

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Packhouse Bridge over Burry Pill, Cheriton, Swansea
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	03.03.00
National Grid Reference:-	SS 4587092652
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Notes:-

Location:-

In Cheriton Wood, on a footpath south west from Kittlehill.

History:-

Probably an early C17 bridge, taken to be contemporary with Western Mill, possibly built by the miller to enable packhorses to come and go without having to pass through a ford. The mill is believed to be early C17; it is mentioned in a lease renewal of 1667 as a grist mill tenanted by Henry Else.

The bridge replaces a ford across the Burry Pill, on a path connecting the mill to Cheriton and Landimore via Kittle Hill.

The bridge is clearly indicated on the 1844 Tithe Map.

Exterior:-

A packhorse bridge (or a bridge for small carts only) without parapets, on three small segmental arches each of about 1½ metres span. Rubble masonry, axe-dressed arches. The bridge is about 2½ metres wide and including the approaches about 30 metres in length.

The centre arch has been rebuilt in a rougher technique.

Listed:-

A very well preserved small vernacular bridge for packhorse or small cart traffic.

Reference:-

B S Taylor, Watermills of Gower, Gower XLII (1991) p.16
Tithe Survey of Cheriton (1846)