

Is aber.ac.uk safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 65/100

aber.ac.uk

Verdict

65

OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

aber.ac.uk is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Safe for Read-Only

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Cookie and consent details for Aberystwyth University listing categories of cookies, many third-party providers (Google, Microsoft, TikTok, Vimeo, etc.), cookie purposes and durations, and tracking/marketing partners.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
  - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

|                           |                                                            |       |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Malware engines           | None flagged it<br>VirusTotal                              | CLEAR |
| Google Safe Browsing      | Not listed<br>Google                                       | CLEAR |
| Abuse reports on the host | 0 reports<br>AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count | NOTED |
| Domain age                | Not available<br>No registration record was returned       | NOTED |
| Web archive               | Never archived<br>No public history of this site           | WATCH |
| Certificate               | Encrypted connection<br>Issued by WE1                      | NOTED |

## The page as captured

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No screenshot is retained for this report.

## Key findings

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- Automated classification: Safe for Read-Only.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

## Full analysis

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### Overview

Aberystwyth University's website is an institutional informational service presenting university-related information and privacy controls, including detailed cookie-consent categories, purposes, durations, and third-party analytics and marketing relationships.

### Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed between the site's apparent institutional purpose, its page content, and the available external signals. The reviewed page identifies itself as Aberystwyth University and provides a detailed privacy and cookie-consent presentation rather than attempting to harvest credentials, redirect users to untrusted destinations, or promote financial products. Technical behavioral review also found no phishing indicators, hidden forms, wallet activity, cloaking, or suspicious script behavior. The available evidence therefore supports a low apparent scam or impersonation concern, while the real-world operator identity remains likely rather than independently proven.

#### EVIDENCE

- The reviewed page is titled "Aberystwyth University" and is categorized as an informational/privacy page.
- The page contains no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, or untrusted form destination.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no phishing or blacklist finding.
- The site's behavioral analysis recorded no wallet-provider, wallet-drainer, clipboard-hijacking, or cloaking activity.

### Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents as an academic institution rather than a regulated financial service, so a financial-services license is not expected from the reviewed cookie and consent page. That page explains necessary, preference, statistics, and marketing cookies and identifies the purposes and retention periods of numerous third-party services, providing substantive privacy disclosure. It does not, on the evidence reviewed, independently establish the institution's legal registration or any regulated authorization; those matters should be treated as outside the scope of this sampled page rather than as evidence of deception. The use of the academic "ac.uk" domain and the page-level institutional identity are consistent with the stated university purpose. Available broker-context data produced no match, but this is contextual reputational information and not a legal or licensing determination.

#### EVIDENCE

- The cookie-consent page describes cookie categories, purposes, durations, and data-sharing with social-media, advertising, and analytics partners.
- The page identifies the institution as Aberystwyth University and uses the aber.ac.uk domain.
- The site is hosted on AS13335, CLOUDFLARENET — Cloudflare, Inc., US.
- The transport certificate is issued by WE1, uses Domain Validation (DV), and is valid to 2026-09-14T13:17:38+00:00.

#### What to Verify Next

Before a high-value or sensitive engagement, an independent check should confirm that the intended service is reached through the institution's official published channels and that any account, payment, or data-processing activity corresponds to the institution's documented procedures. The relevant privacy, data-protection, and institutional contact information should be reviewed on the broader official site, and support or contact channels should be confirmed through an independent route where the interaction involves sensitive information. Cookie preferences should also be selected deliberately in light of the page's stated sharing with analytics, advertising, and social-media partners.

#### EVIDENCE

- The reviewed page is a cookie and consent disclosure rather than an account, payment, or transaction page.
- The page lists the categories of cookies and explains that information may be shared with analytics, advertising, and social-media partners.
- The site's internal link set includes the main university domain and a service-status subdomain, providing official-channel references for cross-checking.

#### Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate academic website with a moderate trust posture and no observed scam, phishing, or impersonation contradiction. The site is appropriate for ordinary informational browsing, while confidence in the independently verified real-world operator identity is not complete and the assessment does not support treating the site as suitable for unreviewed high-value activity.

#### Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by Cloudflare's CDN and WAF, with all observed addresses resolving to Cloudflare edge infrastructure and no origin candidate identified in the supplied infrastructure analysis. This provides a meaningful exposure-mitigation layer, but edge protection is an infrastructure control rather than proof of institutional legitimacy.

#### Closing Assessment

Ordinary informational use is reasonable; independent confirmation of the intended official channel and applicable institutional procedures should precede sensitive submissions or high-value actions.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

## What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

## Identity verification

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Status                           | LIKELY |
| Identity score                   | 73/100 |
| Identity verification confidence | 74%    |

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=1

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

## What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of aber.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on aber.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

## Domain intelligence

|                    |                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registrar          | Not available                                                                  |
| Hosting            | CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US                                           |
| Country            | US                                                                             |
| Server IP          | 2606:4700::6812:17ab                                                           |
| Name servers       | Not available                                                                  |
| SSL issuer         | WE1                                                                            |
| SSL expiry         | 2026-09-14                                                                     |
| Domain age         | Not available (no registration date was returned)                              |
| Domain expiry      | Not available                                                                  |
| Archive first seen | Not available                                                                  |
| Archive snapshots  | 0                                                                              |
| Reputation         | VirusTotal: 0 flagged   AbuseIPDB: 0 reports   Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches |

## About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about aber.ac.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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