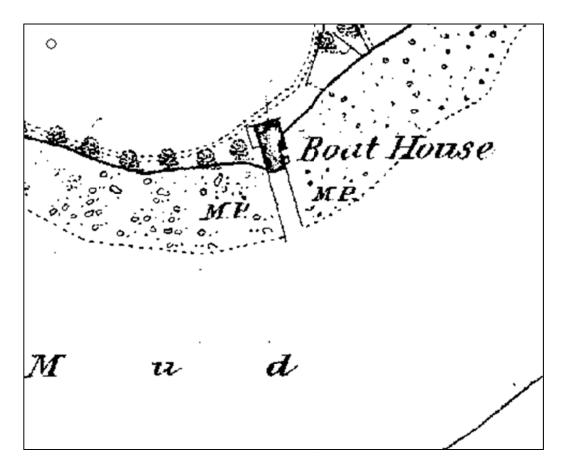
Historic Environment Feature Management Report: Picton Castle, Boathouse

Customer Reference Number: A0030021 UID: 301,558 & 313,783



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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.

Note.

The area of the boathouse requiring management falls within part of two HEFs. The area requiring management has been outlined on the Management Location Map

PRN 40488 Name BOATHOUSE Period Post-medieval Site Type Boat house NGR SN0161312343

Site Description

A ruined boat house shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1890 on the northern bank of the Eastern Cleddau. The mapping shows a broadly rectangular structure partly over the mean high water mark and partly within the tidal mud flats. Also included is a slip way, flanked by mooring posts, extending over the mud flats to clear water. Described by CADW as the 'substantial remains of the once-impressive boathouse, rubble built with dressed quoins'. It was part of the Picton Castle Estate presumably for pleasure boating.

The footprint of the boathouse is still shown on the most recent Ordnance Survey mapping (Mastermap 2011). The most recent aerial photographs (Next Perspectives, 2009) show the ruined structure in an area covered in woodland.

Management Issues

The main management issue is the control of invasive vegetation which has the potential to damage built structural remains and below ground archaeological deposits by the intrusive action of roots and the prising apart of masonry bonds and also to protect the remains from wind throw and insensitive woodland management. Excessive vegetation cover can also obscure the remains from view.

Desired Management Outcome

The desired management outcome is to prevent degradation of the built structural remains and buried archaeological deposits of the boathouse and to keep them in a stable and visible condition.

Management Actions

The following management actions are required in order to keep the structure in a stable and visible condition:

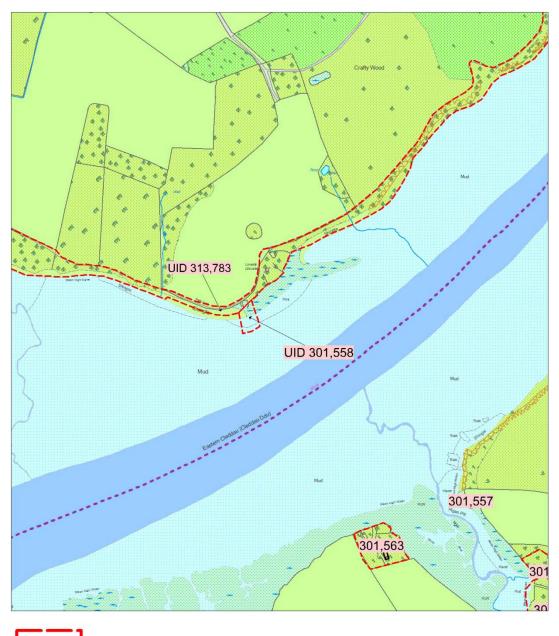
- Remove any young trees growing out of the top of the structure by cutting by hand. Do not pull-up by the roots as this is potentially destabilising to masonry bonds.
- Cut any scrub back by hand in order to retain the visibility of the structure.
- Spot treat to prevent regrowth.

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:

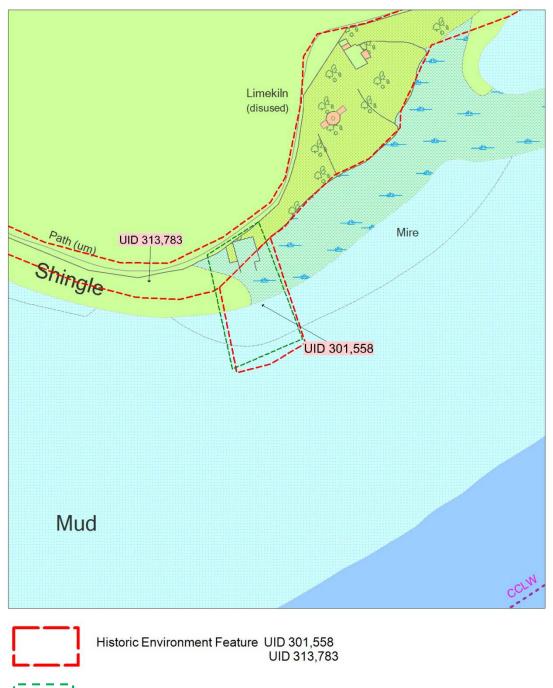
- Ground disturbance or excavation especially extending beneath topsoil.
- Dumping or storage of material, including temporary storage.
- Removal of any material, including stones, soil or subsoil.
- Visible signs of active erosion (loss and disturbance of topsoil) caused by livestock and vehicles or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

Location map



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Management Location Map



PRN 40488 Area of active management

Aerial Photograph



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