felt pen graffiti could be cleaned from the stonework.
- (7.) Brick & stone lying in base of tower, litter & broken glass should be removed.
- (8.) The addition of two timber steps & a handrail would provide safer access into the base of the tower at this point.
- (9.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned from the window opening within the recess.

The North East Tower.

- (1.) The wooden staircase leading into the tower would benefit from a coating of wood stain to disguise graffiti on the hand rails and steps. A covering of bark chippings could be introduced below the base of the staircase to minimise scuff marks on the turf. The lowest rung of the staircase and the left hand side of the base has been fire damaged and needs replacing. The fifth step is rocking on its base and should be made more secure.
- (2.) The handrail in the tower would benefit from repainting.
- (3.) A fine layer of bark chippings within the base of the tower would improve the overall appearance & impede growth of vegetation.
- (4.) Plant life supported in masonry should be treated.
- (5.) Plant life supported in masonry should be treated.

The South West Tower.

- (1.) Plant growth adhering to exterior masonry should be removed.
- (2.) Plant growth supported in upper exterior masonry should be treated.
- (3.) Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from stonework leading into tower, and fragments of broken glass removed from steps.
- (4.) "Fast food" containers & drinks cans should be removed from interior. Fallen pieces of stonework in base of tower should be reinstated.
- (5.) Plant growth adhering to walls should be treated.
- (6.) Plant growth in upper masonry should be treated.
- (7.) The smoke blackened over hang of stone could be cleaned.

The Great Tower.

- (1.) Smoke blackened exterior stonework could be cleaned.
- (2.) The inner set of timber handrails should be wood stained to disguise the graffiti.
- (3.) Plant growth in upper part of masonry should be treated.
- (4.) Spray graffiti should be removed from stonework.
- (5.) The safety grill should be repainted.
- (6.) Felt pen graffiti should be removed from stone spiral staircase.
- (7.) Graffiti should be cleaned from the "Great Tower" sign and the sandstone in the immediate vicinity.
- (8.) Spray graffiti should be removed from the masonry.
- (9.) Smoke blackened stonework within the recess could be cleaned.
- (10.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (11.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (12.) Spray graffiti should be removed from walls.
- (13.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned within recess.

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- (14.) Spray graffiti should be cleaned from walls.
- (15.) Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from stonework.
- (16.) The safety grill should be repainted.
- (17.) A hand-rail could be provided on the lower part of the staircase into the lower level of the tower. Spray graffiti should be removed from the walls at the base of the tower; broken glass removed from floor level and smoke blackened stonework cleaned. The safety grills should be repainted & litter collected from below the grills.
- (18.) Litter should be removed from the well.
- (19.) The interior of the tower would benefit from a layer of bark chippings.
- (20.) Plant growth should be treated on walls.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

- (A.) A dressed sandstone block missing from the outer cladding of the wall should be replaced.
- (B.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (C.) Plant growth should be treated along exterior stonework.
- (D.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (E.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (F.) The carved stone block sited below the main timber causeway could be more effectively displayed within the castle interior. The stone could be incorporated in a permanent display on site.
- (G.) The main timber footbridge should be wood stained to lessen the impact of felt pen graffiti along the handrails.
- (H.) The graffiti should be cleaned off the stonework, & the metal notice plate repainted.
- (I.) Broken glass should be removed & stonework cleaned of graffiti and remains of pale green paint thrown on masonry.
- (J.) Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from steps.
- (K.) Chip sustained to large stone block at this point.
- (L.) Smoke blackened stonework around opening within recess could be cleaned.
- (M.) Elderberry sapling & briar should be treated in stonework. Felt pen graffiti should also be cleaned.
- (N.) Plant growth should be treated in upper part of masonry.
- (O.) Smoke blackened stonework within recess around opening could be cleaned.
- (P.) Plant growth should be treated in upper parts of stonework.
- (Q.) Smoke blackened stonework within recess around opening could be cleaned. Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned.
- (R.) The metal park bench anchored to the wall within the Inner Ward needs repainting to cover paint scratches & graffiti. A layer of wood chippings or gravel should be placed under the bench to cover scuff marks in the turf.
- (S.) Smoke blackened stonework within recess around window opening could be cleaned. Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from stonework.
- (T.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned from roof of alcove.
- (U.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned, & chalk graffiti removed..
- (V.) Marker pen graffiti should be removed from "Inner Ward" sign.
- (W.) Litter should be removed from well.
- (X.) A hand rail should be provided parallel with the timber steps, to adjoin the new handrails on the causeway. The steps should be wood stained to disguise graffiti. The addition of a hand-rail at this point would enable partly disabled people to gain access into the tower. Bark chippings should be placed around the base of the timber steps to cover the scuff marks on the turf.
- (Y.) Plant growth should be treated on stonework.
- (Z.) Graffiti should be cleaned from paved area leading onto timber causeway.

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Conclusion

Most of the problems highlighted in this report could be rectified in future work projects at the Castle, however the underlying problem of vandalism still needs to be addressed.

The introduction of close monitoring cameras on site would prove a powerful deterrent to potential vandals. The site should also be monitored on a weekly basis by the local Police Force, with a view to restoring some respect for the Castle amongst the local youth population who have been seen abusing the site for glue sniffing etc, by local members of the public.

Further improvements on site could include the provision of well secured cast-iron benches & litter bins. Consideration could also be given to the employment of 1 local person from Flint who would be involved in general ground maintenance such as litter picking and grass cutting. The person employed could be provided with a " Uniform & Cap " to underline the importance of their work & to command some respect from members of the public.

The provision of a few promotional posters & Guides of the Castle could be distributed for display throughout the local Schools, & a copy of the Castle Guide book provided for their School Reference Libraries.

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Visited By: Bell L M

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JULY 1996

Introduction

The grounds to the west of the Castle have been further enhanced by the addition of shrub covered banks & low barrier rails defining the edge of the car park. A height restriction bar over the entrance to the car park prevents mis-use by commercial & itinerant vehicles; The western side of the grounds lies in close proximity to a new Business Park. The embankment below the South Western & North Western Towers & Curtain Wall are abundant with wild flowers. Red Poppy, Purple Thistle, Wild Daisy & a variety of grasses & herbage provide habitat for both moths & butterflies & enhance the overall appearance of the site.

The appearance of the outer Ward has been improved by the addition of a newly lined gravel path.

The North West Tower.

A layer of gravel introduced into the base of the tower has been temporarily marred by discarded litter thrown into the base of the tower. This includes a collection of polythene bottles; drinks cans; & two traffic cone bases.

The South West Tower

Litter which includes lager cans; bottles; paper and a red & white barrier rail has been discarded onto a new layer of gravel in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower

Chalk graffiti marks the wall of the tower. Fragments of broken glass noted on the steps. One loose stone, smoke blackened, lying on top of safety grill sited on south western side

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of tower. Take-away litter & papers generally discarded along the passageway in the base of the tower, particularly over the safety grills.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

Several metres of industrial tape & a traffic cone has been discarded on the footpath below the western side of the castle walls. A section of barrier rail " Eve Arclive" has been discarded on the embankment below the S.W. Tower. A piece of metal frame has been discarded along the embankment below the north side of the N.W. Tower. Two traffic cones and the shaft of a third cone have been discarded below the north curtain wall. Two traffic cones have been discarded below the N.E. Tower in addition to polythene bags; drinks cans & polythene bottles. Minor items of litter consisting mainly of lager cans are collecting below the eastern curtain wall. Discarded litter lying in long grass below the northern side of the Great Tower & southern side of the Curtain wall. Broken glass lying on lawn below the north west side of the Great Tower in the line of the moat. Small items of 'Take-Away' litter & the base of a traffic cone lying on the lawn below the south side of the Great Tower. Litter generally collecting below the causeway leading into the Inner Ward. 'Take-Away' litter; & industrial tape backing collecting on stonework below timber causeway. Litter also collecting along bed of moat between causeway & S.W. Tower.

Inner Ward

Three traffic cones discarded in Inner Ward in addition to numerous Lager cans; & cellophane can rings. Two drinks cans have been stamped into the new patch of gravel sited below the timber steps leading from the Inner Ward towards the Great Tower. Gravel has been scattered outside this frame onto the timber steps. The presence of One 24 pack Lager tray base; 18 discarded lager cans & 10 discarded 4 pack cellophane holders lying on the southern side of the Inner Ward would indicate that the site is being used by youths for drinking. On the western side of the Inner Ward, gravel which has been introduced below the park bench has been largely kicked out of the frame onto the lawn. Newly charred & fire-cracked stonework marking base of western alcove sited to north west of park bench on western side of Inner Ward. This area of stonework needs sweeping & cleaning.

Outer Ward

A few items of litter collecting along bed of outer moat. The grass is re-seeding well in this area, although a 'path' persists across the eastern side of the moat embankment. The ground to the west of the Outer Ward is marked by small items of litter.

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AUGUST 1996

Introduction

The lawns around the vicinity of the Castle appear immaculate, & all vestiges of litter have been removed from this area.

Wild flowers continue to flourish on the embankment below the western curtain wall, and

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the presence of small blue butterflies noted within this area.

The North West Tower

The interior of the Tower has been cleared of all litter. The exterior northern wall of the tower is marked by spray graffiti.

The North East Tower

Minor items of litter comprising drinks cans & 'Take-away' litter discarded in base of Tower.

The South West Tower

Spray graffiti marking inner wall of tower. Clean layer of gravel marred by discarded red & white barrier rail & minor litter.

The Great Tower

Minor felt pen graffiti marking stone steps within tower, and stonework to west of base of timber staircase leading into lower level of tower. Timber handrails marked by felt pen graffiti. Metal railings neatly painted within tower. Great Tower sign subject to graffiti. Well filled by 'Take-away' litter & drinks cans. Spray paint graffiti marking walls of passageway within base of tower.

Inner Ward.

The seat on the western side of the Inner Ward is badly paint flaked & marked by graffiti. The Inner Ward sign remains subject to graffiti.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle

West of the South Western Tower the embankment & path is marked by Take-away litter; cardboard; and white packing paper. The marsh land to the north of the Castle has been subject to a recent high tide evident by the number of small dead crabs littering the northern embankment below the north curtain wall. One large traffic cone discarded below the North East Tower on the edge of the marshland.

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AUGUST 1996

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September 1996

Introduction

The Castle grounds are well maintained. East of the Castle below the main car park, the grounds have been landscaped to provide a terraced area with three picnic tables & benches.

The North West Tower

Litter has been cleared from the interior. The western alcove on the lower level of the tower & the stone steps leading into tower are marked by broken glass.

The North East Tower

The timber handrails leading up into the tower have been reinforced by supporting metal bars. Some movement noted on the fifth & upper step leading into the tower. The interior of the tower has been cleared of litter.

The South West Tower

One loose stone & a lump of earth noted below the northern side of the tower within the Inner Ward. A few weeds & minor litter collecting in the base of the tower. The south opening within the upper level of the tower has been marked by spray graffiti. Minor felt pen graffiti marking stone in entrance of tower.

