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The ruins of Old Mill (PRN 17957), a gorse mill at Upper Eweston Farm, Pembrokeshire

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Introduction

Sites recommended for scheduling are listed by their Primary Record Number (PRN). Sites categorised under 'Other Recommendations' are also listed by their PRN.

Descriptions of each site are contained in the main project report – *Medieval and Early Post-Medieval Mills: a threat-related assessment 2012-14* DAT Report No. 2014/7

Notes on the recommendations

In this report there are three categories of recommendation:

Scheduling Recommended

This category contains sites of probable earlier, possibly medieval, origins, with preserved original features and associated water-management elements. They have been graded as scheduling recommendations and scheduling suggestions.

Listing Recommended

This category contains sites that could potentially be converted but require protection to ensure preservation of their original character.

Other Recommendations

In this category fall sites that are seen as having potential for future scheduling consideration after further assessment.

Site Ownership

It was not always straight-forward to ascertain site ownership, especially where the site spreads over more than one farm. Several of these recommended sites are located on land with public access and details of ownership are uncertain. Occasionally it was unclear whether the site was publically accessible. Where possible, the name of the farm on which land the mill stands has been provided.



SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

PRN 2975 Crabhall Farm

Owner: Hayguard Hay Farm, Dale, Pembrokeshire SA62 3RL

The site is a rare example in West Wales of a (partially) surviving windmill and is therefore of regional importance. It is currently at little risk, within an agricultural field, but remains vulnerable to a change in regime - for example, the introduction of cattle could cause further collapse and poaching around the base. It is therefore recommended that scheduling is considered to help preserve the monument in the future.



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PRN 3528 Carew Windmill

Owner: Minerton Farm, nr. Redberth, Pembrokeshire SA70 8RL

The remnant of the windmill tower is a prominent landmark and is certainly of local/regional importance as a rare site type in West Wales.

It is recommended that the site is given legal protection through scheduling so that its setting might be safeguarded in the future. This has already been compromised to an extent by the placing of a water tank, and trig point so close to the structure and by a wind turbine downslope to the southeast.

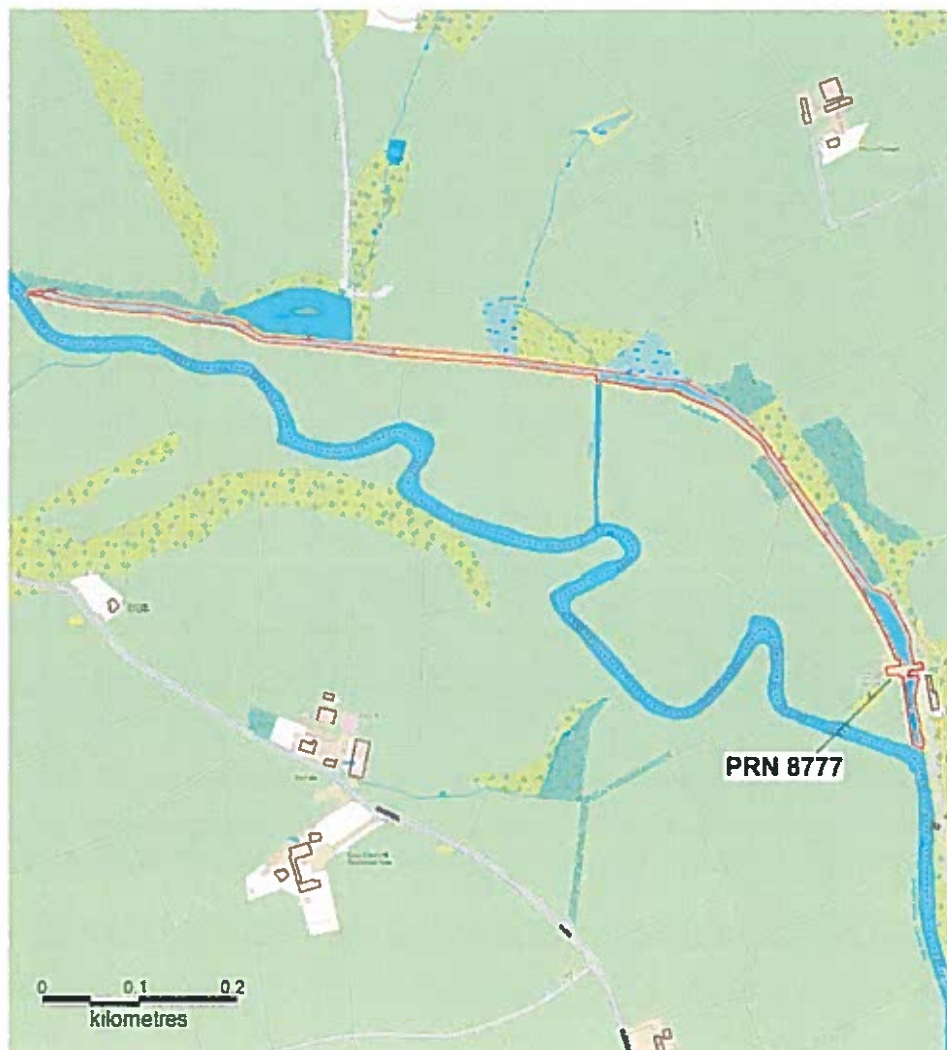


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PRN 8777 Prendergast Mill

Owner: Permission to view the site given by staff member at business run from the Mill House (Haverfordwest, SA62 4BT), as owners were away.

The 18th century mill at Prendergast was initially the only cotton mill in south Wales (RCAHMW, 2010). It was later the last of the five original Haverfordwest paper mills to survive. It may therefore be considered of regional, possibly national, importance. The mill is now ruinous and is becoming lost to encroaching vegetation. It is recommended that a full survey is conducted and the site, including the mill race, bridge, pond and tail race, is afforded legal protection through scheduling. The close-by mill house has been Grade II listed, mainly for its historical importance in relation to the remains of the mill. This is not the first recommendation for the site to be scheduled - R.A.Kennedy, Curator of Pembrokeshire Museums, wrote to Cadw in 1985 to say that the site needed immediate protection against possible demolition.

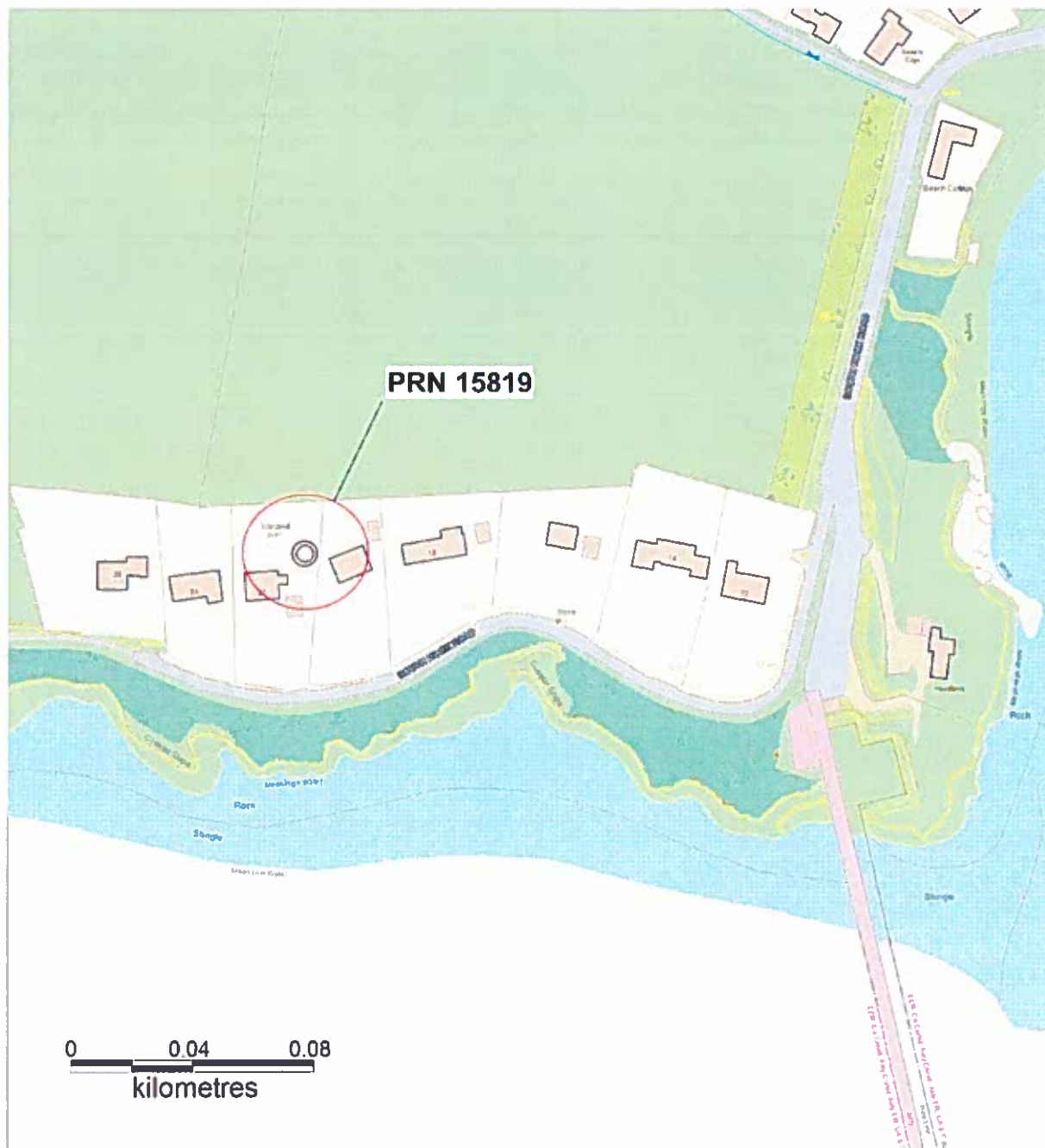


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PRN 15819 Old Windmill, Gelliswick

