

Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

Pentre Mill and Mill Cottage

Customer Reference Number: A0026781

UID: 311417



Surviving wall of mill cottage (in foreground) with ruinous mill behind, to left of track (DAT,2013)

This management plan has been produced by Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management to inform the positive management of the identified Priority Historic Environment Feature. The identified management outcome will meet the objective for the Historic Environment Feature Targeted Layer as part of the Glastir Land Management Scheme.

PRN 7194 Name PENTRE MILL;MILL COTTAGE

Period Post-medieval **Site Type** Cottage, Mill

NGR SN78977379

Site Description

'Mill Farm' and 'Mill Cottage' are recorded on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps respectively, together with associated building that is the mill, powered by a leat (PRN 42633). A possible waterwheel is depicted alongside the east side wall on the 1st edition OS. (M.Ings, 2013, from various sources). The mill cottage and its associated buildings are now completely ruinous and have either collapsed or been demolished. The mill is now a rectilinear mound of stone with many of the roof timbers mixed in with the rubble. The cottage, to the west, has largely disappeared, with only the western gable wall standing to c.2m in height

PRN 42633 Name PENTRE MILL

Period Post-medieval **Site Type** Leat

NGR SN78997379

Site Description

Mill race associated with Pentre Mill (PRN 7194) recorded on the 1888 1st edition Ordnance Survey map. Partly rock cut, having initially been diverted along a wooden launder from a weir on the Afon Ystwyth. The leat is cut by late 19th century mining features, indicating that the mill was defunct by that time. (M.Ings, 2013, from various sources)

Management Issues

The main management issue for this site is the control of tree and/or scrub growth, which has the potential to damage buried archaeological remains through the disruptive activity of root development, and built structural remains by prising apart masonry bonds or wind throw.

There is a length of mill race (PRN 7194) within the farm boundary that falls outside the polygon for UID 311417 (see map below). Although it is not currently known whether or not this feature survives, it should be included within the management recommendations outlined in this report.

Desired Management Outcome

The management outcome is to maintain the remains of the mill, mill cottage and mill race in a stable and visible condition.

Management Actions

Scrub growth is damaging to the long term survival of earthwork and built structural remains through the disruptive activity of root development. Trees can pose a threat through wind throw or falling limbs.

- Remove mature trees which are at risk of wind throw and could threaten upstanding remains of the mill and cottage through uprooting (root plate damage) or falling limbs.
- Remove any young trees or vegetation growing out of the wall tops but cutting by hand. Spot treat to prevent re-growth. Do not pull-up by the roots as this is potentially destabilising to masonry bonds.
- Cut any scrub back by hand in order to retain the visibility of the building ruins.
- Where present maintain a canopy of mature trees over the site. This will reduce light reaching the ground, inhibiting scrubby vegetation growth.

