What's New in CalmView 5.0:
Modern Look & Feel

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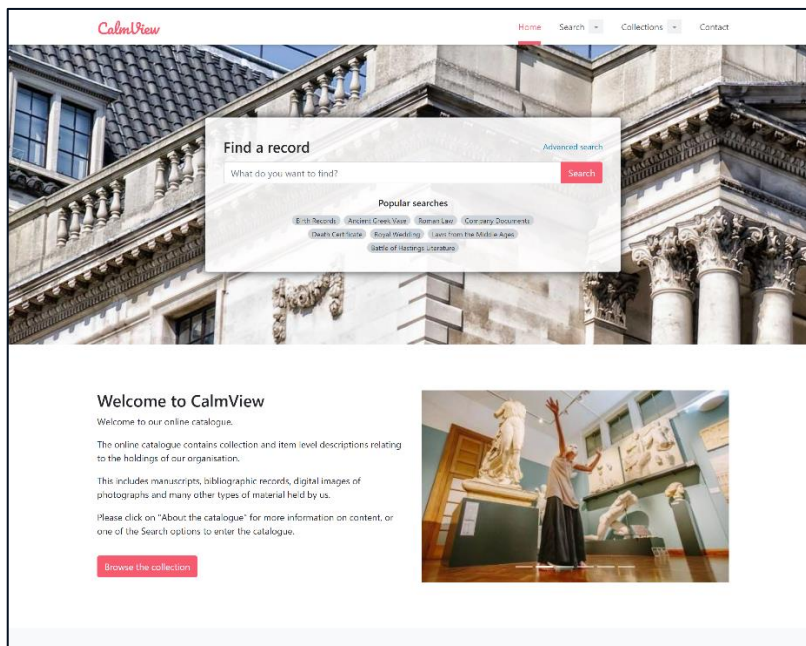# Table of Contents

Changes to CalmView

CalmView 5 is a significant visual update to the existing system to make it more modern and pleasing to users. Because it is such a large redesign, existing branding cannot be dropped on top of a new system and expected to work. If you have an existing CalmView site that you would like to upgrade to 5, please contact alm.uk.sales@axiell.com for an assessment of your needs.

This change has meant some existing features have been downplayed or not yet ported to the new interface. One of these is the existing menu at the left side of the screen (with options like 'FAQs' and 'What is in the catalogue?'). It does not display by default, although you can add options from that menu to the main menu at the top of the screen (for more information on this, see Main Menu). Document ordering has not been brought into the CalmView 5 interface, although this is currently being investigated by Axiell to gauge how it can be done and how much demand there is. If you would like document ordering in the new CalmView interface or have preferences for how it should be implemented, please register these in our new ideas portal https://calm.ideas.aha.io/ideas. This site is meant to allow Calm and CalmView users to suggest enhancements to the programs and vote on the enhancements suggested by others.
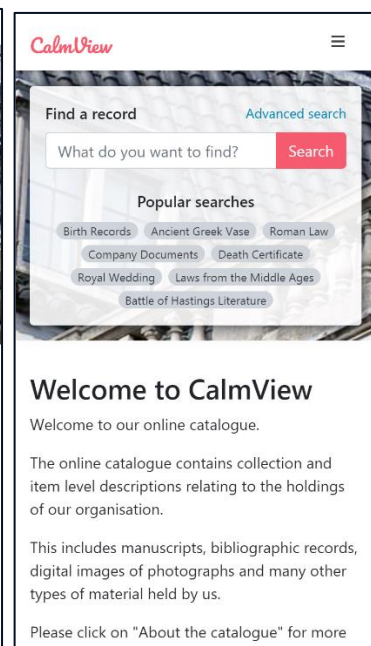
The backend of CalmView is largely unchanged, as is its integration with Calm, which means Calm data that works well in previous versions of CalmView should need no alteration for CalmView 5. Similarly, configuration options (e.g. choices of fields to display on screens) should for the most part be possible to carry through unchanged. On top of this backwards-compatible backend, though, there is a very new frontend which enables many new features.

Responsive design

CalmView 5 has been entirely redesigned visually in order to be responsive. On a desktop PC, it can now use all the space available in a window, and on a smaller device like a mobile phone or tablet it will intelligently scale down to be comfortably used. This has also updated the look and feel of the site, doing away with the previous boxy style and instead embracing a modern look with a comfortable amount of white space. All pages have been redesigned.

