

2022 Review of the Compendium of Old British Bridges - Addendum

The review was initiated because I have been made aware of errors in the 2021 version of the Compendium, and have acquired new information, particularly concerning qualifying bridges, unidentified until now. Two matters have influenced the chosen adjustment. Firstly, the surprisingly large number of newly identified qualifying bridges; there are 26. Secondly, the pamphlet 'Some Recent Investigations of the Historic Stone Bridges of the British Isles', is strongly linked to the 2021 version of the Compendium, and was published in September 2021.

Accordingly, the 2021 version of the Compendium is being reviewed, to remove errors, and make other appropriate changes of form and style, but the content will be otherwise unchanged, so that it remains aligned to the aforementioned pamphlet. Changes will be made progressively over some weeks.

However, this addendum has been added, containing the following items, reachable by way of the links;

(i) A set of information sheets, one for each of the 26 additional historic bridges, adhering to the format used previously.

[Set of Information Sheets for 26 Historic Bridges](#)

(ii) Updated and final considerations on the survival rates of historic bridges.

[Survival Rates of Historic Bridges](#)

(iii) An analysis of the shapes of arches on bridges built before 1300, and in the 14th, 15th, & 16th Centuries, with an addition looking at pointed arch shapes in the 17th century – June 2022

[Bridge Form Variations with Build-Date](#)

At a later date, I may integrate the contents of the addendum fully into the compendium, but at the moment the downside outweighs the apparent benefits, of an exercise that would require much extra work, and reduce the alignment with the pamphlet.