Owner: 22 South Hook Road, Gelliswick, Milford Haven (Owners not in when site visited but windmill tower visible from driveway)

The site is a relatively complete example of a rare site type in West Wales and is therefore of regional importance. It is recommended that it is considered for scheduling to help safeguard its future preservation, particularly now that it has been enclosed into a private garden.

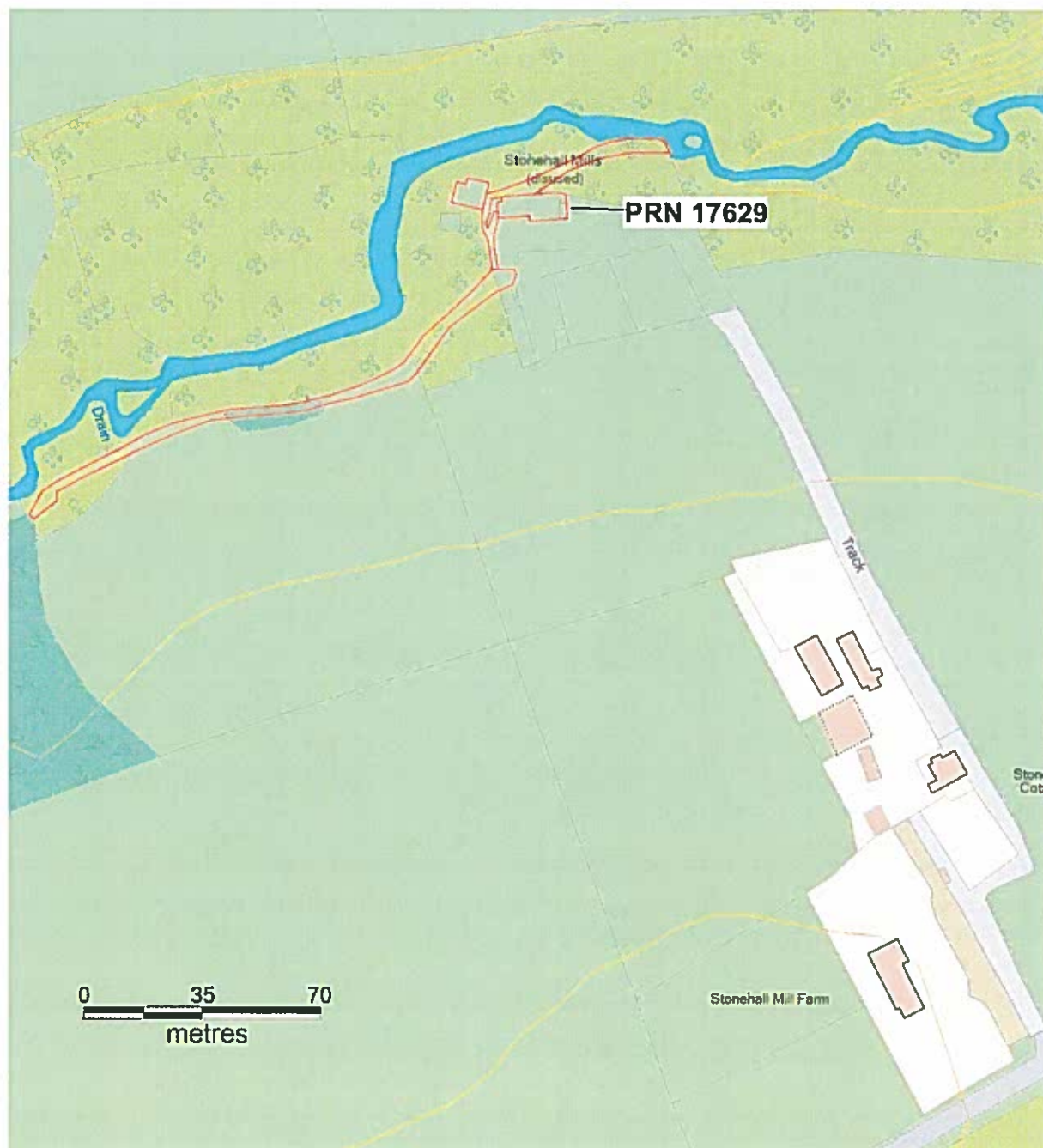


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PRN 17629 Stonehall Mills

Owner: ? Pembrokeshire County Council - a public footpath leads down to the site

Stonehall Mills potentially has medieval origins and a full investigation of the site is recommended with a view to affording it legal protection through scheduling. The ruins are vulnerable to further collapse through woodland encroachment or to a change in land-use.



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PRN 18967 Felin Uchaf

Owner: 'Felin Uchaf', Crymmych, Pembrokeshire SA41 3SQ

The late 18th century Felin Uchaf is a relatively rare example of a preserved mill complex, including the mill itself, with elements of its internal machinery, and the associated water management features. It is certainly of regional importance.

It is currently vulnerable, both from the encroaching vegetation and from any potential change in land-use.

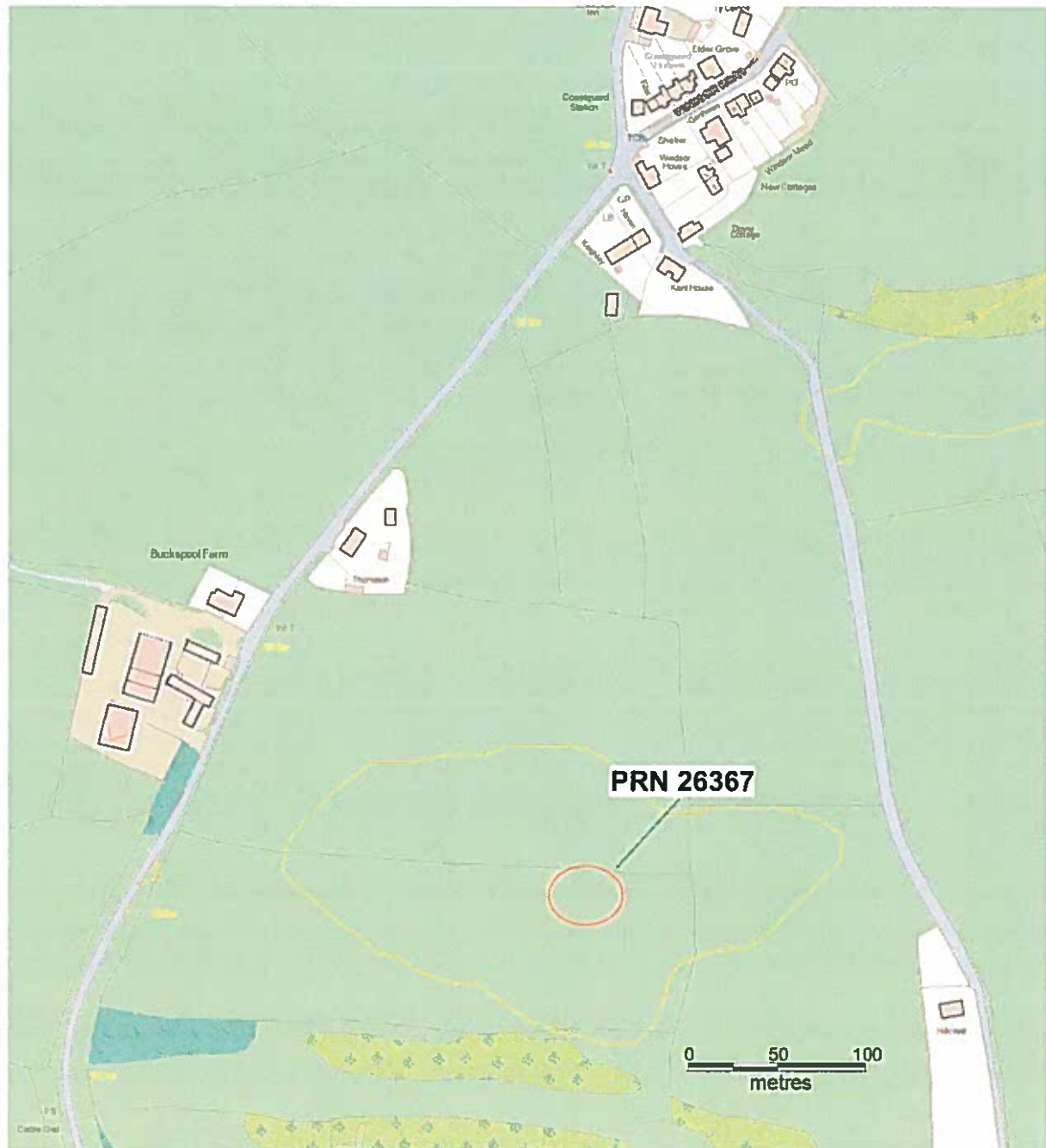


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PRN 26367 Windmill Farm, Bosherton

Owner: Buckspool Farm, Bosherton, Pembrokeshire SA71 5DP

It is recommended that the windmill is scheduled as a relatively rare site type in west Wales, and therefore of regional importance. It is currently at little risk, within an agricultural field, but remains vulnerable to a change in regime.