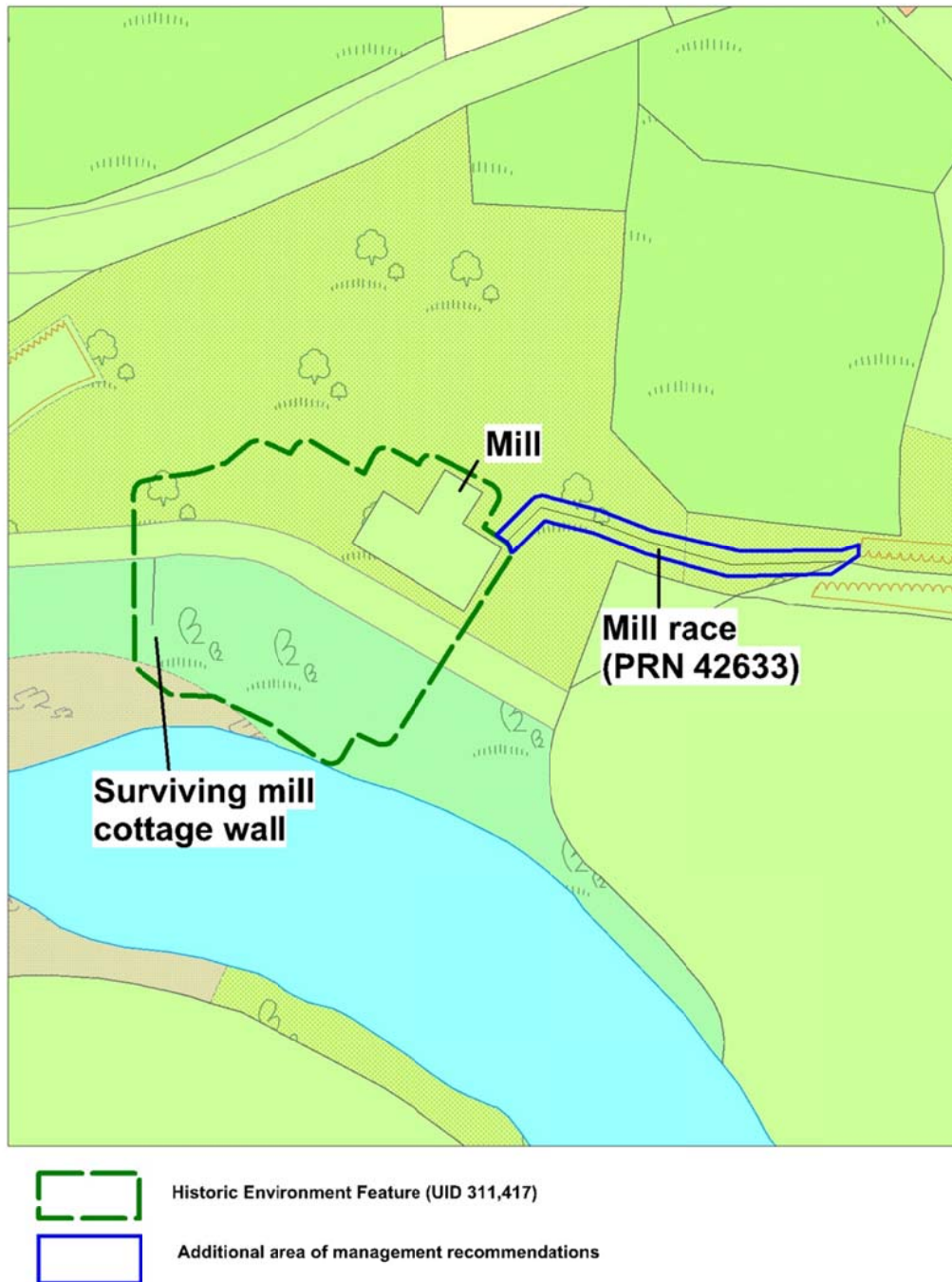
Glastir Whole Farm Code

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.

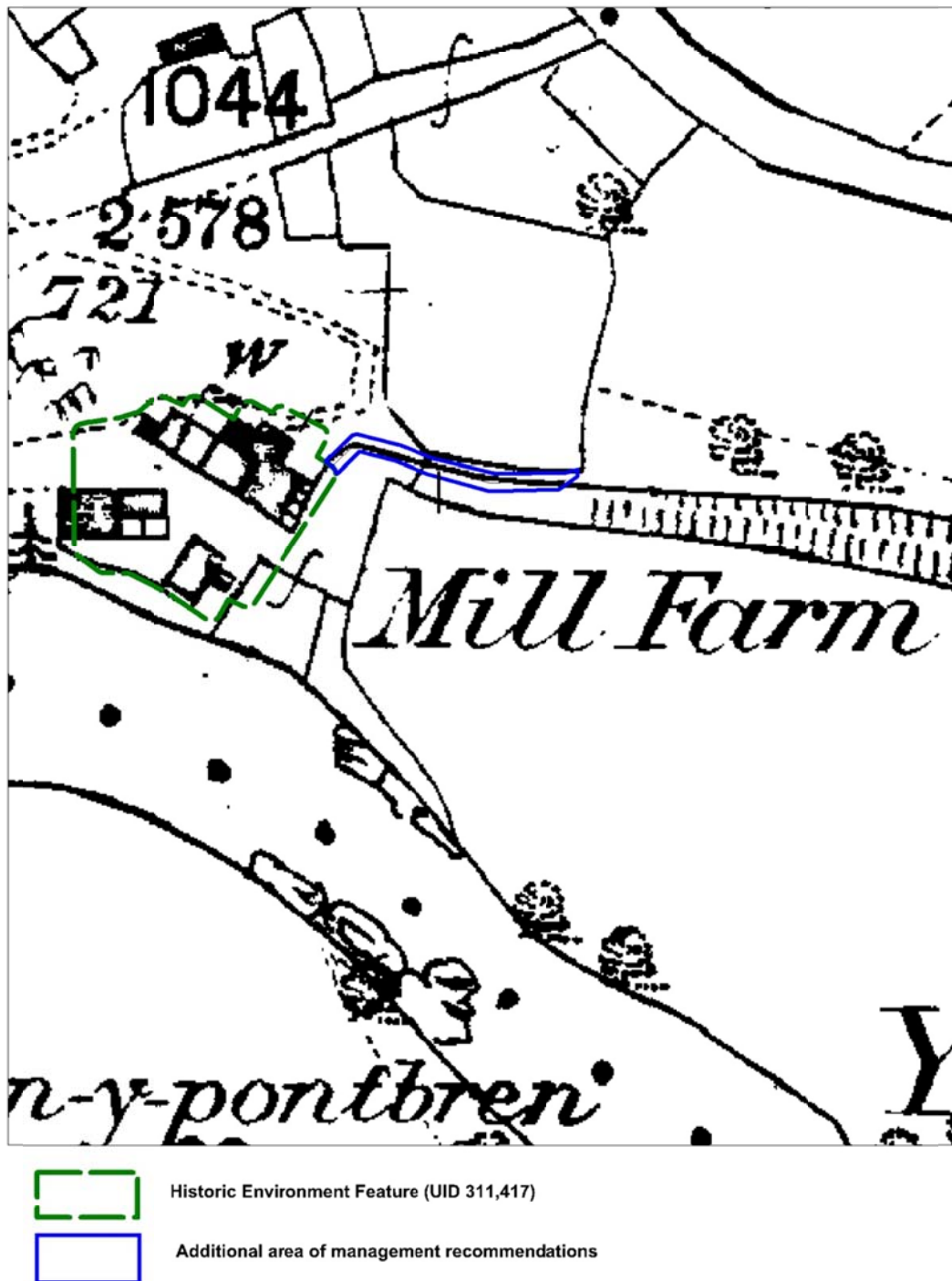
Definitions of damage to a historic feature include ANY of the following:

- 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 reseeding.
- Displacing individual stone features.

Location Map



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Site of Pentre Mill and cottage recorded on the 1888 1st edition Ordnance Survey map.

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