The Great Tower

Broken fragments of blue glass need removing from stonework below timber causeway within tower. Graffiti persists on Great Tower sign. A fire has been lit against the eastern wall on the upper level of the tower. The debris from the fire has been removed but the stonework needs cleaning. Western wall in upper level of tower marked by spray graffiti. Felt pen graffiti marking timber hand rails within tower. Minor litter collecting in base of tower & along passageway. Spray graffiti marking southern side of passageway in base of tower should be removed.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle

Section of rope; metal piping & polythene bag collecting below the north side of the Great Tower on the edge of the marsh, & discarded bicycle parts marking area below the south eastern wall of the tower. 'Take-away' litter; and a red and white barrier rail discarded on the embankment below the north curtain wall. Minor litter gathering on embankment below west curtain wall. To the west a building block has been discarded on the pathway, and polythene & timber is collecting in the copse.

Inner Ward

Graffiti continues to mark the park bench on the western side of the Inner Ward. The western alcove in the curtain wall needs sweeping of fire debris & the stonework cleaning. Graffiti persisting on Inner Ward sign & on sign prohibiting climbing, sited above the timber causeway leading into the Inner Ward. Minor felt pen graffiti marking steps immediately to west of timber causeway.

Outer Ward

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A small amount of top soil & grass seed is needed on the edge of the Castle grounds opposite Salisbury Street, where stone fragments & weeds persist. The western side of the earth embankment leading from Castle Dyke Street direction is marked by erosion, where soil and turf has been displaced onto the edge of the moat. This eroded area measures approximately 1 M. across by 0.2 M. deep. The displaced material needs to be restored & held by wire until the turf can regain an even coverage. Two Delyn Borough Council Signs sited to the west of the west car park, prohibit dumping & tipping on site & state a maximum fine of £400. These signs are faded and should now be replaced by the new Unitary Authority. The Delyn Dog Warden Sign raised on the verge opposite Castle Dyke Street has been subject to graffiti.

Visit Date: 10/10/96

Visited By: Bell L M

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OCTOBER 1996

The North West Tower.

Minor items of litter in base of tower. Plant growth taking hold on north eastern interior wall of tower. Broken fragments of glass lying on steps leading into tower.

The South West Tower.

Light growth of weeds taking hold through gravel layer in base of tower, and a few minor items of litter in evidence. Fragments of green & brown glass marking steps & stonework of tower.

The Great Tower.

Cardboard and fragments of broken green glass littering base of tower. Recent spray graffiti marking south west side of passageway in base of tower. Fragments of brown glass littering steps leading into base of tower; and blue glass fragments littering stone causeway. Great Tower sign and sandstone to east marked by felt pen graffiti. Upper level of tower continues to be marked by graffiti.

North East Tower.

A length of blue rope has been discarded in the base of the tower. Vegetation taking hold on interior northern wall.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle.

Thistles need strimming back from the embankment below the western wall. A barrier rail has been discarded on the edge of the inner moat, north of the causeway leading into the Inner Ward. A few pieces of loose stone noted around the base of the South West Tower within the inner moat and light litter also in evidence. Three pieces of barrier rail have been discarded in the inner moat below the Great Tower. Litter also needs to be removed from below the east curtain wall at the edge of the salt marsh. Minor items of litter collecting below the north curtain wall. Vegetation taking hold in the northern curtain wall close to the eastern side of the North West tower.

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Inner Ward

Light litter and one piece of cardboard discarded on the inner ward. Bench remains marked by graffiti. Recess to north west of bench remains smoke blackened and stonework requires cleaning. Graffiti marking timber hand rails on causeway leading into inner ward.

Outer Ward

The outer ward is litter free. The outer moat is marked by a few items of minor litter. Turf erosion marking western side of causeway leading into outer ward. A barrier rail has been discarded on the eastern side of the causeway. The south eastern corner of the outer moat is marked by an area of turf erosion. The north eastern side of moat is marked by turf erosion, exacerbated by ingress of salt water from the surrounding marsh which has killed off a considerable extent of turf at this point. Siting a barrier rail around the north western edge of the eastern car park may deter people from crossing the moat at this point.

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Visited By: Bell L M

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REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE.

NOVEMBER 1996

The North West Tower.

The base of the tower is collecting surface water on the western side.

The North East Tower.

A drinks bottle has been discarded in the base of the tower.

The South West Tower.

The base of the tower has been cleared of all litter.

The Great Tower.

Graffiti marks the wooden hand rails leading into the Great Tower; the sandstone on the western side of the passageway in the lower level of the tower; the Great Tower sign and a sandstone block immediately to the east of the sign; the sandstone on the upper western side of the tower.

The iron railings within the interior of the tower are well maintained. Minor litter collecting below timber staircase, & fragments of glass lying on stonework.

The Inner Ward.

The remains of a hearth has blackened the stonework adjacent to the wall on the south eastern corner of the inner ward, immediately north of the Great Tower. The inner ward sign has been marked by graffiti. The park bench adjacent to the western curtain wall is paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The stone recess adjacent to the bench remains stone blackened.

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Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A dog prohibition sign has been sited on the south curtain wall.

The Inner Moat.

A few items of litter are collecting around the western side of the Great Tower. A temporary car park restriction sign has been discarded below the western side of the timber causeway.

The Outer Ward.

A few fragments of broken glass marking lawned area at south east corner of outer ward.

Outer Moat.

Erosion continues to mark the western side of the embankment adjacent to the causeway crossing the moat. The north eastern side of the moat is marked by turf erosion exacerbated by water draining from the salt marsh.

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DECEMBER 1996

The South West Tower.

A polythene bag has been discarded in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower.

The sign within the tower remains marked by graffiti. Fragments of broken green glass scattered on stonework. The north eastern recess within the upper level of the tower is smoke blackened. The upper level of the north western side of the tower is marked by graffiti. The upper staircase is marked by felt pen graffiti. The passageway within the lower level of the tower is marked by spray graffiti.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A few items of litter and a red and white barrier rail have been discarded along the embankment below the north curtain wall. Litter is collecting along the footpath and embankment to the west of the north west and south west towers.

Inner Ward.

A traffic cone has been stood by the park bench within the inner ward. The bench remains paint flaked and is marked by recent graffiti. The recess to the north west remains smoke blackened. The Inner Ward sign is marked by graffiti. The stonework at the south eastern corner of the ward is smoke blackened.

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Outer Ward.

The ' Castell Y Flint ' marker sign raised in the perimeter fence line on the south western edge of the Castle grounds has been daubed in white paint. A red and white barrier rail has been discarded on the edge of a flower bed on the south west side of the site.

The Outer Moat.

Turf erosion continues to mark the north eastern side of the moat. Some turf erosion noted on outer south eastern corner of moat and on western side of causeway leading across moat from the direction of Castle Dyke Street.

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JANUARY 1997

The North West tower.

The stonework within the recess on the south western side of the tower is smoke blackened. Steps leading into tower marked by a few fragments of glass.

The South West Tower.

All litter has been removed from the interior.

The Great Tower.

Newspapers and drinks cans collecting in base of tower. Fragments of glass need to be raked out of the gravel. The gravel layer has been strewn around within the base of the tower. Discarded newspapers littering the safety grills along the passageway. Broken glass lying on the stonework needs to be swept away. Felt pen graffiti marking the Great Tower sign and adjacent stonework. The southern wall of the Great Tower may be in use as an owl roost. Minor vegetation adhering to inner walls of tower.

The North East Tower.

The tower is providing a roost for birds. The interior of the tower has been swept of all litter.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A traffic cone has been discarded below the north curtain wall on the edge of the salt marsh. The salt marsh to the north east of the Great Tower is providing a winter habitat for seabirds. Litter has been cleared from below the west curtain wall; South West and North West Towers.

Inner Ward.

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A few drinks cans have been discarded in a recess on the south curtain wall adjacent to the South West Tower. The South east corner of the Inner Ward; the interior recess in the south curtain wall, and the recess on the west curtain wall is marked by smoke blackened stonework. Graffiti marking bench and Inner Ward sign.

Outer Ward.

The Outer Ward has been cleared of all litter and the grounds are neatly maintained. Turf erosion continues to mark western side of causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street. The pathway along the causeway has been laid with gravel. Two trees sited along the edge of the Castle grounds have broken away from their stakes, and one of the trees is leaning across the pavement.

The Outer Moat.

Turf erosion continues to mark the north eastern side of the moat adjacent to the salt marsh. The problem is now exacerbated by its use as a cycle track.

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FEBRUARY 1997

The North West Tower.

A few small items of litter collecting in base of tower.

The South West Tower.

Fragments of broken green glass littering the stonework leading into the tower. A few weeds have seeded in the base of the tower.

Inner Ward.

Spray graffiti marking inner ward sign. A traffic cone and broken drinks cans have been discarded at the north west corner of the ward. The bench adjacent to the west curtain wall is marked by graffiti

Visit Date: 25/02/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

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FEBRUARY 1997

The North West Tower.

A few small items of litter collecting in base of tower.

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The South West Tower.

Fragments of broken green glass littering the stonework leading into the tower. A few weeds have seeded in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower.

Fluorescent green paint has been used to spray graffiti on the stonework adjacent to the causeway leading into the Great Tower; the archway above the timber steps is marked in two places; and the walls of the passageway in the base of the tower. Fragments of green glass littering the steps leading into the Great Tower. Felt pen graffiti marking sandstone adjacent to the Great Tower sign, and new graffiti marking the sign. The timber steps leading into the base of the tower are marked by felt pen graffiti.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A few items of litter collecting below the exterior of the North West and South West Towers.

Inner Ward.

Spray graffiti marking inner ward sign. A traffic cone and broken drinks cans have been discarded at the north west corner of the ward. The bench adjacent to the west curtain wall is marked by graffiti.

Inner Moat.

Three stones lying on the bed of the inner moat below the south curtain wall. A few drinks cans have been discarded along the bed of the inner moat, south of the Great Tower.

Outer Moat.

Salt water continuing to infiltrate north eastern side of moat adding to turf erosion.

Visit Date: 07/03/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE

MARCH 1997

The North West Tower.

Spray graffiti marking north side of tower and minor vegetation supported in upper level of stonework. A few items of litter discarded in base of tower.

The North East Tower.

The outer cladding of the tower adjacent to the salt marsh is subject to erosion. Drinks cans

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and small branches need removing from the interior of the tower.

The South West Tower.

The exterior recess of the South Western Tower above the western embankment needs consolidation. Two small pieces of yellow sandstone lying on grass embankment within recess.

The Great Tower.

A new layer of chippings has been introduced at the edge of the Inner Ward below the staircase leading to the Great Tower. The iron railings leading into the Great Tower are paint flaked in parts. Stonework within the tower remains marked by fluorescent spray paint graffiti. Timber rails marked by felt pen graffiti. Great Tower sign and adjoining sandstone marked by felt pen graffiti. Light items of litter comprising paper, and polythene bottles and cans discarded on new gravel surface within base of tower. Charred wood and cans have been placed within the upper recess of the south inner wall of the tower.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle.

