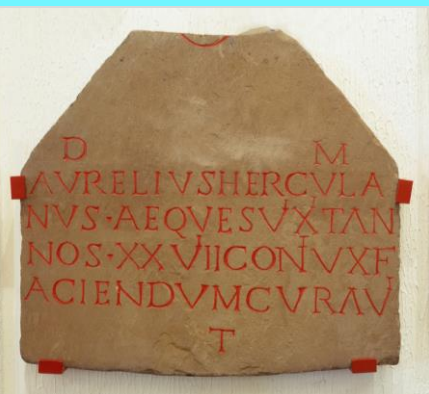


Spotting Roman Influence Today

The Roman period ended over 1600 years ago, but the influence of Roman conquest and control is still visible in Wales today. You should be able to spot these signs of it in your everyday life.

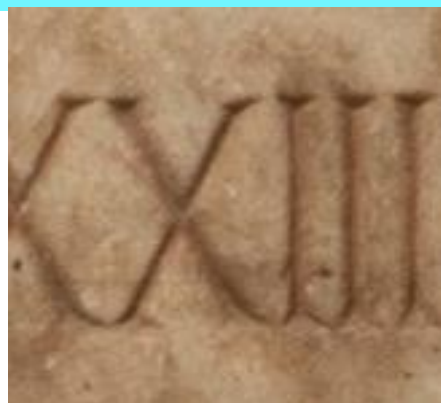
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Alphabet

This is an easy one. It is everywhere.

Whether you are reading this in English or Welsh you are using the Latin alphabet.



Numerals

Although we now use Arabic numbers for maths, Roman numbers are still sometimes used for other purposes.

Look out for them as dates on monuments or even at the end of Television programmes.

i.e.
circa ad hoc
etc. ex gratia
e.g. in situ

Latin

Latin, the language of the Romans, can still be found in inscriptions on buildings, tombstones and other plaques.

It is also still here in more hidden forms. If you have ever used 'e.g.' or 'etc.' you have used Latin.

e.g. *exempli gratia* (for example)
etc. *et cetera* (and the rest)



Architecture

The building styles of the Greeks and Romans influenced later architects.

It is an architectural style known as Classical.

The National Museum building in Cardiff is part of this tradition.



Settlement

Many of today's towns have Roman origins

Welsh names starting with 'Caer-' or English names ending with '-chester' (both meaning 'fortress') are strong indications of such an origin.

Towns without such obvious clues in their names may also have a Roman origin, so it is always worth checking.