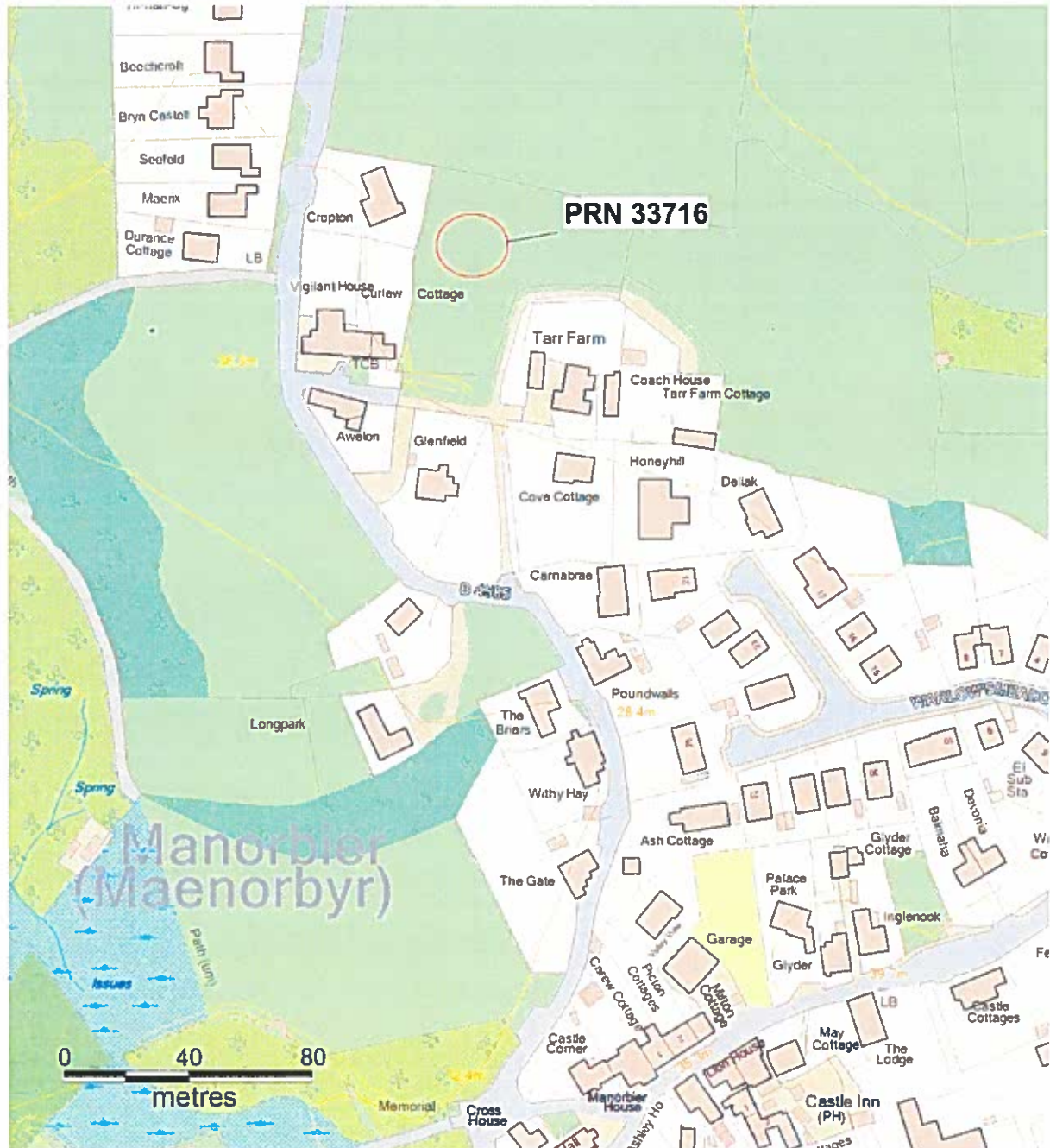


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PRN 33716 Old Windmill, Tarr Farm

Owner: Tarr Farm, Manorbier, Pembrokeshire SA70 7SX (shown to site by neighbour)

Of possible 17th-18th century construction and disused by the mid-19th century, Tarr Farm Windmill is of regional importance, being a rare surviving site-type in West Wales. It is known locally as the old dovecote, indicating a possible change of use. The site is not currently under threat, although the thick vegetation and dumped material that surround it cannot help its preservation, but it remains vulnerable to any future change in land-use.

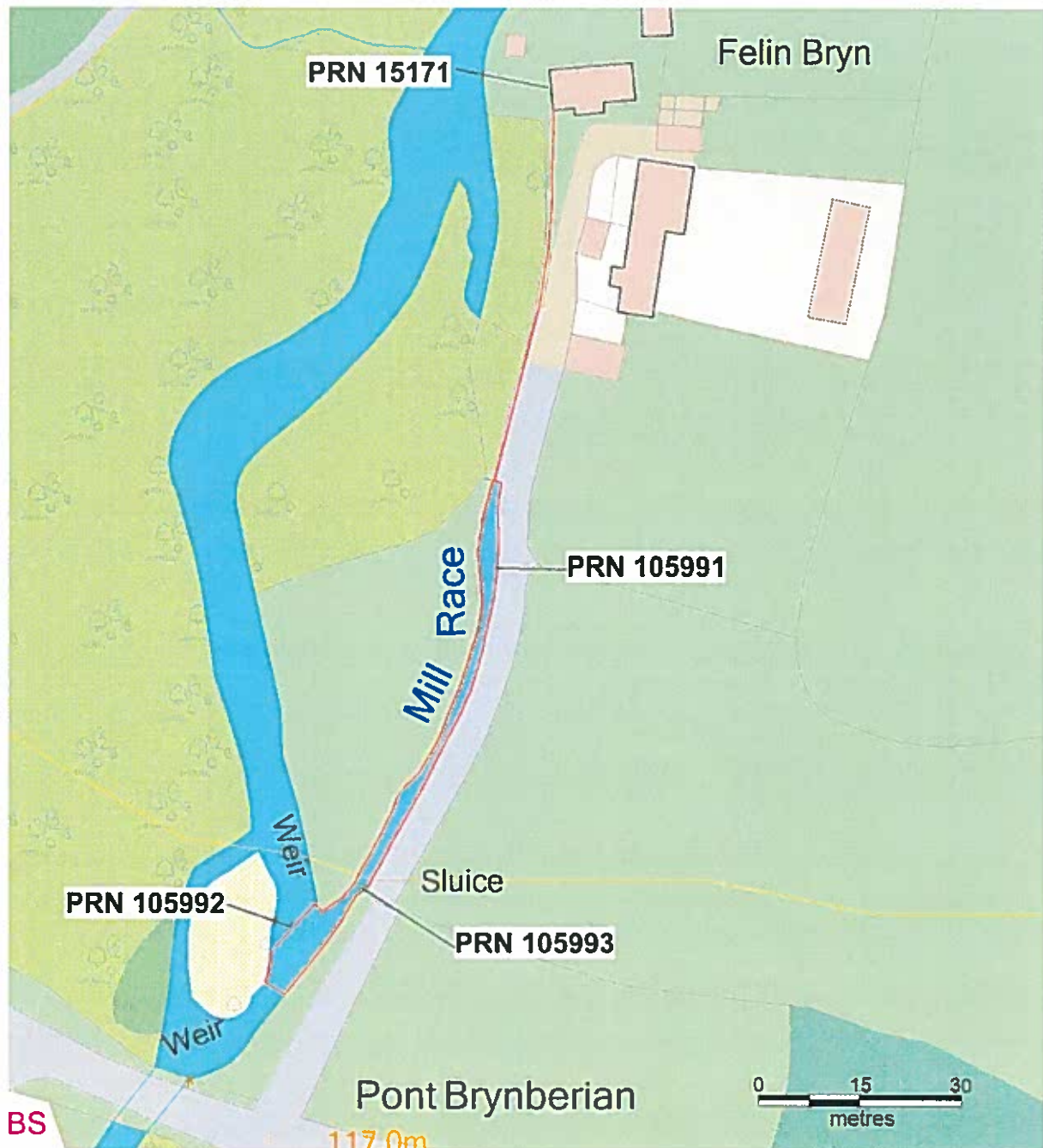


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PRN 105991 Melin Bryn-Y-Berion