Two large pieces of sandstone and a lump of earth lying on top of the western embankment. The corner of the curtain wall adjoining the South Western Tower is smoke blackened and the ground immediately below the foundations of the wall should be raked to remove broken sections of plant pot, coloured electrical wire and broken cans. Plantlife taking hold in masonry of outer curtain wall. A few items of litter and two traffic cones discarded along the embankment and below the western exterior of the North West Tower.

An ash tree sapling growing at the edge of the west curtain wall and two stones lying on the embankment mark an area where the outer stone cladding is missing. Some undermining of the curtain wall adjoining the North Western Tower is evident at this point. Dumping has occurred in the area below the North West Tower where pieces of melamine covered hardboard; debris from a rabbit hutch; shoes and boots have been discarded. Light litter marking northern embankment and small sections of barrier rail and traffic cones. The outer cladding of the north curtain wall needs restoring in two places. One upper section of wall which can be walked over is unsupported over an area of approximately 2 M.

The Inner Ward.

Graffiti has been partly cleaned from the Inner Ward sign. A stone was in evidence lying on the area of lawn adjacent to the bench on the western side of the Inner Ward. A new layer of gravel has been introduced below the bench. The bench is paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The recess adjacent to the bench remains smoke blackened. Graffiti marking walls above the causeway leading into the Inner Ward.

Inner Moat.

Four pieces of sandstone where in evidence below the south base of the South Western Tower.

The Outer Ward.

The grounds are very well maintained.

Flower borders have recently been created around the perimeter of the car park sited to the west of the Castle.

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Fragments of brick should be removed from the area of lawn on the western edge of the Castle grounds.

The Outer Moat.

South east corner of outer moat marked by small area of erosion. Reseeding should be attempted here later in the spring. The north eastern side of the moat is marked by an area of mud adjacent to the salt marsh. Turf restoration is also needed along the western side of the causeway leading across the outer moat.

Conclusion

Problems associated with litter, graffiti and vandalism on site could be reduced by the employment of a Grounds Man, on daily duty at the Castle. A small mobile office could be brought daily to the site, with Castle leaflets & small publications on sale for the public, particularly in the summer season.

A security gate raised across the causeway leading into the Inner Ward could be kept locked at night to deter youths entering the Castle interior out of daylight hours, when much of the vandalism appears to be undertaken.

Visual improvements to the grounds could include the sowing of a more indigenous form of grass seed in the north eastern end of the outer moat, or alternatively planting sedge grass seedlings resilient to salt water. Reseeding and earthwork repair could be usefully undertaken on the south eastern corner of the outer moat and the western side of the causeway leading onto the outer ward from the Castle Dyke Street direction. Litter picking and ground maintenance should continue to be encouraged on a regular basis, as the general improvements around the perimeter of the site, reflects well on the overall aspect of the Castle.

Consolidation work should be considered along the outer areas of the north and western curtain walls where the outer cladding has broken away, and to an area of unsupported masonry on the upper level of the north curtain wall.

Smoke blackened stonework could also be cleaned within the Inner Ward of the Castle. Gravel introduced around the base of timber steps and below the bench within the Inner Ward of the Castle could be replaced by more permanent sets of sandstone slabs embedded in the turf.

Two cast iron litter bins could also be provided on site.

Visit Date: 08/04/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower.

A few items of light litter are collecting in the interior. The interior wall on the eastern side of the entrance has been marked by felt pen graffiti. The exterior northern wall of the tower is marked by spray paint graffiti.

The South West Tower.

A Supermarket shopping trolley has been discarded in the base of the tower. A few other items of light litter also collecting in base. Stonework leading into tower marked by felt pen graffiti.

The North East Tower.

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Timber steps and handrails leading into tower are marked by felt pen graffiti. Birds roosting in upper walls of tower.

The Great Tower.

Drinks cans and bottles have been discarded in the base of the tower. Timberwork marked by feltpen graffiti, and stonework marked by spray paint graffiti. The Great Tower sign is completely illegible. The upper platform and staircase of the tower are marked by broken glass. A fire has been lit against the north eastern wall in the basement of the tower causing approximately 5 M. of smoke blackened stonework.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

Litter collecting along marsh edge below the east curtain wall. Rubbish has been removed from below the north wall of the S.W. Tower along the top of the embankment since last visit. Though more rubbish has been dumped along the top of the embankment to the north, which includes the broken base of a large bottle; blue polythene; a traffic cone base; and pieces of painted timber. The ground below the north side of the S.W. Tower has been raked out and reinstated. Broken bin bags of litter have been dumped below the western side of the N. W. Tower. Several bin bags of litter remain on the top of the embankment below the south side of the North West Tower. Litter in the form of a broken briefcase and two timber cable coils are collecting along the northern embankment below the north curtain wall. The top of the embankment is marked by broken wine bottles and cans.

Inner Ward.

The Inner Ward sign is marked by graffiti. The bench remains paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The recess to the north west remains marked by smoke blackened stonework. Broken glass and litter collecting against the interior south curtain wall.

Inner Moat.

Fragments of glass and litter collecting along the bed of the moat.

Outer Ward.

The former path leading across the north eastern corner of the Outer Ward is beginning to recover with turf. The lawns have been neatly maintained.

On the western side of the Castle Grounds, a fire has been lit against the northern side of the section of wall. Four pallettes and the remains of two others, which have been used for fire wood, lie on site. Also the remains of a partly burnt brown sleeping bag. The ground below the north side of the wall has been raked out over an area of 2 M. to form a hearth. A large area of turf has been lost by the fire. The area is also marked by broken glass and cans.

The copse to the west of the Castle is marked by litter.

Outer Moat.

Slight regrowth of vegetation noted on embankment at south eastern corner of moat on three small areas of erosion. The western side of the causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street direction remains marked by erosion.

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Visited By: Bell L M

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MAY 1997

The North West Tower

Spray graffiti continues to mark the north exterior wall of the tower. A few light items of litter collecting in base of tower. Some light plant growth mainly consisting of nettle and dandelion taking hold in tower base, and in upper parts of stonework. The inner wall on the western side of the entrance remains marked by felt pen graffiti.

The North East Tower

A few drinks cans collecting in base of tower. Steps and handrail leading into tower marked by felt pen graffiti.

The South West Tower

The recess to the east of the South West tower is marked by broken glass and discarded magazines. A few minor items of litter marking inner ward. Felt pen graffiti marking stonework and steps leading into tower. The discarded shopping trolley has been removed from the base of the tower.

The Great Tower

Timber handrails and timber causeway leading into the tower marked by felt pen graffiti. Fragments of glass, cans and bottles discarded in the base of the tower. The inner south S.W. wall is marked by spray graffiti. Items of light litter persist along the passageway. Fluorescent spray graffiti has now been largely removed from the stonework in the passageway in the base of the tower. The Great Tower sign has been removed from the upper level of the tower. The upper level of the tower is marked by felt pen graffiti and fragments of glass adjacent to the stone stairwell. Light plant growth is taking hold in the upper stonework of the tower.

Inner Ward

The stone causeway leading into the Inner Ward is marked by felt pen graffiti. The iron plaque adjacent to the causeway is marked by spray graffiti. The timber causeway is also marked by felt pen graffiti.

The park bench on the western side of the ward remains paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The recess adjacent to the bench remains smoke blackened.

Vicinity of the Walls of the Castle

Litter is collecting below the east curtain wall along the edge of the salt marsh, and to a lesser extent below the north curtain wall, where drinks cans and a briefcase remain on site.

Litter and rubbish has been removed from the embankment and footpath below the west curtain wall and North western tower.

Inner Moat.

Litter comprising of a traffic cone; polythene, and the wheels of a childs toy have been

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discarded below the north side of the Great Tower.

Outer Moat.

Turf erosion continues to mark the north eastern corner of the outer moat leading upto the south s.eastern side of the Great tower. Some regrowth of turf has occurred on the western side of the causeway leading from the direction of Castle Dyke Street.

Rubbish has been removed from below the northern side of the section of wall on the western side of the Castle Grounds. Some minor litter comprising of fragments of broken glass and small sections of wood and bricks persist in this area.

Litter has been removed from the borders on the extreme western side of the Castle grounds.

Two small silver birch trees contained within the copse embankment have been vandalised to the west of the north West tower.

Visit Date: 04/06/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE

JUNE 1997

The North West Tower

Stonework marked by felt pen graffiti and fragments of glass on the south side of the entrance leading into the tower. Vegetation taking hold in the stonework.

The exterior stonework on the northern side of the tower remains marked by spray graffiti.

The North East Tower

The steps and handrail are marked by felt pen graffiti. Light litter and twigs gathering in base of tower.

The South West Tower

Felt pen graffiti marking stone kerb leading into tower. Base of tower marked by discarded drinks cans, bottles, and pages of a magazine.

The Great Tower

Felt pen graffiti marking timber causeway leading into tower and fragments of broken glass lying on stonework. A polythene bag and drink cans have been discarded on top of the safety grill on the northern side of the tower adjacent to the stairwell. The stairwell is marked by discarded drinks cans, cigarette butts and felt pen graffiti. Graffiti also marks the stonework in the upper level of tower. Spray paint graffiti mark the western wall of tower in basement. The base of the tower is marked by discarded litter.

Inner Ward

The western side of the Inner Ward is marked by the remains of a charcoal hearth on the turf, adjacent to the recess north west of the bench. The bench is paint flaked and marked by silver felt pen graffiti. Take-away litter has been discarded below the bench.

The lawns across the Inner Ward are well maintained.

The well in the Inner Ward is littered with cans, bottles and take-away litter. The stone work

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around the edge of the well is marked by felt pen graffiti.

The Inner Moat

A cable coil, litter, and a section of pipe have been discarded in the Inner Moat

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

The northern embankment and edge of the saltmarsh below the north curtain wall is marked by drinks cans, a traffic cone, paper plates, the remains of a briefcase, broken glass, and a refuse bag full of household waste and material. Litter is also collecting along the western embankment. The ground to the west of the curtain wall is proving a habitat for wild flowers and blue butterflies.

Two trees remain vandalised close to the footpath on the copse embankment lying to the west of the North West Tower. This area has also been marked by a fire.

A few items of litter and the remains of a hearth mark the ground surface to the north of the west section of castle wall, though the turf is beginning to regenerate in this area.

The shrub beds lining the western edge of the Castle grounds are well maintained.

Outer Ward

The timber causeway leading into the Inner Ward has been damaged. The third board from the southern end has broken away, revealing a hole in the footway, and the rivets have been removed from the western side of the board. Felt pen graffiti marks the handrails and stonework on either side of the causeway.

A number of trees along the southern edge of the Castle Grounds are beginning to establish.

The Outer Moat

Turf erosion remains a problem along the north eastern side of the moat adjacent to the salt marsh. A few items of light litter collecting at the south eastern corner of the moat. The former eroded area on the western side of the causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street direction has been disguised by grass clippings.

