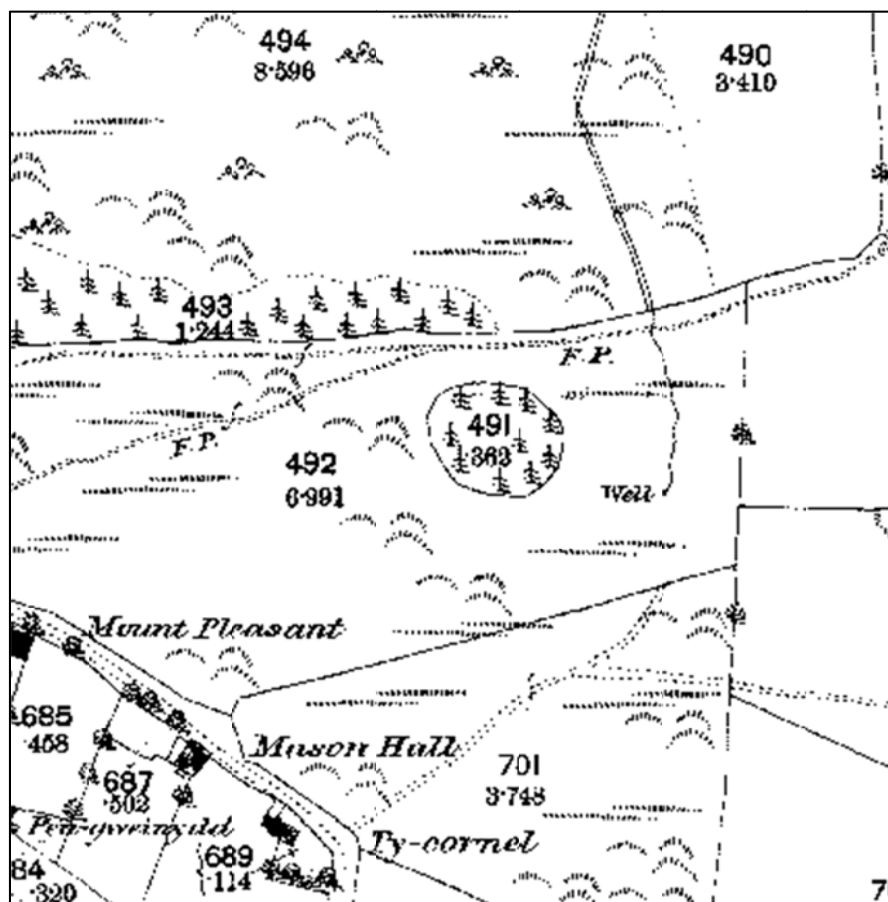


Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

Mount Pleasant Iron Age Defended Enclosure

Customer Reference Number: A0028969

UID: 302 000



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PRN 12269 Name MOUNT PLEASANT

Period Unknown, Iron Age **Site Type** Defended , DEFENDED ENCLOSURE

NGR SN06903852

Site Description

An Iron Age defended enclosure. It can be identified on the Ordnance Survey 1st and 2nd edition maps (1889) as an enclosed circular feature covered with conifer trees standing discretely in an area of unimproved grassland. Its isolated position and coniferous tree cover suggests that the woodland was deliberately planted to create a picturesque feature, as part of a wider designed landscape. The shape of a circular earthwork bank with an entrance on the NE side is shown on the most recent Ordnance Survey mapping (Mastermap 2011) mapping. Recent aerial photographs (Ordnance Survey Next Perspectives 2009) show the site is still covered with trees with a thick canopy.

Management Issues

There are two main management issues for this site. Firstly, the protection of the earthworks and buried archaeological remains of the enclosure. Secondly the potential for some of the tree cover itself to be a heritage asset as any old conifers are likely to be ancient trees from a deliberate planting scheme from the 19th century or earlier.

Desired Management Outcome

The desired management outcome is to prevent any damage to the earthworks and buried archaeological remains from root action, wind throw and insensitive woodland management and to keep them in a stable and visible condition. Secondly to ensure that any ancient woodland trees within their natural lifespan are not removed or exposed to threat.

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:

- Remove by hand any saplings to prevent further root damage. Spot treat to prevent regrowth
- Any harvesting or thinning of trees to avoid heavy and protracted extraction leading to ground disturbance
- Avoid leaving trees vulnerable to wind throw
- Leave canopy where possible to inhibit shrub growth

The following management actions are required in order to protect any ancient trees and keep them in a sustainable and visible state.