Owner: Felin Bryn, Brynberian, Pembrokeshire SA41 3TL (Owners not in at time of visit)

The mill building is listed (Cadw ref. 13062(CB)) as 'a complete rural corn-mill of regional character'. Obviously, the mill stream is an integral element of the site and it is recommended that the earthwork is scheduled to safeguard its future. This would also incorporate the surviving sluice gate (PRN 105993) and the weir (PRN 105992)

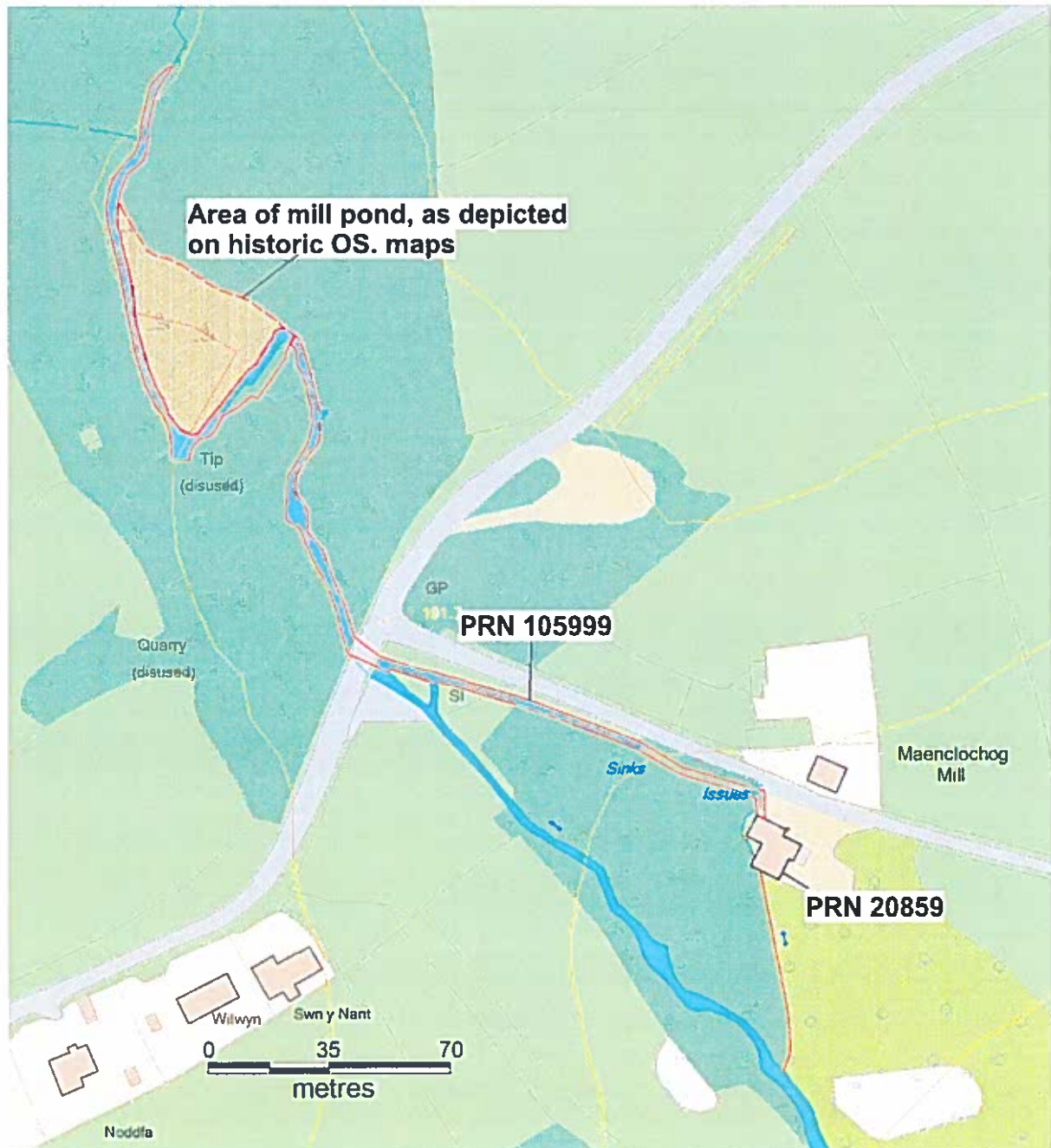


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PRN 105999 Maenclochog

Owner: Various, although main line of mill race runs alongside public road.

The mill site at Maenclochog potentially has medieval origins and the water-management is preserved more or less intact. Now that the mill has been converted for commercial use, the millrace (with associated sluice and mill pond) is vulnerable to a change of land-use. It is recommended that these features are afforded legal protection through scheduling.



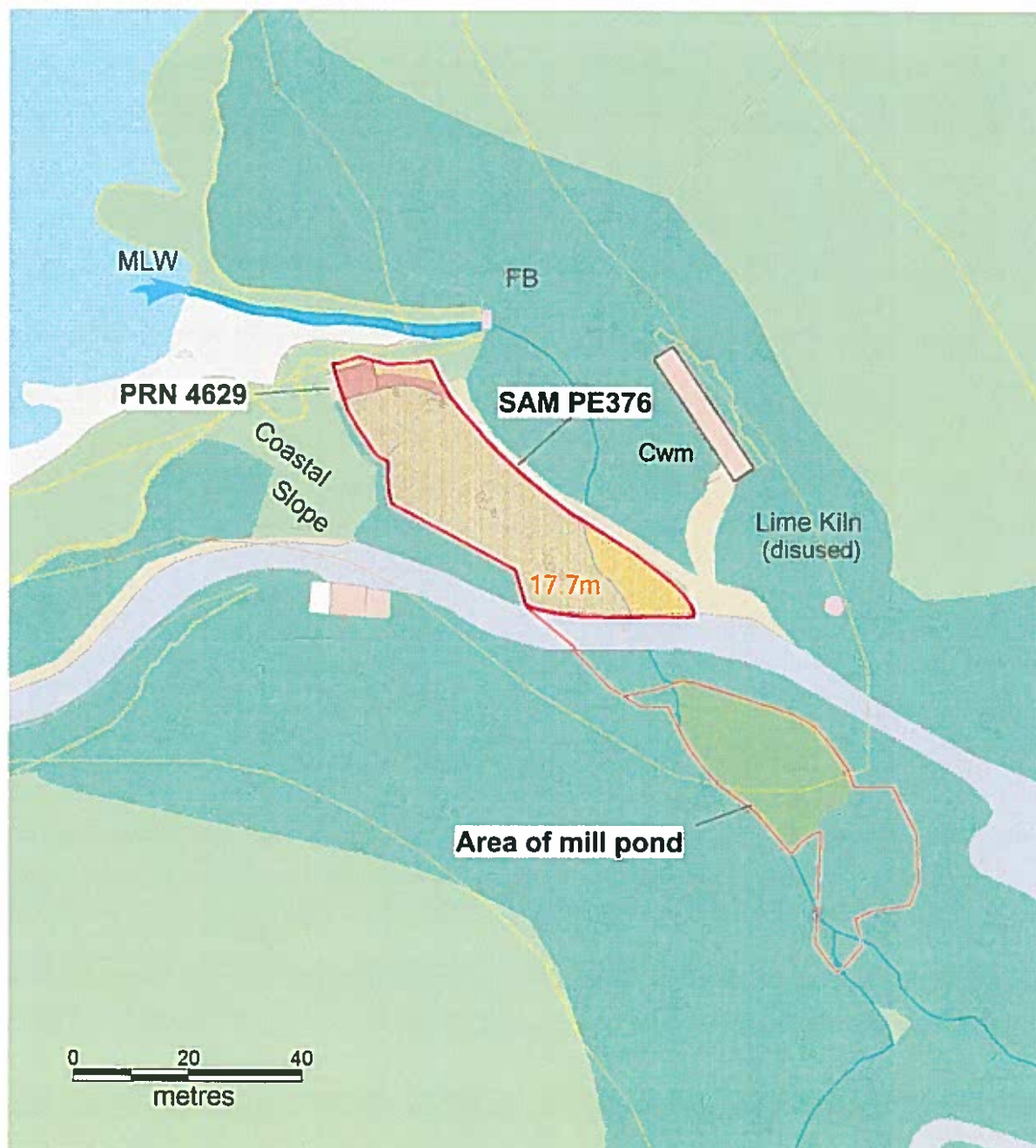
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SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS

PRN 4629 Aberfelin

Owner: Publically accessible

Aber-felin Mill is already scheduled (SAM PE376), together with the possible mill house and part of the mill-race. It is recommended that the area of the mill pond is surveyed with a view to revising the scheduled area to encompass it.