Visit Date: 10/06/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: On the north eastern side of the Outer Ward, work was commencing to raise and remove the stone flags from this area. The ground surface below revealed only fragments of brick and stone.

Gravel has been raked up from along the existing pathway across the Outer Bailey, revealing a surface core of brick fragments and coke. In the vicinity of the Gatehouse, the surface of gravel has been built up slightly to accomodate the new surface.

Visit Date: 11/06/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The stone flags have been raised and removed from the north eastern side of the Outer Ward. The ground surface has been re-instated, dressed with top soil and sown with grass seed.

A dressing of top soil and grass seed has been applied in the vicinity of the Gatehouse adjacent to the pathway. No ground disturbance has occurred below the gravel layer of the footpath.

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Description Text: A new sign board has been raised adjacent to the pathway on the northern side of the Outer Bailey. The whole of the pathway across the Outer Bailey has now been resurfaced, and a slate kerb has been installed.
Newly sown grass seed is emerging on the north eastern side of the Outer Bailey.
The defective trip rail has now been installed on the north eastern side of the moat.

Visit Date: 24/07/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower.

The exterior remains subject to graffiti. The masonry is supporting fern, wild flowers and buddleia.

The South West Tower

The interior of the tower is marked by polythene bottles and drinks cartons.

The Great Tower

White paint graffiti marking stonework leading onto the northern side of the timber causeway. The Great tower sign has been replaced, but the acrylic sheet covering the sign has been marked by deep knife cuts, the text however remains legible. The stonework on the upper level of the tower is marked by blacked out felt pen graffiti. In the base of the tower, drinks cans have been discarded in the well on the southern side of the passageway. The gravel surface in the base of the tower is marked by fragments of glass.

The North East Tower.

The fifth timber step leading into the tower needs replacing as the surface has become uneven, and the step is rocking.

Outer Ward

The grounds have been neatly maintained. The former paved area lies under a new coverage of turf. The north east and eastern corner of the outer ward is marked by golf putting holes. A Flint Castle sign has been raised adjacent to the pathway leading into the Inner Ward.

On the western side of the Castle Grounds, newspaper, cloth and a timber palette have been stored against the northern side of the western section of wall.

The Outer Moat

The summit of the wall along the northern side of the moat is supporting briar and other plant growth. Some evidence of turf recoverage across the north eastern corner of the moat. The barrier rail remains intact. Turf has recovered on the western side of the causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street direction into the Outer Ward.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

The west curtain wall is supporting buddleia in the stonework. A sycamore is growing on the summit of the embankment to the south of the N.W. Tower. The western embankment

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is covered by wild flowers & herbage. The exterior of the north curtain wall is supporting plant growth in the masonry.

Inner Ward

The Inner Ward is marked by two holes cut in the turf associated with golf putting activities within the grounds of the Castle. The areas marked lie 14 paces north east of the South West Tower, and 4 paces from the east curtain wall. The grounds have been cleared of litter and the lawns neatly mown. The park bench has been repainted, but is subject to paint flaking and graffiti. The alcove to the north east remains smoke blackened. The Inner Ward sign has been replaced and reinstated on the north eastern wall of the tower.

The Inner Moat

The base of the moat is subject to golf putting holes adjacent to the south curtain wall and the Great Tower. The remains of a cable spool and several safety cone bases have been discarded between the western wall of the Great Tower and the inner curtain wall.

Visit Date: 28/08/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower.

Litter collecting in the base of the tower. Light weed growth noted also a scattering of twigs associated with birds nesting in the tower.

The North East Tower

Scaffolding has been raised around the exterior of the tower. Access to the interior of the tower is temporarily cordoned by wire fencing.

The South West Tower

A few fragments of stone noted in the base of tower, also light weed growth.

The Great Tower

Felt pen graffiti marking northern end of stone causeway leading onto the timber footbridge into the tower. The metal hand rail has become paint flaked in parts. Black felt pen graffiti marking stonework, timber handrails and staircase of the tower. Drinks can have been discarded on top of the iron safety grill adjacent to the stairwell. The Great Tower sign is marked by felt pen graffiti. The stonework in the upper level of the tower including the recess sited on the south S.W. side of the tower, and the west side of the tower is marked extensively by graffiti. Light litter is collecting in the lower passageway, and cans and litter in the well. The eastern side of the lower passageway including the recess is marked by broken glass. The base of the tower is marked by broken glass and litter and a stone.

Inner Ward

Golf putting holes noted on Inner Ward. The interior of the well is marked by cans and 'take-away' litter, and plant growth. The summit of the east curtain wall is marked by felt pen graffiti.

Inner Moat

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One large piece of yellow sandstone lying below the northern side of the Great tower in the base of the moat. The inner moat is marked by golf putting holes, and a few stones lying below the south side of the S.W. Tower.

The Outer Ward

The Flint Castle illustration board has been marked by graffiti.

The ground below the north side of wall on the western side of the Castle Grounds has been cleared of all debris and litter. The shrub beds on the western side of the Castle grounds have been recently tended.

Dead trees have been removed from the southern perimeter of the grounds, leaving ten spaces for replanting.

The Outer Moat

The defective barrier rails remain intact, though there remains some evidence of cycle tracks across the north eastern corner of the moat.

Vacinity of the Castle Walls

Two site huts have been temporarily located below the west curtain wall. Drinks cans have been discarded along the northern embankment. Vegetation is adhering to the top of the south curtain wall. Two large stones are lying on the edge of the western embankment below the S.W. Tower.

Visit Date: 30/09/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

SEPTEMBER 1997

The North West Tower

Conservation work is currently being undertaken, with the tower surrounded by scaffolding.

The North East Tower

Twigs collecting on north eastern side of interior, a result of birds nesting in the upper fabric of the tower.

One loose stone noted on marsh below south eastern side of tower.

The South West Tower

A large amount of stone has been deposited within the interior of the tower.

The Great Tower

The stone causeway leading from the Inner Ward into the tower is marked by graffiti. Rubbish has been removed from the safety grill in the tower. The stone work in the upper level of the tower and the Great Tower sign have been marked by felt pen graffiti. Light litter and fragments of broken glass collecting in base of tower.

Inner Ward

Take Away litter collecting around the perimeter of the Inner Ward & within the well..

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The Outer Ward

The former railings adjoining the timber causeway leading into the Inner ward, have been cordoned by new timber.

The Outer Moat

The north eastern corner of the moat has been marked by fresh cycle tracks. The defective fencing however remains intact.

Visit Date: 28/10/97

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

OCTOBER 1997

The North West Tower

Extensive work being undertaken on the North West Tower, which remains surrounded by scaffolding.

The South West Tower

Blocks of stone are being stored in the interior of the tower. Floor of tower marked by a broken branch.

The Great Tower

The timber rails in the Great Tower; the stonework in the upper level of the tower and the Great Tower sign have been marked extensively by felt pen graffiti. The base of the tower is marked by light litter & fragments of glass. Take Away litter has been deposited along the passageway, and the stonework marked by felt pen graffiti.

North East Tower

The base of the tower is littered with small branches.

Inner Ward

The lawned area is very neatly maintained.

The Outer Ward

The Outer Ward sign has been vandalised. The perspex has been broken and marked by felt pen graffiti. Some of the text has been lost. The car park on the western side of the Castle Grounds has been marked by fragments of glass from a vehicle break in. An area of the tarmac has also been sprayed with yellow graffiti.

The western side of the Castle grounds and the shrub beds are well maintained.

The Inner Moat

The base of a traffic cone & items of newspaper are collecting below the north side of the Great Tower in the Inner Moat. The remainder of the Inner Moat is marked extensively by

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litter.

The Outer Moat

The north eastern corner of the moat remains subject to salt wash, & the turf is denuded by cycle tracks. The defective fencing remains intact, and prevents the north eastern corner of the Outer Ward from being eroded.

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Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

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DECEMBER 1997

The North West Tower

Extensive consolidation work continuing on Tower.

The North East Tower

A new metal staircase, hand rails and a viewing platform has been raised from the Inner Ward leading into the North East Tower.

The South West Tower

A barrier rail has been raised across the entrance leading into the upper level of the tower to deter access.

The Great Tower

A new metal staircase and hand rail have been installed between the Inner Ward and the causeway leading into the Great Tower.

Within the tower, the existing handrails have been marked by graffiti. The basement is marked by light litter. In the upper level, new hand rails were being raised around a previously unprotected part of the tower. The Great Tower sign is marked by graffiti.

Inner Ward

The well in the interior remains filled with litter. The bench on the western side of the Inner Ward is marked by graffiti.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

The stonework in the summit of the north Curtain Wall has been drilled presumably to receive a metal supporting bar.

Light litter collecting along the embankment below the north curtain wall.

The western edge of the Castle Grounds leading from the carpark to the ground below the

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western curtain wall has been heavily churned by vehicles. Light litter has blown onto the shrub bed on the western side of the Castle Grounds.

A pile of material has been discarded on the northern verge of the carpark.

The Outer Ward

The Outer Ward sign has been marked by graffiti, mud splashed and vandalised.

Outer Moat

The north eastern corner is marked by salt wash & erosion. The defective barrier rails remain intact.

Vegetation is adhering to the summit of the wall on the north side of the Outer Moat.

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Sources:

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Aerial photograph	Aerial Monitoring Programme	RCAHMMW	2000
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Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
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Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
Title: S side of Castle, looking N		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
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Type	Collection	Author	Year
Guidebook	Cadw	Renn D & Avent R	2001
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Descriptive text	CPAT	Hannaford	1989
Title:	Evaluating of Sites West of the Castle	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	HMSO Guidebook		1955
Title:	Flint Castle	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Guidebook	Cadw Welsh Historic Monuments	Renn D & Avent J R	1995
Title:	Flint Castle Ewloe Castle	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	AM107	Bell L M	1996
Title:		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Bell L M	1990
Title:		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	AM107	Bell L M	1994
Title:		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Plan: sketch	AM107	Bell L M	1994
Title:		Other:	

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Photograph	AM107	Bell L M	1994
Title:		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
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Title:		Other:	

Type Aerial photograph	Collection	Author RCAHMW	Year 1996
Title: 965138-42; 965137-70		Other:	

Type Descriptive text	Collection AM107	Author Bell L M	Year 1996
Title:		Other:	

Type Descriptive text	Collection AM107	Author Bell L M	Year 1996
Title:		Other:	

Type Report	Collection CASS Associates	Author Morgan D	Year 1996
Title: Flint Castle Environmental Scheme 1996: Watching Brief		Other:	

Type Descriptive text	Collection AM107	Author Ackroyd Bell L M	Year 1998
Title:		Other:	

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Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	AM107	Ackroyd Bell L M	1998
Title:		Other:	

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26/09/1996	Bell LM	FMW	Other	Improved	No
Visit Notes:					
10/10/1996	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
21/11/1996	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
19/12/1996	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
14/01/1997	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
25/02/1997	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
07/03/1997	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
08/04/1997	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Worsened	3
Visit Notes:					
14/01/1998	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Improved	3
Visit Notes:					
26/02/1998	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
26/03/1998	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Stable	3
Visit Notes:					
24/04/1998	Bell LM	FMW	Routine	Improved	3
Visit Notes:					
28/07/2004	Halfpenney I	FMW	Routine	Stable	4
Visit Notes:					

