

Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

Maes-y-bettws farmstead

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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 9116 Name MAES-Y-BETWS

Period Post-medieval **Site Type** Farmstead

NGR SN75435312

Site Description

The very ruinous remains of the dwelling and at least one outbuilding are clearly identifiable, although both survive as low wall bases. Associated folds and field boundaries also noted (RPS August 1998)

Management Issues

The main management issue for this site is the control of tree and 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.

The recent aerial photographs of the site (Ordnance Survey Next Perspectives, 2009) indicate potential archaeological remains, comprising possible enclosure boundaries, extending beyond the Historic Environment Feature polygon (see map below). The following management recommendations should be extended to this area where appropriate

Desired Management Outcome

The management outcome is to maintain the remains of the farmstead 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 cottage and mill and associated features through uprooting (root plate damage) or falling limbs.

- Remove any young trees or vegetation growing out of the wall tops but 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
- Maintain a canopy of mature trees over the site. This will prevent light entering 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.

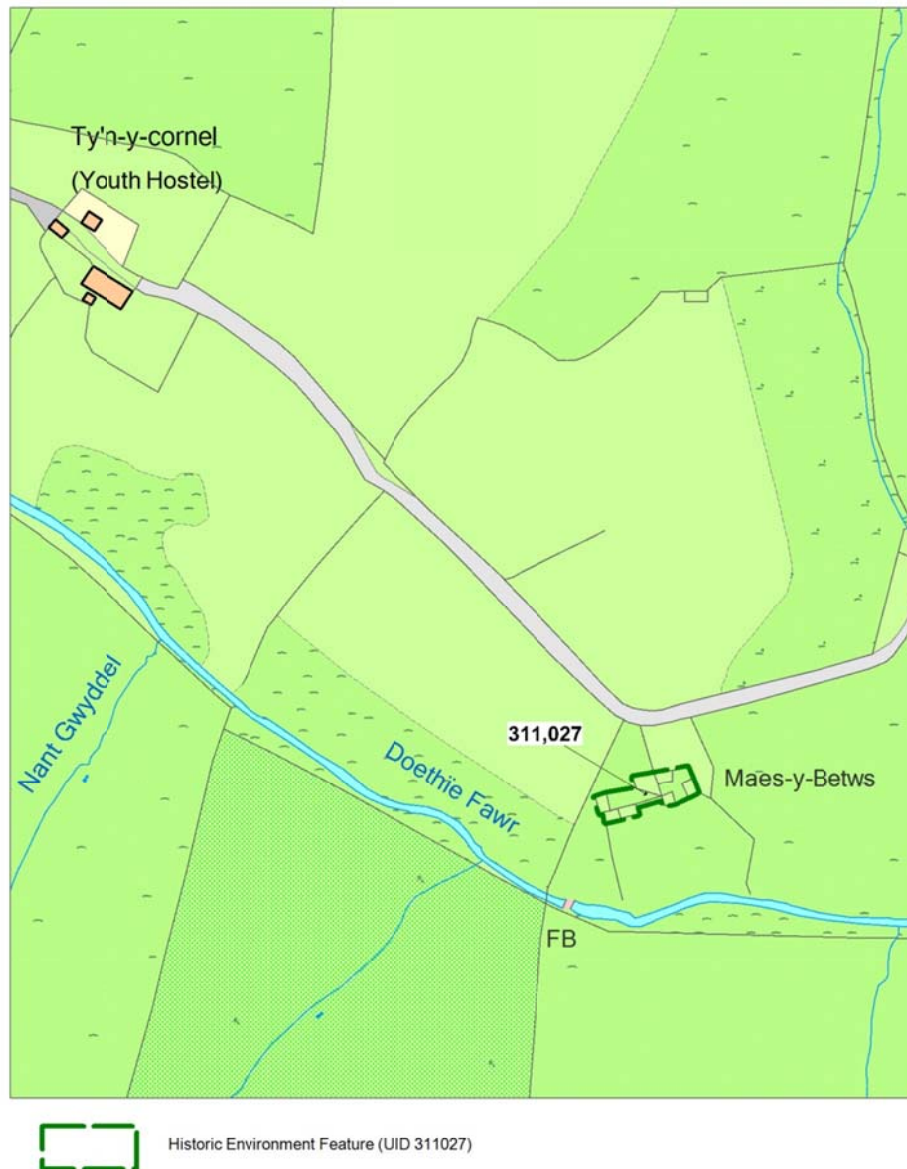
Definitions of damage to a historic feature include ANY of the following:

- 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

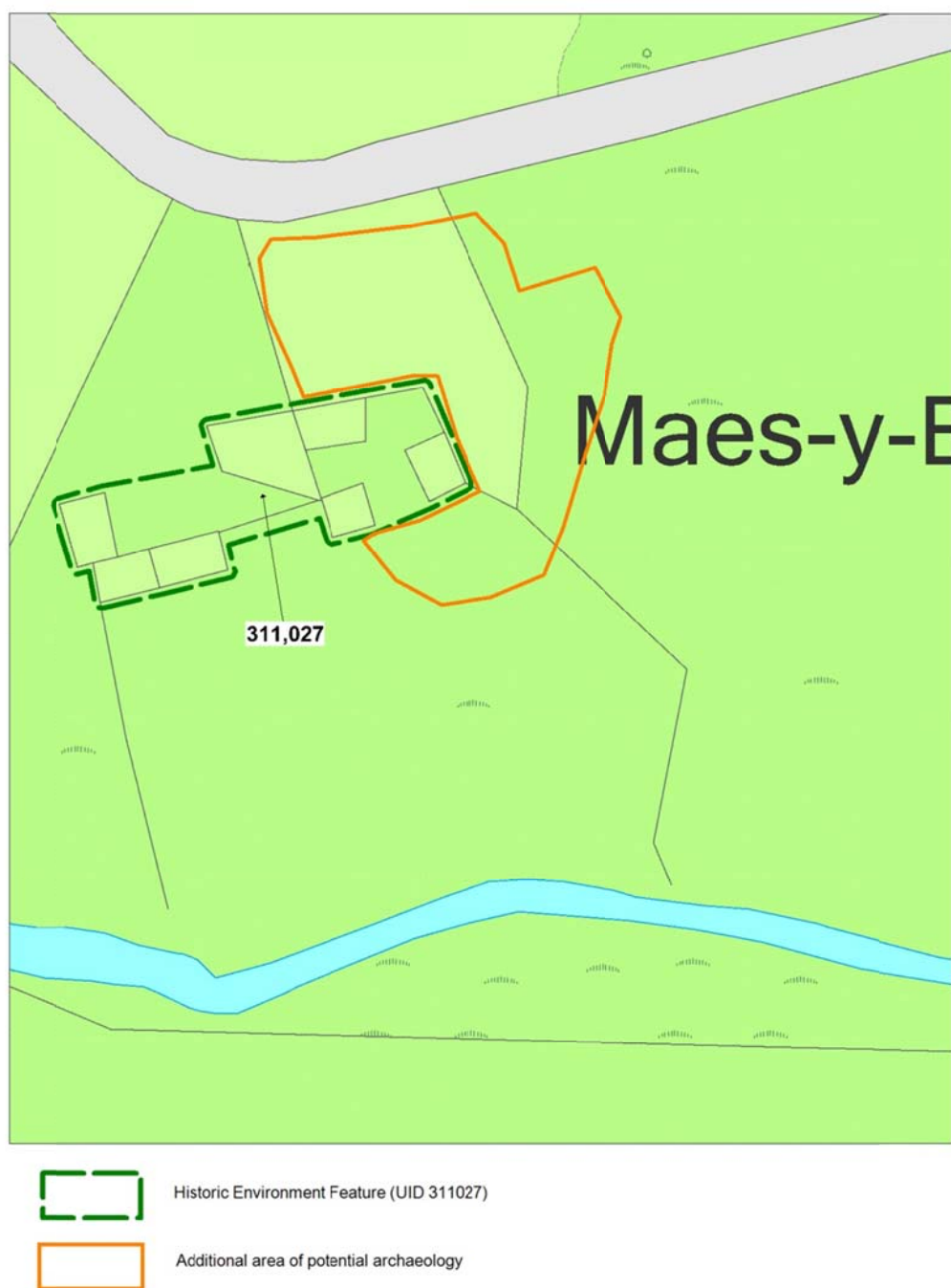
livestock and vehicles or other agricultural practice.

- Planting trees.
- Allowing scrub to develop.
- Ploughing or reseeded.
- Displacing individual stone features.

Location Map



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