Home page on a desktop computer   *Home page on a phone*
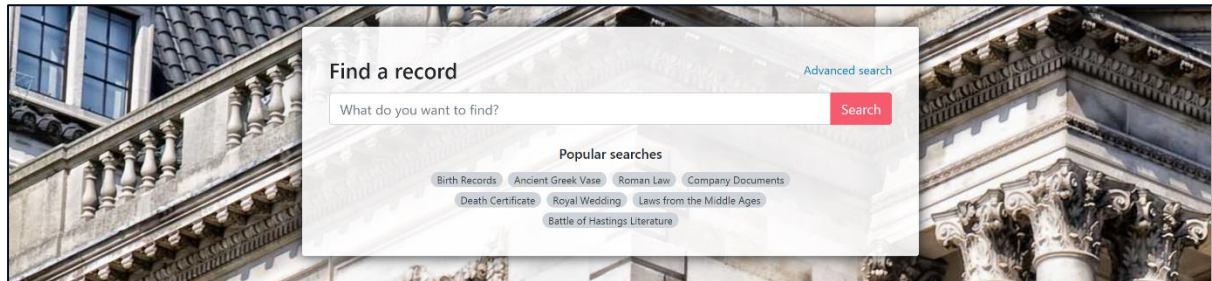
Record view on a desktop computer

Rotating 'carousel' images on the home page

Previously the home page had held a welcome message and a single image. In addition to this image, there is now the ability to add a rotating series of 'carousel' images beside the welcoming message, so that visitors can be shown views of your building, highlights from your collection, or other images that you wish to serve up. These images can be easily changed out for others in a new .xml file, CalmViewRefreshConfig.xml. For how to configure this, see Home Page.
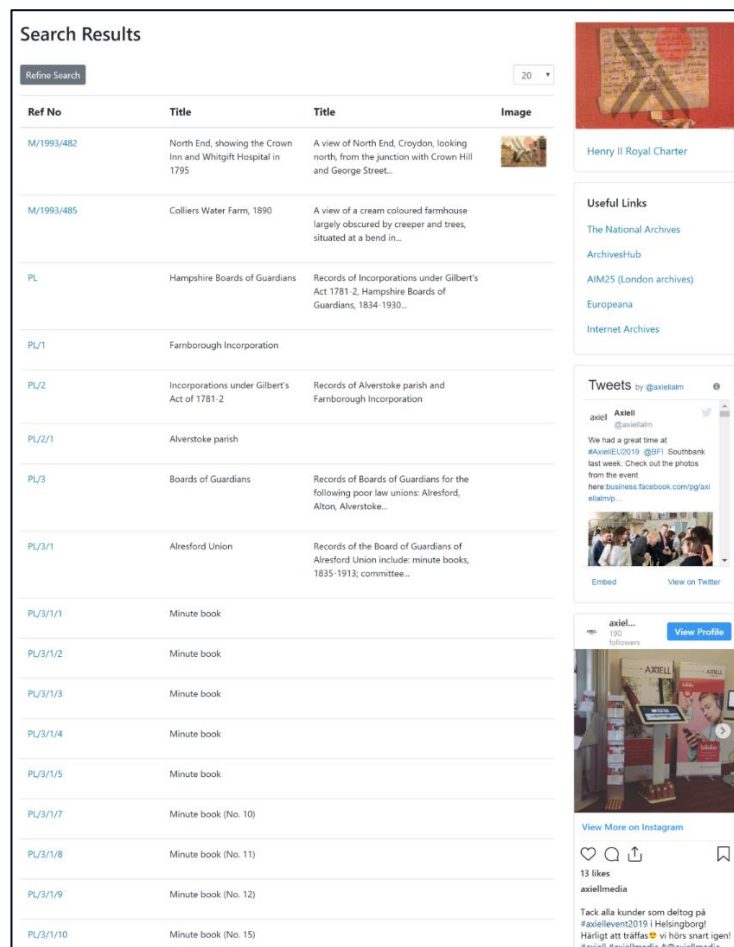
Suggested popular searches