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Archaeological Item Information**

Section 1: General

AI No: FL003A		AI Name: Flint Castle	
Altitude(m):	10	Trust PRN:	Endex PRN: 94448
Qualifier:	NGR-X:	NGR-Y:	
0			
Sitetype (FMW): Castle			
Period	General: Medieval Specific: Plantagenet		Date:
Sitetype (Broad):		Sitetype (Narrow):	
Broad Class: Defence			

Components:

Status: Scheduled Ancient Monument; Guardianship

Form: Ruined building	Condition: Good
Proportion SCH: Almost complete	Survival within SCH. Area: Most

Summary:

Section 2: Internal use only - A.I. Monitoring

Date	Name	Office	Purpose	Condition
16/04/1987	Morgan T	FMW	Routine	
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground				
24/05/1994	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Land boundary; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground; Other - Land boundary; Other - Other				
25/11/1994	Bell L M	FMW	SMC	Worsened
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Land boundary; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground; Other - Other				
06/06/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Improved
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Land boundary; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare; Other - Waste ground; Other - Other				
18/07/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Stable
Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Recreational use				
Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare				

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13/08/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
26/09/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Other	Improved
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument; Other - Recreational use			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
10/10/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
21/11/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
19/12/1996	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
14/01/1997	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
25/02/1997	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
07/03/1997	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
14/01/1998	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Improved
	Land Class On: Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
26/02/1998	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			
26/03/1998	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Stable
	Land Class On: Other - Monument			
	Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare			

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24/04/1998 Bell L M FMW Routine Improved

Land Class On: Other - Monument

Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Thoroughfare

28/07/2004 Halfpenney I FMW Stable

Land Class On: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Recreational use

Land Class Around: Coastland - Saltmarsh; Other - Recreational use; Other - Thoroughfare; Woodland - Scrub

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Visit Date: 16/04/1987

Visited By: Morgan T

Description Text:

Source: R.C.A.M. //1912 /Flint. / No.88 / pp. 25-27 / <1.> : The precise date of the construction...is...the summer of 1277....The site chosen was a small rocky platform extending about 50 yards into the ...River Dee, and partly or wholly covered at every tide. In plan the castle is an almost perfect square with one corner cut off, having 3 three quarter engaged towers and one separate tower...The Inner Ward measures 160' by 145', and is about half an acre in area. The curtain walls are aligned nearly to the cardinal points. The distinguishing feature ...is unquestionably the S.E. Tower. While forming part of the constructive scheme...This Tower is not fitted into the structure of the fortress. It stands at the S.E. corner, but a little outside it, the south and east curtains avoiding it by a sweeping inward curve. In the curve is a strong abutment of masonry, upon which rested the end of the drawbridge connecting the tower with the main body of the castle; otherwise, it was completely isolated...

The three other towers are fitted into the several angles of the walls, and would appear to be alike...but they are now in such a ruined condition that it is difficult to recover their details.
<1.>

Source: Desc. Text /D.O.E. //1976 R.P. / Flint Castle / Leaflet / <2.>: Flint Castle is built on a low promontory of sandstone rock among the marshes bordering the shores of the Dee. The approach from the town is by a stone-walled causeway leading over what was once marshland into the outer bailey of the castle. The wall on the further side...was probably the base of a curtain wall surrounding the outer bailey, while the small remains of ancient masonry ...are fragments of the outer gateway to the castle. The red sandstone building until recently (1976) occupying most of the outer bailey...was built in 1785 as a gaol.

The entrance to the inner bailey...is on the other side of the modern wooden bridge across the inner moat... little is left (of the gatehouse), although...under the bridge 2 deep chases for the counterpoises of the drawbridge (can be seen). Beyond...is the inner bailey...completely (or was) enclosed by the curtain wall. This is fairly well preserved only on the S. side. To the right.. is a wooden bridge leading across the moat into the Donjon. <2.>

Source: Desc. Text / AM107 / Morgan, T. / 1987 / F3 / Sect. 12 / <3.> : Ruined structure of Edwardian Castle enclosing approximately square inner bailey, with massive detached Donjon Tower. An outer ward, occupied until c.1970 by military buildings, lies between the Castle and the bastide town of Flint. This bailey is defined by most of a broad outer ditch, its inner face revetted with stone. Castle dyke street beyond is causewayed- a fall of between 3 and 9 M. perhaps indicating a former ditch-enclosing the town. Industrial activity until recently has interfered with the Castle-and its legacy, an industrial estate & waste ground contribute to its poor presentation. <3.>

Visit Date: 24/05/1994

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

S.M.C. visit to site. All five trenches have been excavated, back-filled & reseeded with turf. The back-fill material covering trench 1 on the eastern side of the moat contained fragments of Buckley pottery, glazed pottery sherds, willow pattern, brick fragments, leather shoes, a large iron bolt, & glass. The infill on trench 2 at the south eastern corner of the moat contained fragments of ridge tiles of modern date. Trench 3 infill contained fragments of glass and brick. The trench running from the wall to the outer rim of the ditch. Trench 4 infill contained fragments of slate, glass, pottery and tin. This trench was sited just north of the causeway crossing the moat from Castle Dyke Street, & ran from the wall southwards across the moat to the outer rim adjacent with the inner kerb of the pavement. Trench 5 sited to the north w. of the footpath & boundary wall crosses a former car park. The trench has been back-filled with stone, which is settling slightly below the layer of surrounding tarmac surface.

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There is a general problem with litter and vandalism on site. A small bicycle wheel & remains of a string mat have been dumped on the south western side of the moat. Blue paint has been thrown over the sandstone boundary wall adjacent to the footpath, opposite Salisbury Street. Northwards along the verge, within scheduled area, several black bags of garden waste have been dumped, along with sections of yellow plastic tubing, a rolled up mattress & a shower base. Northwards along the footpath, on the western side of the verge, a small pile of bricks has been recently dumped. The boundary wall adjoining the south side of the south west tower has been sprayed with graffiti. The 'Flint Castle' information board sited on the northern side of the outer ward has been sprayed with copper metallic paint & the perspex has been indented in several places. Minor graffiti also marks the stone walkway leading into the Great Tower, & litter has blown into the base of the tower, & along the base of the inner moat.

Description Text: Damage sustained to edge of stone walk-way along top of abutment where it meets the timber footbridge leading into the Castle. A small path leading below the eastern side of the footbridge, is causing minor surface erosion to the grass embankment leading down into the moat. Minor items of litter in the interior of the South W. tower. Two small pieces of stone noted in the base of the North E. tower. The wooden steps leading into this tower are marked by graffiti, & the fifth step from the base moves considerably forward when stood on. The wooden steps leading into the Great Tower are also marked by graffiti. The step at the south end of the footbridge leading into the tower is also unstable, & a bolt head is missing from one side. The "Great Tower" sign is also marked by graffiti, & minor litter & glass fragments were evident in the base of the tower. A bicycle has also been dumped to the north of the tower on the marsh ground. The South Western tower is marked by a gap in the masonry between the wall & the western side of the Tower. Rubbish has been dumped to the west of the footpath skirting the west side of the North W. Tower. This includes partly burnt timber, mattresses, & a pile of tarmac/coal waste which has been dug into. The footpath leading into the Castle grounds from Castle Dyke Street, requires some infill in the summit of the causeway crossing the moat. <7.>

Visit Date: 09/08/1994

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: S.M.C. visit to site. All five trenches have been excavated, back-filled & reseeded with turf. The back-fill material covering trench 1 on the eastern side of the moat contained fragments of Buckley Pottery, glazed pottery sherds, willow pattern, brick fragments, leather shoes, a large iron bolt, & glass. The infill on trench 2 at the south eastern corner of the moat contained fragments of ridge tiles of modern date. Trench 3 infill contained fragments of glass and brick. The trench running from the wall to the outer rim of the ditch. Trench 4 infill contained fragments of slate, glass, pottery & tin. This trench was sited just north of the causeway crossing the moat from Castle Dyke Street, & ran from the wall southwards across the moat to the outer rim adjacent with the inner kerb of the pavement. Trench 5 sited to the north w. of the footpath & boundary wall crosses a former car park. The trench has been back-filled with stone, which is settling slightly below the layer of surrounding tarmac surface.

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Visit Date: 25/11/1994

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

S.M.C. visit to site. No work as yet in progress.

Outer moat partially flooded with surface water on the south side of the causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street. Litter is tending to collect in this area, & a supermarket trolley has been dumped in the moat.

The Great Tower - Litter is collecting in the interior of the tower. Two areas of the interior stonework on the upper level of the tower have been sprayed with graffiti, marking 0.5 & 0.7 M. across.

South W. Tower - Formica boards have been dumped below the west side of the tower lying to the east of the footpath. Timber pieces have also been dumped on the verge on the western side of the footpath. <11.>

Visit Date: 06/06/1996

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE.

JUNE 1996

Introduction

Landscaping around the perimeter of the Castle grounds in conjunction with recent tree planting and the provision of low level barrier rails has greatly improved the overall approach to the Castle site. An attractive tree lined path has been newly created to the west of the Castle, and the landscaped embankment to the north west already provides a host of wild flowers including poppy, to enhance the overall aspect of the area. Two stone walls unrelated to the Castle have been removed from the bed of the inner moat, providing a clear view of the line of the moat, & the perimeter of the Great Tower. Top soil seeded with grass has been laid on an incline within the bed of the moat to provide natural drainage into the surrounding marsh. The new car park sited to the south west of the Castle is already proving popular with visitors.

The Report.

The following notes have been drawn together by the Field Monument Warden with a view to providing a basis for monitoring problems associated with vandalism, and the general welfare of the site.

The North West Tower.

- (1.) Remains of white paint splashes & graffiti on north facing exterior wall of tower should be cleaned and plant growth treated in stonework.
- (2.) Plant growth could be treated in upper masonry.
- (3.) A hand-rail should be provided at this point leading into the tower. The floor of the tower could be improved in appearance by the addition of a fine covering of gravel or a layer of bark chippings. Bark chippings would impede the growth of weeds within the base of the

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tower.

- (4.) Plant growth could be treated in the stonework.
- (5.) Plant growth could be treated in the stonework.
- (6.) Felt pen graffiti could be cleaned from the stonework.
- (7.) Brick & stone lying in base of tower, litter & broken glass should be removed.
- (8.) The addition of two timber steps & a handrail would provide safer access into the base of the tower at this point.
- (9.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned from the window opening within the recess.

The North East Tower.

- (1.) The wooden staircase leading into the tower would benefit from a coating of wood stain to disguise graffiti on the hand rails and steps. A covering of bark chippings could be introduced below the base of the staircase to minimise scuff marks on the turf. The lowest rung of the staircase and the left hand side of the base has been fire damaged and needs replacing. The fifth step is rocking on its base and should be made more secure.
- (2.) The handrail in the tower would benefit from repainting.
- (3.) A fine layer of bark chippings within the base of the tower would improve the overall appearance & impede growth of vegetation.
- (4.) Plant life supported in masonry should be treated.
- (5.) Plant life supported in masonry should be treated.

