Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

Glan yr Afon, Ruined Farmstead

Customer Reference Number: A0029173

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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.

PRN 24560 Name GLAN YR AFON
Period Post-medieval Site Type Farmstead
NGR SN0737930691

Site Description

A minor farmstead named as Glan yr Afon on the Ordnance Survey 1st edition map (1889). The mapping shows a rectangular 4 cell farmhouse and boundary banks with evidence for lazy beds or ridge & furrow (James 1989). The "Garden" plot on the SE side of the house has a well-defined stone boundary with a walled track way to the NE. It is typical of the expansion into upland areas in the 18th century and subsequent retrenchment in the 20th century. A field visit in 2006 described the garden area as grassed with deciduous trees and the raised beds area to the north and NE of the house as lush green grass but everywhere else there is reed growth and bracken. Drainage is not good between the dwelling and the stream (some 120m to the SE). The thick bracken growth to the south and southwest covers a complex of stone bounded enclosures.

Glan yr Afon is depicted on the most recent Ordnance Survey mapping (Mastermap 2011). Recent aerial photographs (Ordnance Survey Next Perspectives 2009) which show the walls of the farm house and buildings standing to some height.

Management Issues

The main management issue for this site is the control of vegetation which has the potential to damage both buried archaeological remains and the built structure through the disruptive activity of root development. Trees can also pose a threat through wind throw or falling limbs.

Desired Management Outcome

The desired management outcome is to maintain the built structural remains and associated enclosure boundaries in a stable and visible condition.

Management Actions

The following management actions are required to maintain the remains in a stable and visible condition:

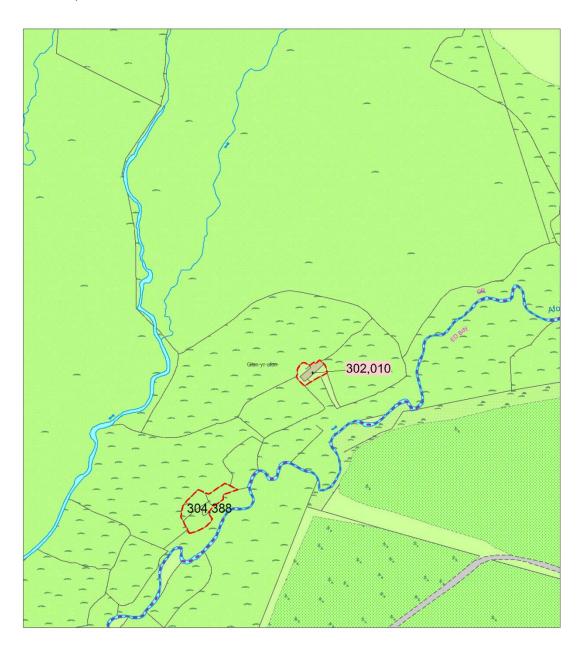
- Remove mature trees which are at risk of wind throw and could threaten upstanding remains of the farm buildings and boundary walls through uprooting (root plate damage) or falling limbs.
- Remove any young trees or vegetation growing out of the wall by cutting by hand. Do
 not pull-up by the roots as this is potentially destabilising to masonry bonds.
- Cut any scrub back by hand in order to retain the visibility of the building ruins.
- Spot treat to prevent re-growth

Glastir Whole Farm Code

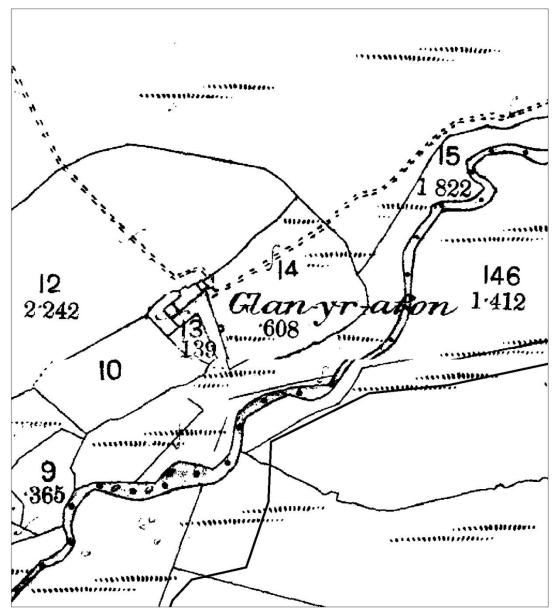
Please also remember that, unless we have indicated otherwise, the Glastir Whole Farm Code should be observed for all historic features on your farm. The Whole Farm Code states that you must not damage any historic feature identified on your agreement map. Definitions of damage to a historic feature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