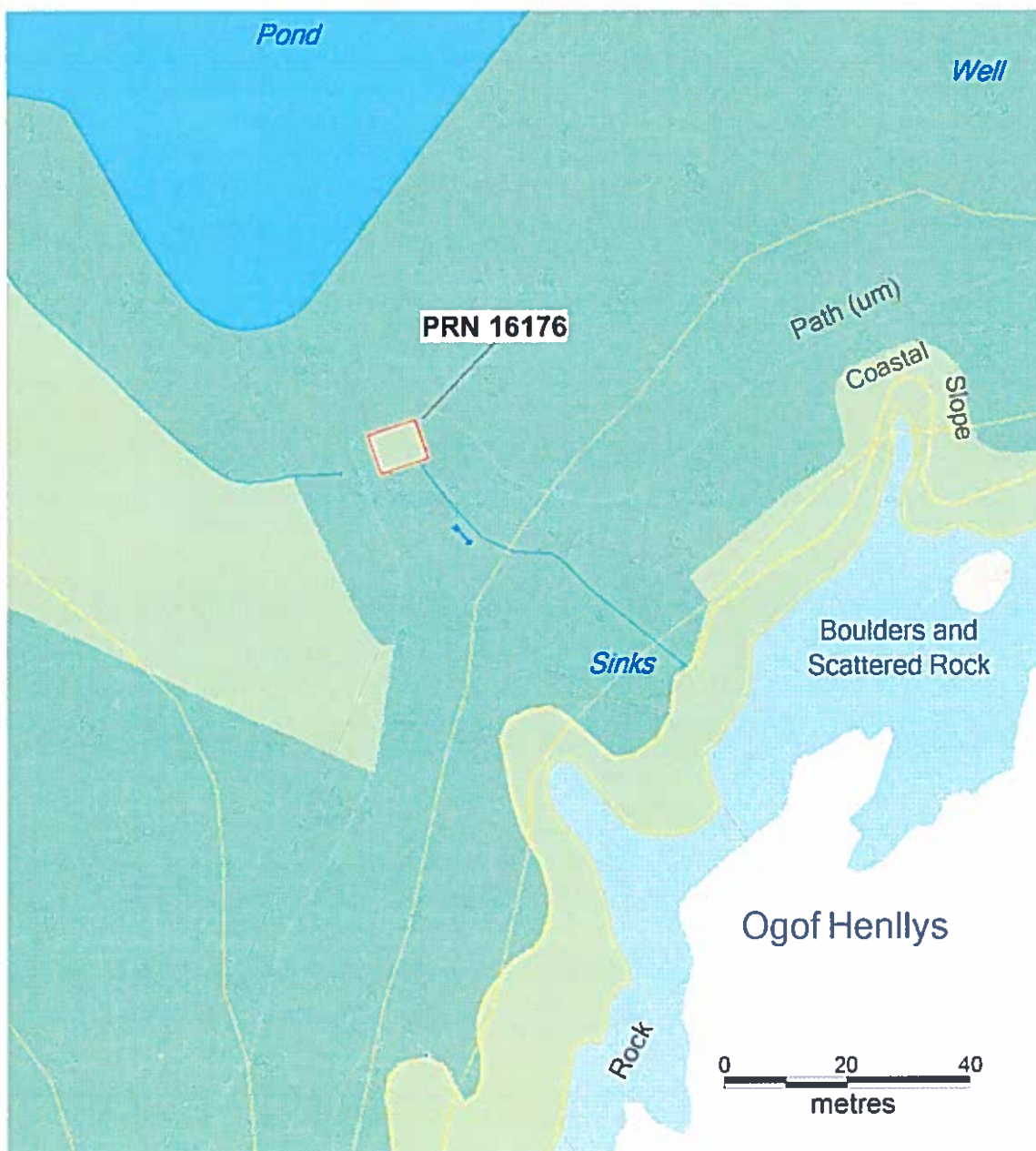
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PRN 16176 Melin Treginnis

Owner: Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

Melin-Treginnis is a gorse mill of probable 18th century date and disused by the end of the 19th century. There are substantial ruins preserved but they are almost totally obscured by thick vegetation.

A comprehensive building survey of the site is recommended. This could help to determine whether or not the mill should be scheduled in future. As the site is located right on the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path there might also be an opportunity to place an information panel close-by.



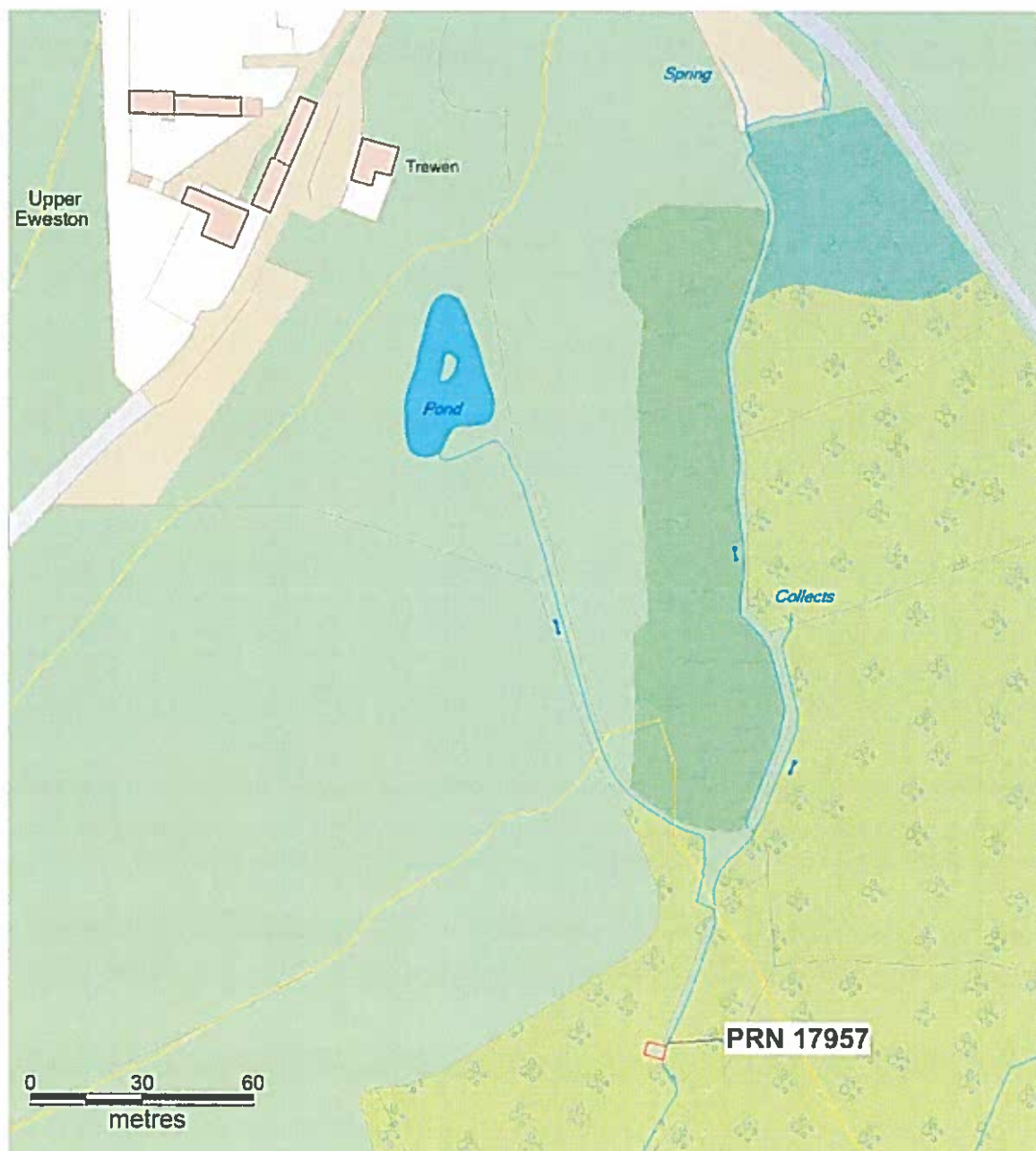
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PRN 17957 Old Mill

Owner: Mr S.Penney, "Writemedia", Upper Eweston, nr. Roch, Pembrokeshire SA62 6JY

The building is near intact and the current owner told me that he recently applied to put a tin roof on it, in order to preserve the masonry, but ran into problems with PCNP regulations.