- Avoid harvesting any old conifers unless their natural lifespan for cropping has been reached
- Avoid leaving old conifers exposed and vulnerable to wind throw

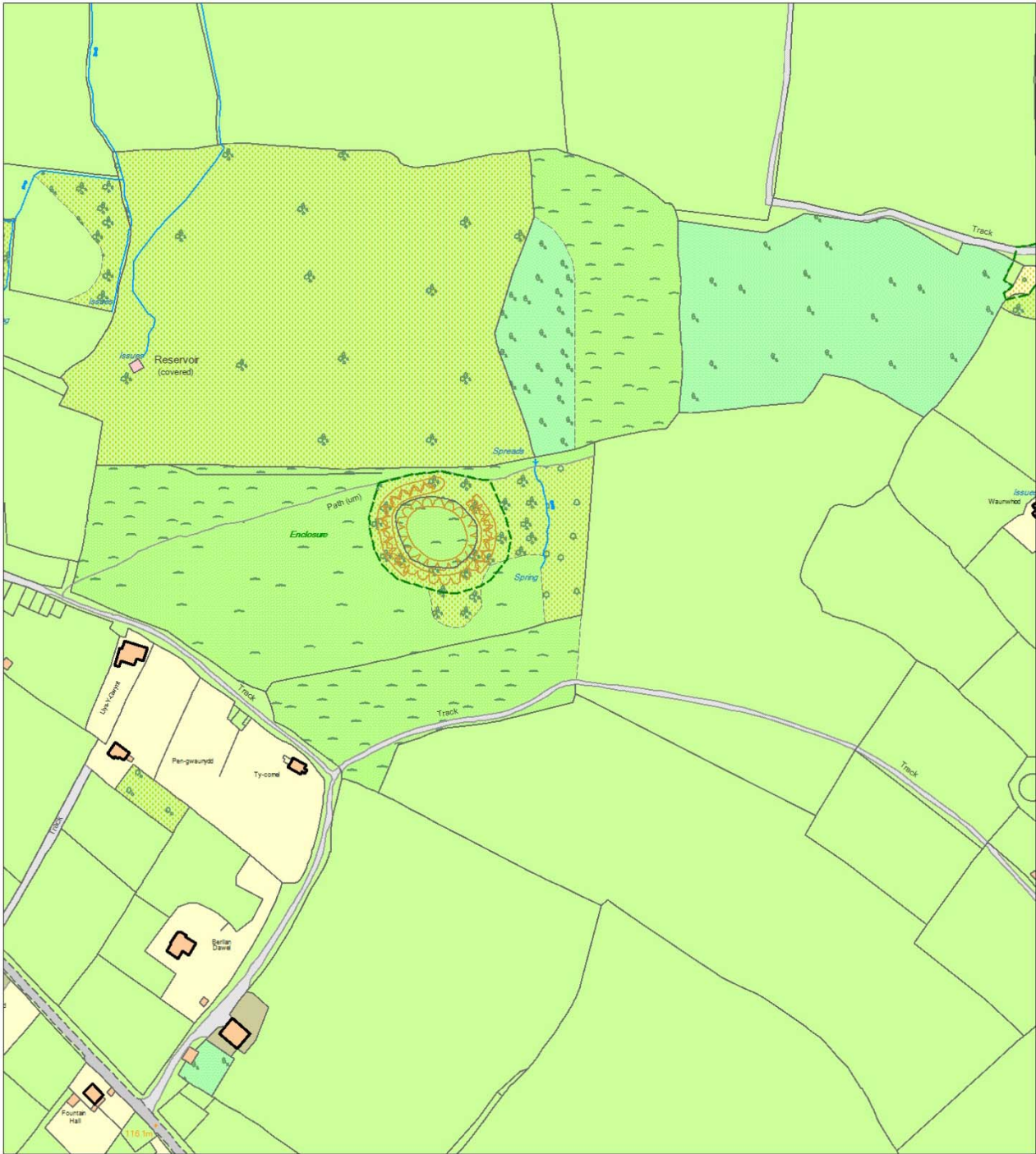
Glastir Whole Farm Code

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 reseeded.
- Displacing individual stone features.

Location Map



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Aerial Photograph



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