

# Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

## Myrtle Grove Defended enclosure

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**PRN 3473 Name** MYRTLE GROVE  
**Period** Iron Age **Site Type** DEFENDED ENCLOSURE  
**NGR** SN06960637

### **Site Description**

An Iron Age defended enclosure on a north facing slope visible on aerial photographs in 1955. By 1973 the Ordnance Survey recorded a much reduced but visible bank and ditch with a simple entrance on the down slope side. At a field visit in 2006 the enclosure could be identified as a slightly dished hollow c.30m across but there was no visible trace of the bank and ditch (Murphy 2006). On recent aerial photographs (Ordnance Survey Next Perspectives 2009) the enclosure is clearly visible as a soil mark in a cultivated field. The outline of the former earthworks are shown on the most recent Ordnance Survey mapping (Mastermap 2011) mapping. It is assumed that the earthwork has been reduced in size by ploughing and cultivation over the years but that remains of the ditch will survive below ground.

### **Management Issues**

The main management issue for this site is the continued degradation of the buried archaeological remains by ploughing and cultivation.

### **Desired Management Outcome**

The desired management outcome is to prevent any further degradation of the buried archaeological remains and to keep them in a stable condition.

### **Management Actions**

The following management actions are required in order to prevent further damage to the buried archaeological remains and keep them in a stable condition:

- Take the area of the enclosure, as identified on the recent mapping, out of cultivation.
- Re-seed with an appropriate mix of pasture grasses
- Establish a suitable grazing regime dependent on the total area converted to pasture.

### **Glastir Whole Farm Code**

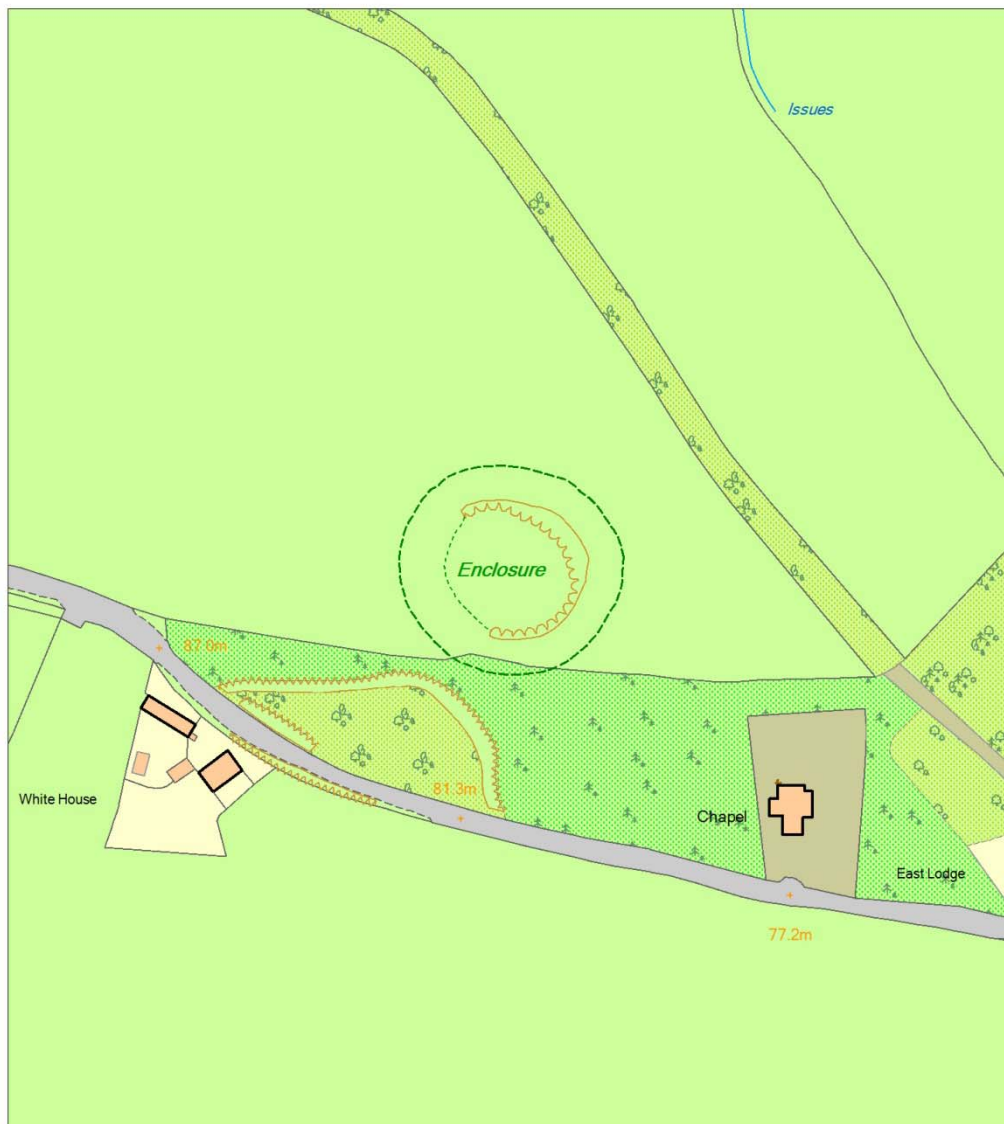
Please also remember that, unless we have indicated otherwise, the Glastir Whole Farm Code should be observed for all historic features on your farm. The Whole Farm Code states that you must not damage any historic feature identified on your agreement map. Definitions of damage to a historic feature include ANY of the following:

- Ground disturbance or excavation especially extending beneath topsoil.
- Dumping or storage of material, including temporary storage.
- Removal of any material, including stones, soil or subsoil.
- Visible signs of active erosion (loss and disturbance of topsoil) caused by livestock and vehicles or other agricultural practice.
- Planting trees.
- Allowing scrub to develop.

- Ploughing or reseedling.
- Displacing individual stone features.

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## Location Map



Historic Environment Feature UID 301,508



Aerial photograph of 3473 taken in 2006.

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