We recommend that the site is comprehensively surveyed - the water management features are apparently preserved, if silted and overgrown - and its future management reviewed. The owner would like to restore/preserve the site. A gorse mill is a rare site type in west Wales and this one, of apparent similar dimension and appearance to that (from Denbighshire) now rebuilt at St Fagans, is certainly worth protecting.

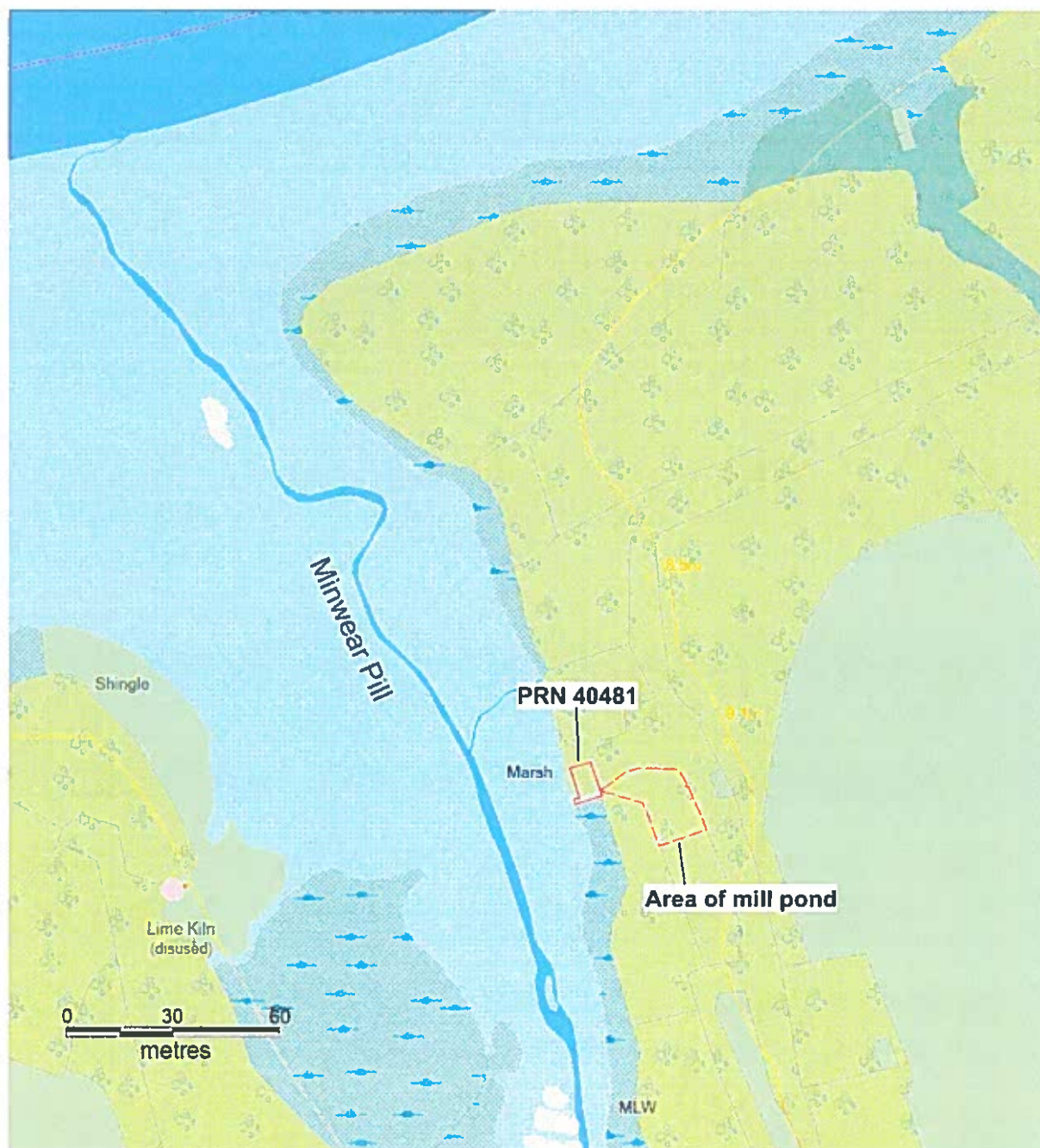


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PRN 40481 Minwere Mill

Owner: Minwear Farm, Martletwy, Pembrokeshire SA67 8BJ

The site has possible medieval origins and the ruinous mill, with associated water-management features, would be better understood if a comprehensive survey - topographic and building recording - were conducted. The results from this could then guide future management recommendations, including possible scheduling.

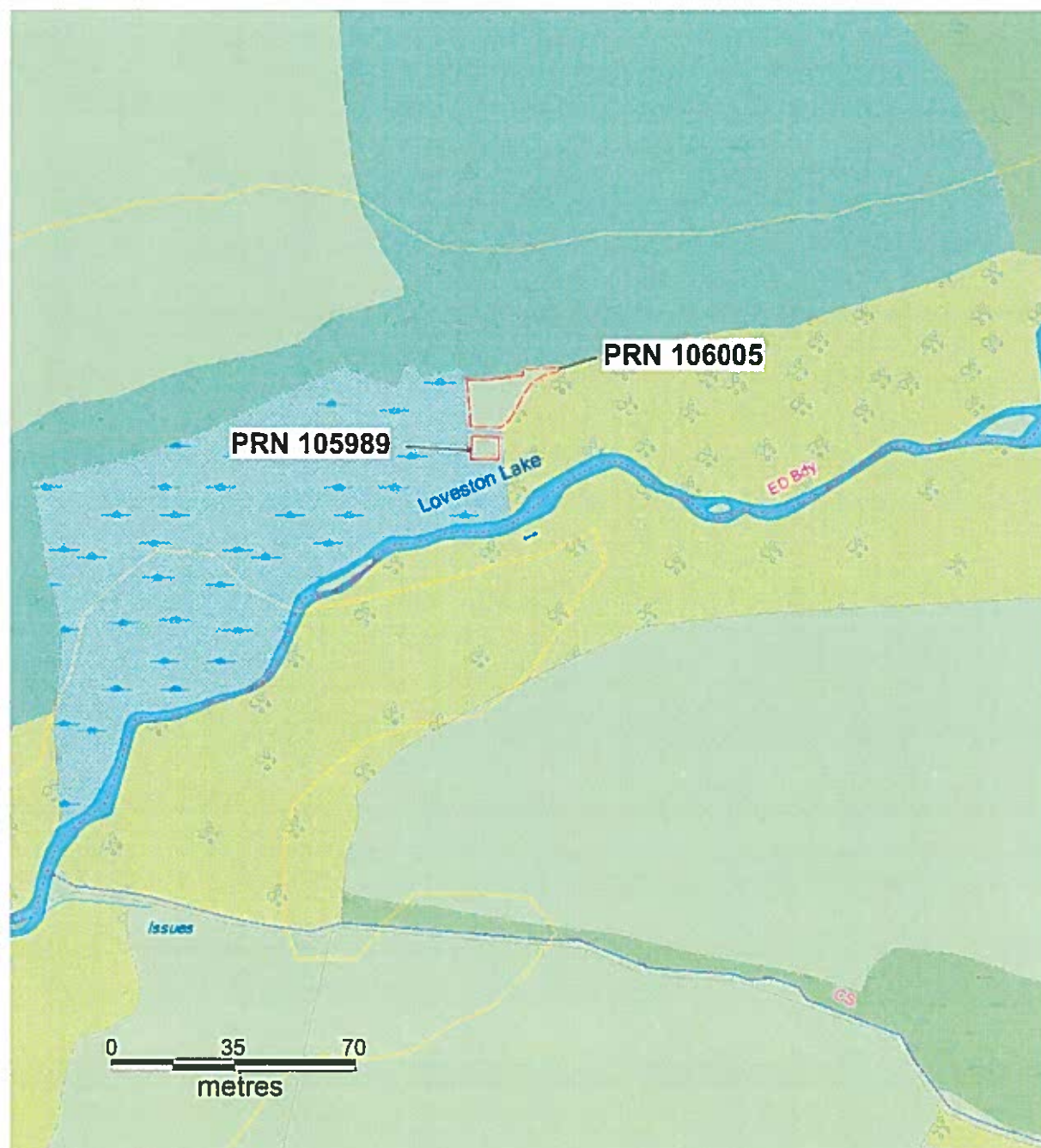


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PRN 105989 Carn Mill

Owner: Uncertain – I was directed to the site by the owners of Dinaston Farm, nr. Yerboston, Pembrokeshire SA67 8AF

The mill appears to have been disused before the end of the 19th century and is potentially of relative early date. Little is known about the site, which includes preserved water management features, and a full survey is recommended with a possibility of scheduling. The mill, within overgrown woodland, is vulnerable to a change in land-use or clearance. Some site management is advised.



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PRN 10406 Haythog corn mill

Haythog Mill is of at least regional importance in being part of an extended complex of buildings, which includes the miller's house and various agricultural buildings, has surviving machinery (incorporating a lantern pinion that is recorded as being possibly unique in Wales) and possibly preserved water-management features.