The South West Tower.

- (1.) Plant growth adhering to exterior masonry should be removed.
- (2.) Plant growth supported in upper exterior masonry should be treated.
- (3.) Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from stonework leading into tower, and fragments of broken glass removed from steps.
- (4.) "Fast food" containers & drinks cans should be removed from interior. Fallen pieces of stonework in base of tower should be reinstated.
- (5.) Plant growth adhering to walls should be treated.
- (6.) Plant growth in upper masonry should be treated.
- (7.) The smoke blackened over hang of stone could be cleaned.

The Great Tower.

- (1.) Smoke blackened exterior stonework could be cleaned.
- (2.) The inner set of timber handrails should be wood stained to disguise the graffiti.
- (3.) Plant growth in upper part of masonry should be treated.
- (4.) Spray graffiti should be removed from stonework.
- (5.) The safety grill should be repainted.
- (6.) Felt pen graffiti should be removed from stone spiral staircase.
- (7.) Graffiti should be cleaned from the "Great Tower" sign and the sandstone in the immediate vicinity.
- (8.) Spray graffiti should be removed from the masonry.
- (9.) Smoke blackened stonework within the recess could be cleaned.
- (10.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (11.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (12.) Spray graffiti should be removed from walls.

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- (13.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned within recess.
- (14.) Spray graffiti should be cleaned from walls.
- (15.) Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from stonework.
- (16.) The safety grill should be repainted.
- (17.) A hand-rail could be provided on the lower part of the staircase into the lower level of the tower. Spray graffiti should be removed from the walls at the base of the tower; broken glass removed from floor level and smoke blackened stonework cleaned. The safety grills should be repainted & litter collected from below the grills.
- (18.) Litter should be removed from the well.
- (19.) The interior of the tower would benefit from a layer of bark chippings.
- (20.) Plant growth should be treated on walls.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

- (A.) A dressed sandstone block missing from the outer cladding of the wall should be replaced.
- (B.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (C.) Plant growth should be treated along exterior stonework.
- (D.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (E.) Plant growth should be treated in upper masonry.
- (F.) The carved stone block sited below the main timber causeway could be more effectively displayed within the castle interior. The stone could be incorporated in a permanent display on site.
- (G.) The main timber footbridge should be wood stained to lessen the impact of felt pen graffiti along the handrails.
- (H.) The graffiti should be cleaned off the stonework, & the metal notice plate repainted.
- (I.) Broken glass should be removed & stonework cleaned of graffiti and remains of pale green paint thrown on masonry.
- (J.) Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from steps.
- (K.) Chip sustained to large stone block at this point.
- (L.) Smoke blackened stonework around opening within recess could be cleaned.
- (M.) Elderberry sapling & briar should be treated in stonework. Felt pen graffiti should also be cleaned.
- (N.) Plant growth should be treated in upper part of masonry.
- (O.) Smoke blackened stonework within recess around opening could be cleaned.
- (P.) Plant growth should be treated in upper parts of stonework.
- (Q.) Smoke blackened stonework within recess around opening could be cleaned. Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned.
- (R.) The metal park bench anchored to the wall within the Inner Ward needs repainting to cover paint scratches & graffiti. A layer of wood chippings or gravel should be placed under the bench to cover scuff marks in the turf.
- (S.) Smoke blackened stonework within recess around window opening could be cleaned. Felt pen graffiti should be cleaned from stonework.
- (T.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned from roof of alcove.
- (U.) Smoke blackened stonework could be cleaned, & chalk graffiti removed..
- (V.) Marker pen graffiti should be removed from "Inner Ward" sign.
- (W.) Litter should be removed from well.
- (X.) A hand rail should be provided parallel with the timber steps, to adjoin the new handrails on the causeway. The steps should be wood stained to disguise graffiti. The addition of a hand-rail at this point would enable partly disabled people to gain access into the tower. Bark chippings should be placed around the base of the timber steps to cover the scuff marks on the turf.
- (Y.) Plant growth should be treated on stonework.

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(Z.) Graffiti should be cleaned from paved area leading onto timber causeway.

Conclusion

Most of the problems highlighted in this report could be rectified in future work projects at the Castle, however the underlying problem of vandalism still needs to be addressed.

The introduction of close monitoring cameras on site would prove a powerful deterrent to potential vandals. The site should also be monitored on a weekly basis by the local Police Force, with a view to restoring some respect for the Castle amongst the local youth population who have been seen abusing the site for glue sniffing etc, by local members of the public.

Further improvements on site could include the provision of well secured cast-iron benches & litter bins. Consideration could also be given to the employment of 1 local person from Flint who would be involved in general ground maintenance such as litter picking and grass cutting. The person employed could be provided with a " Uniform & Cap " to underline the importance of their work & to command some respect from members of the public.

The provision of a few promotional posters & Guides of the Castle could be distributed for display throughout the local Schools, & a copy of the Castle Guide book provided for their School Reference Libraries.

Visit Date: 18/07/1996

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

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JULY 1996

Introduction

The grounds to the west of the Castle have been further enhanced by the addition of shrub covered banks & low barrier rails defining the edge of the car park. A height restriction bar over the entrance to the car park prevents mis-use by commercial & itinerant vehicles; The western side of the grounds lies in close proximity to a new Business Park. The embankment below the South Western & North Western Towers & Curtain Wall are abundant with wild flowers. Red Poppy, Purple Thistle, Wild Daisy & a variety of grasses & herbage provide habitat for both moths & butterflies & enhance the overall appearance of the site.

The appearance of the outer Ward has been improved by the addition of a newly lined gravel path.

The North West Tower.

A layer of gravel introduced into the base of the tower has been temporarily marred by discarded litter thrown into the base of the tower. This includes a collection of polythene bottles; drinks cans; & two traffic cone bases.

The South West Tower

Litter which includes lager cans; bottles; paper and a red & white barrier rail has been discarded onto a new layer of gravel in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower

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Chalk graffiti marks the wall of the tower. Fragments of broken glass noted on the steps. One loose stone, smoke blackened, lying on top of safety grill sited on south western side of tower. Take-away litter & papers generally discarded along the passageway in the base of the tower, particularly over the safety grills.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

Several metres of industrial tape & a traffic cone has been discarded on the footpath below the western side of the castle walls. A section of barrier rail " Eve Arclive" has been discarded on the embankment below the S.W. Tower. A piece of metal frame has been discarded along the embankment below the north side of the N.W. Tower. Two traffic cones and the shaft of a third cone have been discarded below the north curtain wall. Two traffic cones have been discarded below the N.E. Tower in addition to polythene bags; drinks cans & polythene bottles. Minor items of litter consisting mainly of lager cans are collecting below the eastern curtain wall. Discarded litter lying in long grass below the northern side of the Great Tower & southern side of the Curtain wall. Broken glass lying on lawn below the north west side of the Great Tower in the line of the moat. Small items of 'Take-Away' litter & the base of a traffic cone lying on the lawn below the south side of the Great Tower. Litter generally collecting below the causeway leading into the Inner Ward. 'Take-Away' litter; & industrial tape backing collecting on stonework below timber causeway. Litter also collecting along bed of moat between causeway & S.W. Tower.

Inner Ward

Three traffic cones discarded in Inner Ward in addition to numerous Lager cans; & cellophane can rings. Two drinks cans have been stamped into the new patch of gravel sited below the timber steps leading from the Inner Ward towards the Great Tower. Gravel has been scattered outside this frame onto the timber steps. The presence of One 24 pack Lager tray base; 18 discarded lager cans & 10 discarded 4 pack cellophane holders lying on the southern side of the Inner Ward would indicate that the site is being used by youths for drinking. On the western side of the Inner Ward, gravel which has been introduced below the park bench has been largely kicked out of the frame onto the lawn. Newly charred & fire-cracked stonework marking base of western alcove sited to north west of park bench on western side of Inner Ward. This area of stonework needs sweeping & cleaning.

Outer Ward

A few items of litter collecting along bed of outer moat. The grass is re-seeding well in this area, although a 'path' persists across the eastern side of the moat embankment. The ground to the west of the Outer Ward is marked by small items of litter.

Visit Date: 13/08/1996

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text:

REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE

AUGUST 1996

Introduction

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The lawns around the vicinity of the Castle appear immaculate, & all vestiges of litter have been removed from this area.

Wild flowers continue to flourish on the embankment below the western curtain wall, and the presence of small blue butterflies noted within this area.

The North West Tower

The interior of the Tower has been cleared of all litter. The exterior northern wall of the tower is marked by spray graffiti.

The North East Tower

Minor items of litter comprising drinks cans & 'Take-away' litter discarded in base of Tower.

The South West Tower

Spray graffiti marking inner wall of tower. Clean layer of gravel marred by discarded red & white barrier rail & minor litter.

The Great Tower

Minor felt pen graffiti marking stone steps within tower, and stonework to west of base of timber staircase leading into lower level of tower. Timber handrails marked by felt pen graffiti. Metal railings neatly painted within tower. Great Tower sign subject to graffiti. Well filled by 'Take-away' litter & drinks cans. Spray paint graffiti marking walls of passageway within base of tower.

Inner Ward.

The seat on the western side of the Inner Ward is badly paint flaked & marked by graffiti. The Inner Ward sign remains subject to graffiti.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

West of the South Western Tower the embankment & path is marked by Take-away litter; cardboard; and white packing paper. The marsh land to the north of the Castle has been subject to a recent high tide evident by the number of small dead crabs littering the northern embankment below the north curtain wall. One large traffic cone discarded below the North East Tower on the edge of the marshland.

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September 1996

Introduction

The Castle grounds are well maintained. East of the Castle below the main car park, the grounds have been landscaped to provide a terraced area with three picnic tables & benches.

The North West Tower

Litter has been cleared from the interior. The western alcove on the lower level of the tower & the stone steps leading into tower are marked by broken glass.

The North East Tower

The timber handrails leading up into the tower have been reinforced by supporting metal bars. Some movement noted on the fifth & upper step leading into the tower. The interior of the tower has been cleared of litter.

The South West Tower

One loose stone & a lump of earth noted below the northern side of the tower within the Inner Ward. A few weeds & minor litter collecting in the base of the tower. The south opening within the upper level of the tower has been marked by spray graffiti. Minor felt pen graffiti marking stone in entrance of tower.

The Great Tower

Broken fragments of blue glass need removing from stonework below timber causeway within tower. Graffiti persists on Great Tower sign. A fire has been lit against the eastern wall on the upper level of the tower. The debris from the fire has been removed but the stonework needs cleaning. Western wall in upper level of tower marked by spray graffiti. Felt pen graffiti marking timber hand rails within tower. Minor litter collecting in base of tower & along passageway. Spray graffiti marking southern side of passageway in base of tower should be removed.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

Section of rope; metal piping & polythene bag collecting below the north side of the Great Tower on the edge of the marsh, & discarded bicycle parts marking area below the south eastern wall of the tower. 'Take-away' litter; and a red and white barrier rail discarded on the embankment below the north curtain wall. Minor litter gathering on embankment below west curtain wall. To the west a building block has been discarded on the pathway, and polythene & timber is collecting in the copse.

