

**BRECON AND
MONMOUTHSHIRE CANAL
MONUMENTS RECORD CARD**

**Monument Number:
MB114A
GILWERN**

Monument Name:	Limekilns in grounds of Auckland House
Map Reference:	324209,214735
Official Status:	Listed Building Grade II (Reference: 23832)

Description: From Historic Wales website:

History: Probably built soon after 1817, when the Llanelly Wharf on the Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal was completed. The kiln was supplied by coal and limestone brought in via the Clydach Railroad, the burnt or slaked lime exported via the canal for agriculture and building.

Interior:

Exterior: Very long block of limekilns built into bank alongside canal. Rubble construction, with continuous stringcourse above drawing-arches. Drawing-arches are paired, having round-arched heads with stone voussoirs. Two pairs to left, and then to right is a round-arched doorway into a dog-leg stone stair leading to the loading stage. To right of doorway is another pair of drawing-arches. Stone vaults, some obscured by spoil. Deep retaining side walls. Top stage much overgrown.

Reason for Listing: Listed as particularly impressive early C19 block of limekilns, a rare industrial survival; group value with Auckland House, the latter also a rare and early industrial survival, being among the first railway warehouses in the world, built 1819-22.

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Condition:

References:

Notes: The rubble stone walling which forms the edge of the canal appears to be of the same age as the kilns and follows a course indicating a widening of the canal in front of the kilns. The conservation of this walling is a crucial part of conserving the setting of the listed kilns.