A detailed survey of the site proved impossible during this current survey as the owners were away. It is recommended that the mill is re-visited to assess its potential for listing status



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SURVEYING RECOMMENDATIONS

PRN 4678 Frainslake

Owner: The site is on the Castlemartin Royal Armoured Corps Range.

The ruins could not be reached during the Mills Survey of 2012-14 due to military restrictions. However, the site is considered to be of some importance, with a 16th century chimney. It is recommended that permission is sought to access the mill in order to survey the ruins, with a view to possibly affording it legal protection through scheduling.



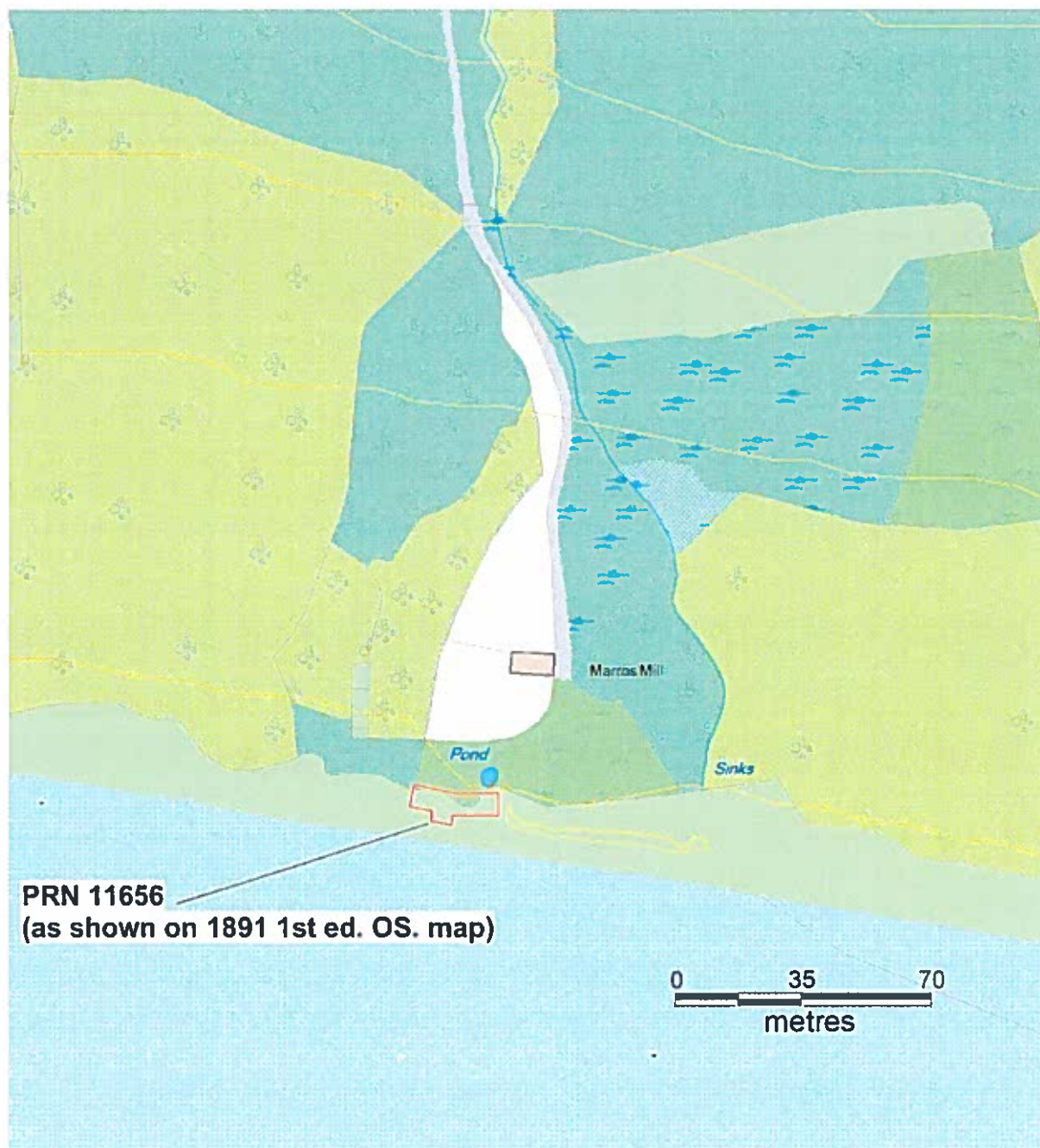
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PRN 11656 Marros Mill

Owner: Publically accessible - ? Carmarthenshire County Council

The ruins of Marros Mill are extremely vulnerable and much appears to have eroded away between it being recorded in 1996 and the latest visit in 2013. It is of potentially early date, already disused before the end of the 19th century.

It is recommended that as much information is recorded about the site through a comprehensive survey before it is lost altogether.



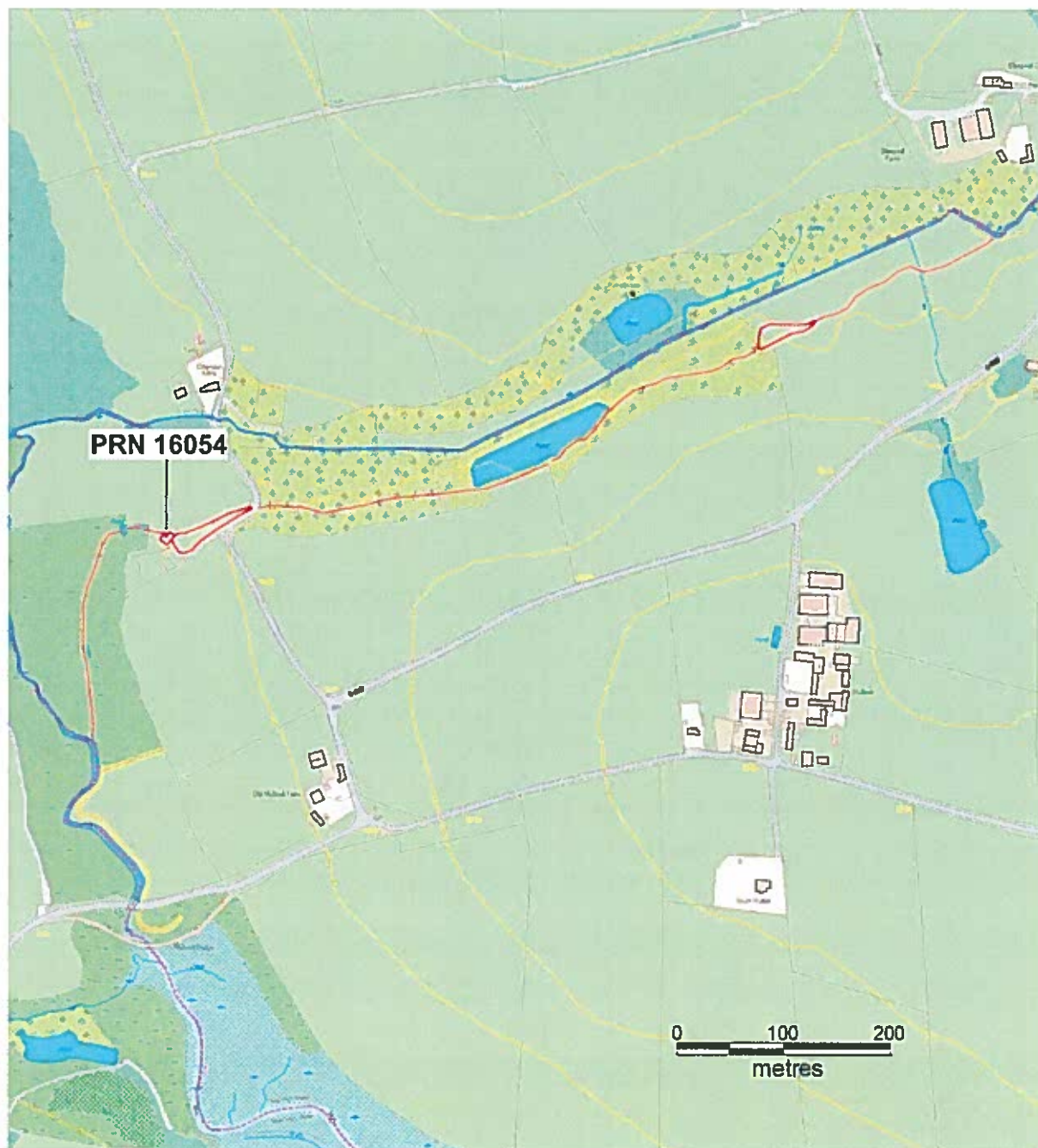
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PRN 16054 Mullock Mill

Owner: Mr & Mrs Evans, Lower Mullock Farm, St. Ishmaels, Pembrokeshire SA62 3AS

A much better understanding of the site would be gained through a topographical, and perhaps geophysical, survey.