Inner Ward

Graffiti continues to mark the park bench on the western side of the Inner Ward. The western alcove in the curtain wall needs sweeping of fire debris & the stonework cleaning.

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Graffiti persisting on Inner Ward sign & on sign prohibiting climbing, sited above the timber causeway leading into the Inner Ward. Minor felt pen graffiti marking steps immediately to west of timber causeway.

Outer Ward

A small amount of top soil & grass seed is needed on the edge of the Castle grounds opposite Salisbury Street, where stone fragments & weeds persist. The western side of the earth embankment leading from Castle Dyke Street direction is marked by erosion, where soil and turf has been displaced onto the edge of the moat. This eroded area measures approximately 1 M. across by 0.2 M. deep. The displaced material needs to be restored & held by wire until the turf can regain an even coverage. Two Delyn Borough Council Signs sited to the west of the west car park, prohibit dumping & tipping on site & state a maximum fine of £400. These signs are faded and should now be replaced by the new Unitary Authority. The Delyn Dog Warden Sign raised on the verge opposite Castle Dyke Street has been subject to graffiti.

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OCTOBER 1996

The North West Tower.

Minor items of litter in base of tower. Plant growth taking hold on north eastern interior wall of tower. Broken fragments of glass lying on steps leading into tower.

The South West Tower.

Light growth of weeds taking hold through gravel layer in base of tower, and a few minor items of litter in evidence. Fragments of green & brown glass marking steps & stonework of tower.

The Great Tower.

Cardboard and fragments of broken green glass littering base of tower. Recent spray graffiti marking south west side of passageway in base of tower. Fragments of brown glass littering steps leading into base of tower; and blue glass fragments littering stone causeway. Great Tower sign and sandstone to east marked by felt pen graffiti. Upper level of tower continues to be marked by graffiti.

North East Tower.

A length of blue rope has been discarded in the base of the tower. Vegetation taking hold on interior northern wall.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

Thistles need strimming back from the embankment below the western wall. A barrier rail has been discarded on the edge of the inner moat, north of the causeway leading into the

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Inner Ward. A few pieces of loose stone noted around the base of the South West Tower within the inner moat and light litter also in evidence. Three pieces of barrier rail have been discarded in the inner moat below the Great Tower. Litter also needs to be removed from below the east curtain wall at the edge of the salt marsh. Minor items of litter collecting below the north curtain wall. Vegetation taking hold in the northern curtain wall close to the eastern side of the North West tower.

Inner Ward

Light litter and one piece of cardboard discarded on the inner ward. Bench remains marked by graffiti. Recess to north west of bench remains smoke blackened and stonework requires cleaning. Graffiti marking timber hand rails on causeway leading into inner ward.

Outer Ward

The outer ward is litter free. The outer moat is marked by a few items of minor litter. Turf erosion marking western side of causeway leading into outer ward. A barrier rail has been discarded on the eastern side of the causeway. The south eastern corner of the outer moat is marked by an area of turf erosion. The north eastern side of moat is marked by turf erosion, exacerbated by ingress of salt water from the surrounding marsh which has killed off a considerable extent of turf at this point. Siting a barrier rail around the north western edge of the eastern car park may deter people from crossing the moat at this point.

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Visited By: Bell L M

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NOVEMBER 1996

The North West Tower.

The base of the tower is collecting surface water on the western side.

The North East Tower.

A drinks bottle has been discarded in the base of the tower.

The South West Tower.

The base of the tower has been cleared of all litter.

The Great Tower.

Graffiti marks the wooden hand rails leading into the Great Tower; the sandstone on the western side of the passageway in the lower level of the tower; the Great Tower sign and a sandstone block immediately to the east of the sign; the sandstone on the upper western side of the tower.

The iron railings within the interior of the tower are well maintained. Minor litter collecting below timber staircase, & fragments of glass lying on stonework.

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The Inner Ward.

The remains of a hearth has blackened the stonework adjacent to the wall on the south eastern corner of the inner ward, immediately north of the Great Tower. The inner ward sign has been marked by graffiti. The park bench adjacent to the western curtain wall is paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The stone recess adjacent to the bench remains stone blackened.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A dog prohibition sign has been sited on the south curtain wall.

The Inner Moat.

A few items of litter are collecting around the western side of the Great Tower. A temporary car park restriction sign has been discarded below the western side of the timber causeway.

The Outer Ward.

A few fragments of broken glass marking lawned area at south east corner of outer ward.

Outer Moat.

Erosion continues to mark the western side of the embankment adjacent to the causeway crossing the moat. The north eastern side of the moat is marked by turf erosion exacerbated by water draining from the salt marsh.

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DECEMBER 1996

The South West Tower.

A polythene bag has been discarded in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower.

The sign within the tower remains marked by graffiti. Fragments of broken green glass scattered on stonework. The north eastern recess within the upper level of the tower is smoke blackened. The upper level of the north western side of the tower is marked by graffiti. The upper staircase is marked by felt pen graffiti. The passageway within the lower level of the tower is marked by spray graffiti.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A few items of litter and a red and white barrier rail have been discarded along the embankment below the north curtain wall. Litter is collecting along the footpath and embankment to the west of the north west and south west towers.

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Inner Ward.

A traffic cone has been stood by the park bench within the inner ward. The bench remains paint flaked and is marked by recent graffiti. The recess to the north west remains smoke blackened. The Inner Ward sign is marked by graffiti. The stonework at the south eastern corner of the ward is smoke blackened.

Outer Ward.

The ' Castell Y Flint ' marker sign raised in the perimeter fenceline on the south western edge of the Castle grounds has been daubed in white paint. A red and white barrier rail has been discarded on the edge of a flower bed on the south west side of the site.

The Outer Moat.

Turf erosion continues to mark the north eastern side of the moat. Some turf erosion noted on outer south eastern corner of moat and on western side of causeway leading across moat from the direction of Castle Dyke Street.

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JANUARY 1997

The North West tower.

The stonework within the recess on the south western side of the tower is smoke blackened. Steps leading into tower marked by a few fragments of glass.

The South West Tower.

All litter has been removed from the interior.

The Great Tower.

Newspapers and drinks cans collecting in base of tower. Fragments of glass need to be raked out of the gravel. The gravel layer has been strewn around within the base of the tower. Discarded newspapers littering the safety grills along the passageway. Broken glass lying on the stonework needs to be swept away. Felt pen graffiti marking the Great Tower sign and adjacent stonework. The southern wall of the Great Tower may be in use as an owl roost. Minor vegetation adhering to inner walls of tower.

The North East Tower.

The tower is providing a roost for birds. The interior of the tower has been swept of all litter.

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Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A traffic cone has been discarded below the north curtain wall on the edge of the salt marsh. The salt marsh to the north east of the Great Tower is providing a winter habitat for seabirds. Litter has been cleared from below the west curtain wall; South West and North West Towers.

Inner Ward.

A few drinks cans have been discarded in a recess on the south curtain wall adjacent to the South West Tower. The South east corner of the Inner Ward; the interior recess in the south curtain wall, and the recess on the west curtain wall is marked by smoke blackened stonework. Graffiti marking bench and Inner Ward sign.

Outer Ward.

The Outer Ward has been cleared of all litter and the grounds are neatly maintained. Turf erosion continues to mark western side of causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street. The pathway along the causeway has been laid with gravel. Two trees sited along the edge of the Castle grounds have broken away from their stakes, and one of the trees is leaning across the pavement.

The Outer Moat.

Turf erosion continues to mark the north eastern side of the moat adjacent to the salt marsh. The problem is now exacerbated by its use as a cycle track.

Visit Date: 25/01/1997

Visited By: Bell L M

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FEBRUARY 1997

The North West Tower.

A few small items of litter collecting in base of tower.

The South West Tower.

Fragments of broken green glass littering the stonework leading into the tower. A few weeds have seeded in the base of the tower.

Inner Ward.

Spray graffiti marking inner ward sign. A traffic cone and broken drinks cans have been discarded at the north west corner of the ward. The bench adjacent to the west curtain wall is marked by graffiti

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REPORT OF FLINT CASTLE

FEBRUARY 1997

The North West Tower.

A few small items of litter collecting in base of tower.

The South West Tower.

Fragments of broken green glass littering the stonework leading into the tower. A few weeds have seeded in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower.

Fluorescent green paint has been used to spray graffiti on the stonework adjacent to the causeway leading into the Great Tower; the archway above the timber steps is marked in two places; and the walls of the passageway in the base of the tower. Fragments of green glass littering the steps leading into the Great Tower. Felt pen graffiti marking sandstone adjacent to the Great Tower sign, and new graffiti marking the sign. The timber steps leading into the base of the tower are marked by felt pen graffiti.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A few items of litter collecting below the exterior of the North West and South West Towers.

Inner Ward.

Spray graffiti marking inner ward sign. A traffic cone and broken drinks cans have been discarded at the north west corner of the ward. The bench adjacent to the west curtain wall is marked by graffiti.

Inner Moat.

Three stones lying on the bed of the inner moat below the south curtain wall. A few drinks cans have been discarded along the bed of the inner moat, south of the Great Tower.

Outer Moat.

Salt water continuing to infiltrate north eastern side of moat adding to turf erosion.

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The North West Tower.

Spray graffiti marking north side of tower and minor vegetation supported in upper level of stonework. A few items of litter discarded in base of tower.

The North East Tower.

The outer cladding of the tower adjacent to the salt marsh is subject to erosion. Drinks cans and small branches need removing from the interior of the tower.

The South West Tower.

The exterior recess of the South Western Tower above the western embankment needs consolidation. Two small pieces of yellow sandstone lying on grass embankment within recess.

The Great Tower.

A new layer of chippings has been introduced at the edge of the Inner Ward below the staircase leading to the Great Tower. The iron railings leading into the Great Tower are paint flaked in parts. Stonework within the tower remains marked by fluorescent spray paint graffiti. Timber rails marked by felt pen graffiti. Great Tower sign and adjoining sandstone marked by felt pen graffiti. Light items of litter comprising paper, and polythene bottles and cans discarded on new gravel surface within base of tower. Charred wood and cans have been placed within the upper recess of the south inner wall of the tower.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

Two large pieces of sandstone and a lump of earth lying on top of the western embankment. The corner of the curtain wall adjoining the South Wester Tower is smoke blackened and the ground immediately below the foundations of the wall should be raked to remove broken sections of plant pot, coloured electrical wire and broken cans.

Plantlife taking hold in masonry of outer curtain wall. A few items of litter and two traffic cones discarded along the embankment and below the western exterior of the North West Tower.

