

BRECON AND MONMOUTHSHIRE CANAL MONUMENTS RECORD CARD		Monument Number: MB204C NEW INN
Monument Name:	Milepost just north of Bridge 53	
Map Reference:	329571 200429	
Official Status:	Listed Building Grade II – ref. 18738	
Description:		
Listing Description:		
<p>History The Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal was promoted in 1792 to connect the upper Usk valley to the Monmouthshire Canal at Pontymoile and from there to the sea at Newport. Construction began in 1797, with Thomas Dadford Jnr. as engineer, and the first section, from Gilwern to Llangynidr was completed in that year with the stretch as far as Brecon following in 1800. Work then stopped for a time with the result that the section to the Blaenavon Road east of Govilon was not completed until 1805, now with Thomas Cartwright as engineer. Further funds had to be raised and the last section from west of Llanfoist to Pontymoile was completed between 1809 and 1812, with William Crossley as engineer. Linked to the tramroads the canal was an important artery for trade in iron, lime and coal. In 1865 the Monmouthshire and the Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal Companies merged becoming the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Company. Later still in 1880 the canal was bought out by the Great Western Railway and gradually the canal was run down until it was abandoned finally in 1962. Restoration work was begun in 1964, and the canal is once again open between Pontymoile and Brecon with the title Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal.</p> <p>Reason Included as the only surviving undamaged mile marker during the still functioning canal's run in Torfaen Borough.</p> <p>Exterior A small cast iron mile post. An oval carries the number 9 1/4 (north of the beginning of the canal in Newport). Below this a small plaque on the post 'M C Co.', Monmouthshire Canal Company.</p>		

Images:



Condition:
Good.

Reference Nicholson's Guides to the Waterways, Vol 3, South-west, p.49-55, (n.d.). R A Stevens, Brecknock and Abergavenny and Monmouthshire Canals (Towpath Guide No 2), Cambridge, 1974, p.62. Ronald Russell, Lost Canals and Waterways of Britain, Rev.Ed. 1982, p.105.

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