Below the search bar on the home page (which has been enlarged and made more central to emphasise it), there is now a series of popular searches. Clicking any one of them runs a search for the text the visitor can see. This enables you to provide an easy way to search for popular collections, or to make under-appreciated collections more visible. These searches can be easily changed out for others in a new .xml file, CalmViewRefreshConfig.xml. For how to configure this, see Home Page.
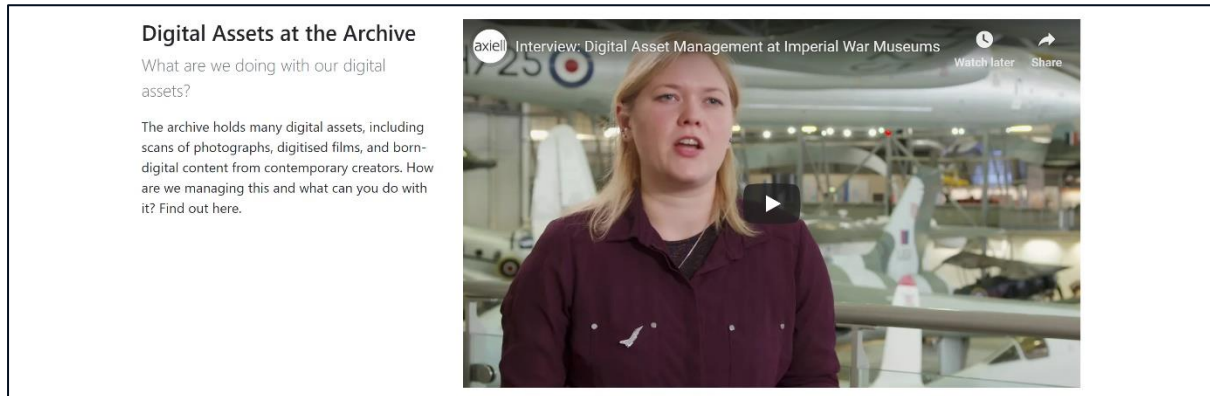

A sidebar with extra content

At the side of most pages (search results, record view, hierarchy view, advanced search, and so on) except for the home page, a sidebar is now displayed. This allows you to make better use of the screen space available on larger screens to serve up extra content. The sidebar can contain (from top to bottom): a section showing a single random record from the record showcase, a series of useful links (for example, to other archives or to guides for how to view your collections), a Twitter feed (either for a single user or a curated list), and an Instagram image. These sections can be easily enabled or disabled, as well as configured in a new .xml file, CalmViewRefreshConfig.xml. For how to configure this, see Sidebar.
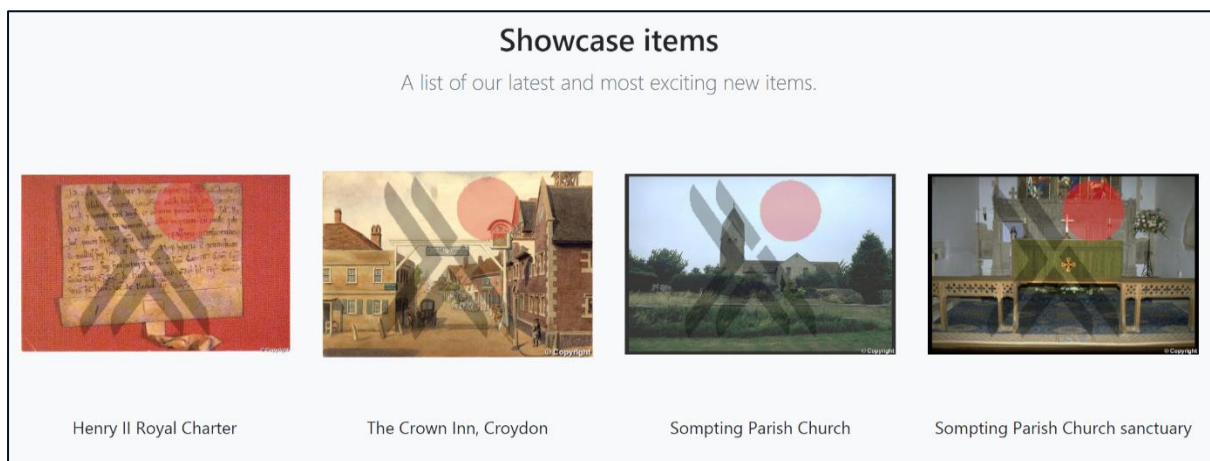
Embed a video on the home page