An ash tree sapling growing at the edge of the west curtain wall and two stones lying on the embankment mark an area where the outer stone cladding is missing. Some undermining of the curtain wall adjoining the North Western Tower is evident at this point. Dumping has occurred in the area below the North West Tower where pieces of melamine covered hardboard; debris from a rabbit hutch; shoes and boots have been discarded. Light litter marking northern embankment and small sections of barrier rail and traffic cones. The outer cladding of the north curtain wall needs restoring in two places. One upper section of wall which can be walked over is unsupported over an area of approximately 2 M.

The Inner Ward.

Graffiti has been partly cleaned from the Inner Ward sign. A stone was in evidence lying on the area of lawn adjacent to the bench on the western side of the Inner Ward. A new layer of gravel has been introduced below the bench. The bench is paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The recess adjacent to the bench remains smoke blackened. Graffiti marking walls above the causeway leading into the Inner Ward.

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Inner Moat.

Four pieces of sandstone where in evidence below the south base of the South Western Tower.

The Outer Ward.

The grounds are very well maintained.

Flower borders have recently been created around the perimeter of the car park sited to the west of the Castle.

Fragments of brick should be removed from the area of lawn on the western edge of the Castle grounds.

The Outer Moat.

South east corner of outer moat marked by small area of erosion. Reseeding should be attempted here later in the spring. The north eastern side of the moat is marked by an area of mud adjacent to the salt marsh. Turf restoration is also needed along the western side of the causeway leading across the outer moat.

Conclusion

Problems associated with litter, graffiti and vandalism on site could be reduced by the employment of a Grounds Man, on daily duty at the Castle. A small mobile office could be brought daily to the site, with Castle leaflets & small publications on sale for the public, particularly in the summer season.

A security gate raised across the causeway leading into the Inner Ward could be kept locked at night to deter youths entering the Castle interior out of daylight hours, when much of the vandalism appears to be undertaken.

Visual improvements to the grounds could include the sowing of a more indigenous form of grass seed in the north eastern end of the outer moat, or alternatively planting sedge grass seedlings resilient to salt water. Reseeding and earthwork repair could be usefully undertaken on the south eastern corner of the outer moat and the western side of the causeway leading onto the outer ward from the Castle Dyke Street direction. Litter picking and ground maintenance should continue to be encouraged on a regular basis, as the general improvements around the perimeter of the site, reflects well on the overall aspect of the Castle.

Consolidation work should be considered along the outer areas of the north and western curtain walls where the outer cladding has broken away, and to an area of unsupported masonry on the upper level of the north curtain wall.

Smoke blackened stonework could also be cleaned within the Inner Ward of the Castle. Gravel introduced around the base of timber steps and below the bench within the Inner Ward of the Castle could be replaced by more permanent sets of sandstone slabs embedded in the turf.

Two cast iron litter bins could also be provided on site.

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Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower.

A few items of light litter are collecting in the interior. The interior wall on the eastern side of

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the entrance has been marked by felt pen graffiti. The exterior northern wall of the tower is marked by spray paint graffiti.

The South West Tower.

A Supermarket shopping trolley has been discarded in the base of the tower. A few other items of light litter also collecting in base. Stonework leading into tower marked by felt pen graffiti.

The North East Tower.

Timber steps and handrails leading into tower are marked by felt pen graffiti. Birds roosting in upper walls of tower.

The Great Tower.

Drinks cans and bottles have been discarded in the base of the tower. Timberwork marked by felt pen graffiti, and stonework marked by spray paint graffiti. The Great Tower sign is completely illegible. The upper platform and staircase of the tower are marked by broken glass. A fire has been lit against the north eastern wall in the basement of the tower causing approximately 5 M. of smoke blackened stonework.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

Litter collecting along marsh edge below the east curtain wall. Rubbish has been removed from below the north wall of the S.W. Tower along the top of the embankment since last visit. Though more rubbish has been dumped along the top of the embankment to the north, which includes the broken base of a large bottle; blue polythene; a traffic cone base; and pieces of painted timber. The ground below the north side of the S.W. Tower has been raked out and reinstated. Broken bin bags of litter have been dumped below the western side of the N. W. Tower. Several bin bags of litter remain on the top of the embankment below the south side of the North West Tower. Litter in the form of a broken briefcase and two timber cable coils are collecting along the northern embankment below the north curtain wall. The top of the embankment is marked by broken wine bottles and cans.

Inner Ward.

The Inner Ward sign is marked by graffiti. The bench remains paint flaked and marked by graffiti. The recess to the north west remains marked by smoke blackened stonework. Broken glass and litter collecting against the interior south curtain wall.

Inner Moat.

Fragments of glass and litter collecting along the bed of the moat.

Outer Ward.

The former path leading across the north eastern corner of the Outer Ward is beginning to recover with turf. The lawns have been neatly maintained. On the western side of the Castle Grounds, a fire has been lit against the northern side of the section of wall. Four pallettes and the remains of two others, which have been used for fire wood, lie on site. Also the remains of a partly burnt brown sleeping bag. The ground below the north side of the wall has been raked out over an area of 2 M. to form a hearth. A

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large area of turf has been lost by the fire. The area is also marked by broken glass and cans.

The copse to the west of the Castle is marked by litter.

Outer Moat.

Slight regrowth of vegetation noted on embankment at south eastern corner of moat on three small areas of erosion. The western side of the causeway leading from Castle Dyke Street direction remains marked by erosion.

Visit Date: 14/01/1998

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower

A safety rail has been raised across the large alcove immediately west of the entrance to the tower. Safety rails have been raised on the western side of the stone staircase leading into the tower, and a hand rail has been raised in the lower level of the tower adjacent to the four steps. Extensive consolidation has been undertaken on the upper walls of the tower.

The North East Tower

Twigs and light litter collecting in the interior of the tower.

A large industrial cable spool has been discarded on the ground below the eastern side of the Tower along the edge of the salt marsh.

The South West Tower

Stones and twigs collecting in base of tower.

The Great Tower

The Great Tower sign is marked by graffiti. New safety railings have been constructed in the Great Tower.

Minor litter and surface water collecting in base of tower. Wooden hand rails leading into base of tower remain marked by graffiti. A new metal safety rail has been raised on the eastern side of the staircase. Litter collecting below the timber stairway and in the passageway of the tower.

Inner Ward

The bench has been repainted but has been subject to some paint flaking and graffiti. The Inner Ward sign is free of graffiti.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

The ground below the east curtain wall is extensively marked by litter.

Stonework has been increased in height and a safety rail raised across the stone steps on the top of the north curtain wall.

The scaffolding has now been removed from the west curtain wall and north west tower.

Some bark damage has occurred to the trees on the western side of the Castle grounds. The ground below the western curtain wall is waterlogged.

Light litter collecting in western shrub bed on perimeter of Castle Grounds. A muddy track

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persists leading from the western car park to the ground below the west curtain wall.

Inner Moat

Work was being undertaken to the hand rails on the causeway leading over the Inner Moat.

Outer Moat

The north eastern corner of the moat is waterlogged. The barrier rails remain intact.

Visit Date: 26/02/1998

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower.

Light litter and glass collecting in base of tower.

The North East Tower.

Twigs and light litter collecting in base of tower.

The Great Tower.

Timber hand rail marked by graffiti. Light litter collecting below timber causeway, and a few drinks cans collecting in base of tower. The Great Tower sign has been marked by graffiti. Stonework in upper level of tower marked by felt pen graffiti.

Inner Ward.

Safety rails now in place across causeway leading into Inner Ward. Alcove sited to west of causeway in south curtain wall subject to smoke blackened stonework following recent fire. The seat on the western side of the Inner Ward is marked by silver pen graffiti. Drinks cans and bottles discarded below the seat.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle.

A few large pieces of stone lying on embankment below the western side of the S.W. Tower. Ground between west side of South West Tower and the east corner of the car park marked by discarded timber and the remains of a burnt mattress. Some of the adjacent trees have also had damage to their bark.

Litter collecting along embankment below north curtain wall.

Outer Ward.

Felt pen graffiti marking Outer Ward sign. Some of the text is missing following earlier damage to the perspex panel.

On the western side of the Castle grounds, barrier rails and traffic cones have been discarded on the lawn between the shrub bed and the west section of wall. The shrub bed is also marked by litter.

Inner Ditch.

Two plastic rails and a piece of hardboard have been discarded below the Great Tower.

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Outer moat.

The north eastern corner of the moat continues to be marked by erosion. The barrier rails remain intact.

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Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower

Light take away litter collecting in base of tower, and remains of fire charred paper lying in alcove in western base of tower.

The North East Tower

Twigs and vegetation growth marking base of tower.

The South West Tower

Drinks cans and a traffic cone discarded in the base of the tower.

The Great Tower

Timber hand rails remain marked by felt pen graffiti. Litter collecting under staircase and in base of tower. Great Tower sign marked by graffiti.

Inner Ward

Inner Ward sign marked by graffiti. Seat on western side of Inner Ward marked by metallic paint graffiti. Litter discarded in vicinity of bench. Plastic straws discarded over southern side of Inner Ward adjacent to curtain wall.

Inner Moat

A piece of hardboard and light litter has been discarded between the Great Tower and the curtain wall.

Outer Ward

The Flint Castle Board has been pulled out of the ground, and the illustration board has been partly torn out and subject to graffiti. The board has been sheared from the base.

Outer Moat

Some turf regrowth noted at north eastern corner of moat.

Vacinity of Walls of Castle

Litter collecting along edge of salt marsh below east curtain wall.

Large industrial tyre dumped on western side of Castle Grounds on area of lawn. Partially burnt mattress and timber remains on verge close to western car park. Litter collecting

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below west curtain wall.

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Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: The North West Tower

Light litter and black spray paint graffiti marking western wall of North West Tower.

The North East Tower

The eastern interior of the tower has been marked by yellow spray paint graffiti. Light litter and twigs collecting in base of tower.

The Great Tower

An iron gateway and gate has been raised on the northern side of the Great Tower. Timber railings marked by felt pen graffiti. Yellow spray paint graffiti marking stonework leading on to upper staircase. The well and the south side of the base of the tower has been marked by yellow spray paint graffiti. The Great Tower sign has been marked by black felt pen graffiti. The stonework below the sign has been marked by yellow spray paint graffiti. Vegetation collecting in upper stonework. Black railings surrounding upper part of tower marked by yellow spray paint. Light litter collecting in basement. Large opening on south side of Great Tower in basement has been protected by an iron grill.

The Inner Ward

Alcove in south curtain wall marked by black spray paint graffiti. Inner Ward neatly mowed and free of litter. The seat is paint flaked and marked by graffiti.

The Outer Moat

Turf erosion continues to mark the north eastern corner of the moat. The barrier rails remain intact.

The Outer Ward.

The damaged Outer Ward sign has been removed. The Outer Ward has been neatly mowed.

Vacinity of the Walls of the Castle

The ground below the western side of the Castle Walls is collecting surface water.

Visit Date: 28/07/2004

Visited By: Halfpenney I

Description Text: The Castle remains as previously described.