The mill is of probable medieval origin and there are reports of a contemporary eelery in close proximity, indicating the site to be of, at least, regional importance. Structural remains may survive below the surface and the associated water-management earthworks are still preserved.

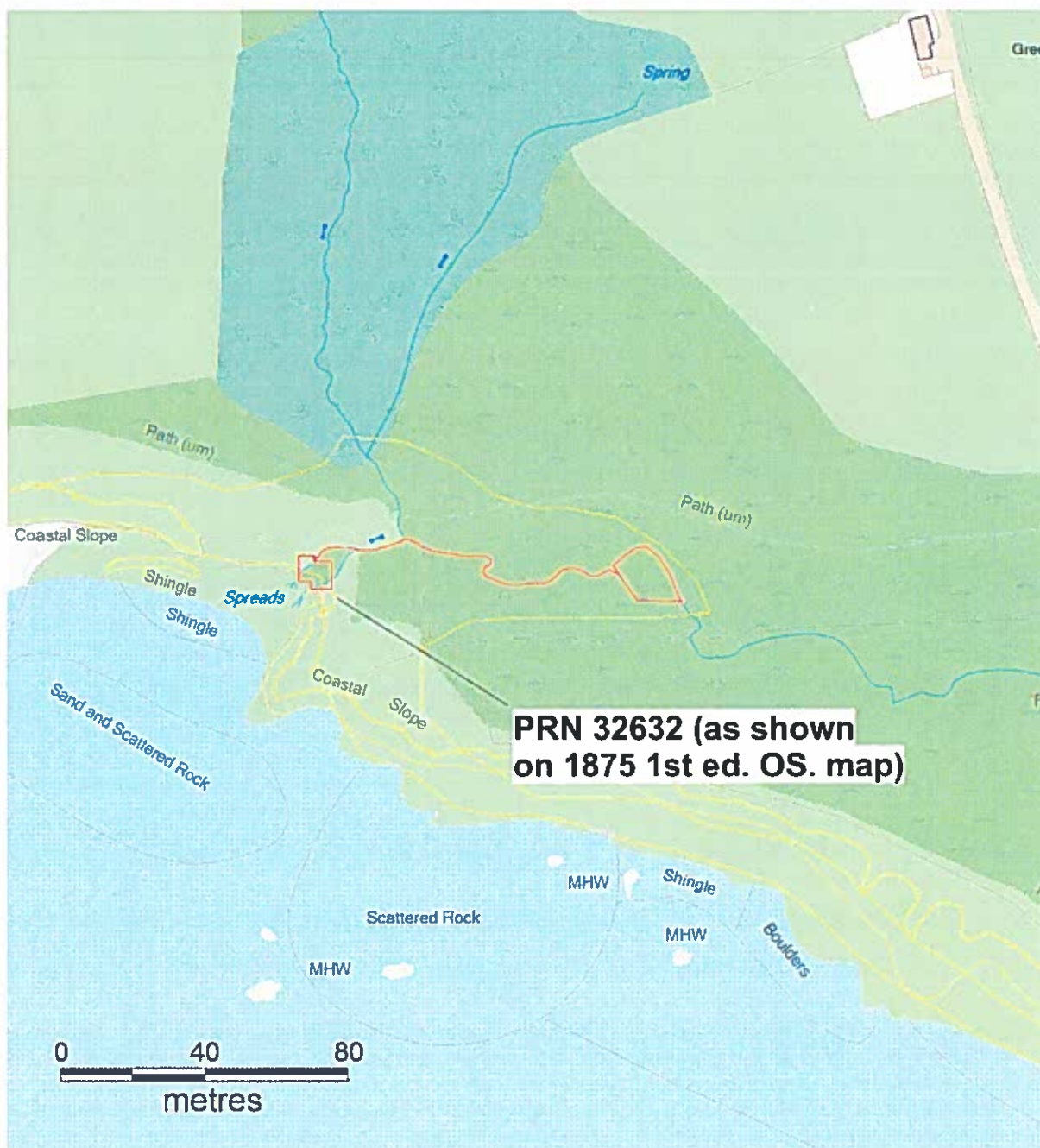


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PRN 32632 Greatmire Mill

Owner: National Trust

The mill building has been reduced to a very small fragment of mortared masonry but there appears to be potential for surviving earthworks, including a possible building platform, dam and/or holding pond. The vegetation was too thick to gain a clear view during the 2013 field visit. A topographical survey of the area would clarify the extent and nature of the site, which may have medieval origins, and help guide possible management recommendations in the future. It should be noted, however, that the site is under National Trust tenure.



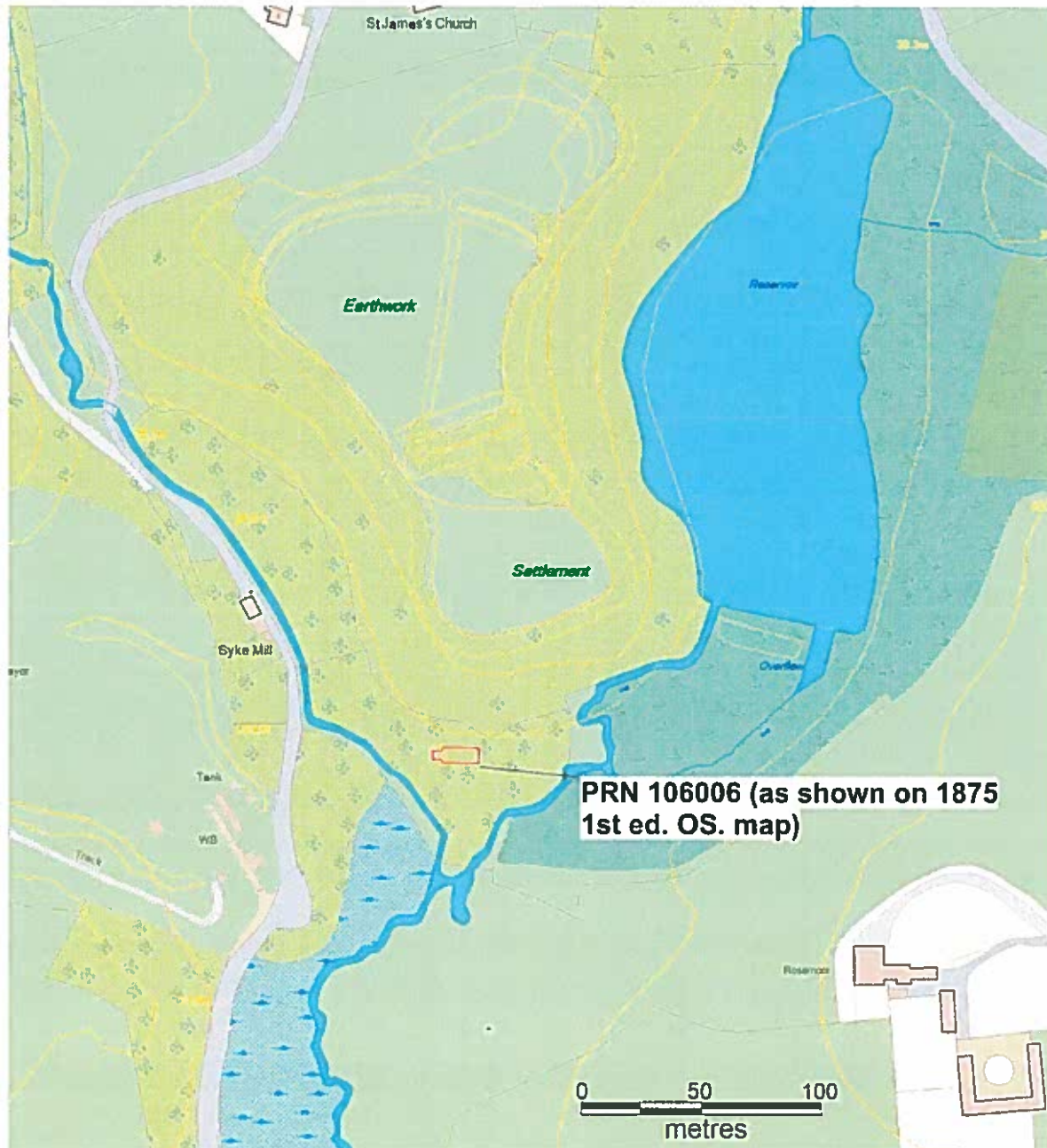
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PRN 106006 Syke Mill

Owner: Publically accessible - ? Pembrokeshire County Council

The possible site of Syke Mill was identified from the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map, which indicates it to be in the angle of two footpaths running to the north and east and to be powered by a leat diverted from the stream to the south. Although no structural remains were evident, the presence of a possible axle wheel protruding from the ground suggests potential for further remnants now buried.

It is recommended that the site is surveyed and evaluated to confirm this as Syke Mill, already ruinous towards the end of the 19th century.



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