It is now possible to embed a video (from a site such as YouTube or Vimeo) on the home page, along with a text box beside it to provide context. This enables you to share both videos made by your organisation and by others, whether those videos are relevant to your collections, helpful how-tos for first-time archive visitors, or anything else you wish to share. This can also be disabled. These videos can be easily changed out for others in a new .xml file, CalmViewRefreshConfig.xml. For how to configure this, see Home Page.
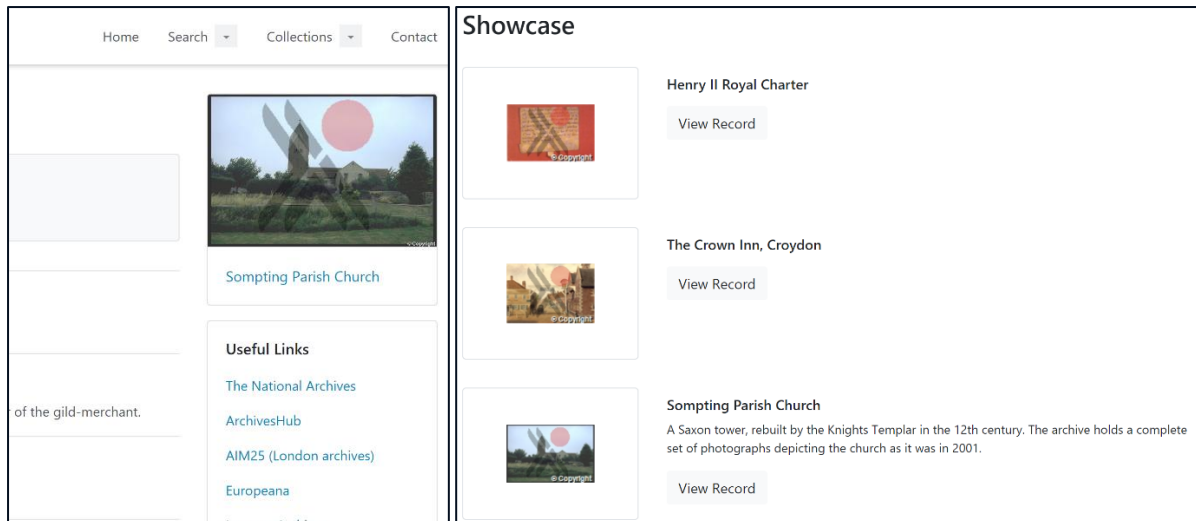

Showcase records are visible across the site

The Record Showcase had previously allowed you to highlight a few records of note on their own special page. This has now been buffed up so that images can be displayed with the records (much like in the still-available Image Gallery showcase). In addition, records in the Record Showcase can now be displayed on the home page and on the sidebar. Previously a separate showcase, called What's New, had displayed records on the home page. Now the records on the home page and in the sidebar are pulled at random from the Record Showcase records. One record can be displayed in the sidebar and a configurable number of records can be displayed on the home page.

Record choice and displayed text is still configured in the Record Showcase section of the configurator, but the choice of whether to show records on the Home Page or Sidebar is controlled by the new xml file, CalmViewRefreshConfig.xml.

The showcase view on the home page

A showcase record in the sidebar

The showcase page

A contact page with embedded map

A new page has been added, linked to by default from the menu at the top of the screen, where you can enter contact information. In addition, you can embed a map from an online mapping service (for example, Google Maps) to show where your organisation is located. This information can be easily changed in a new .xml file, CalmViewRefreshConfig.xml. For how to configure this, see Contact Page.

Improved manual

The CalmView manual, available at http://www.dswebhosting.info/Documents/, has received some improvements. Full-text search is available for the whole manual to assist in finding information. It is now fully responsive, just like CalmView, so it should work equally well on a phone, tablet, or desktop computer. In addition, it is now possible to download as a pdf, for those who prefer to work offline. A quick reference section has also been added with screenshots of CalmView marked up to show where to go in the Configurator or CalmView files to make a given change.

The quick reference view for editing Advanced Search