Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

Argoed fach, Ruined FRarmstead

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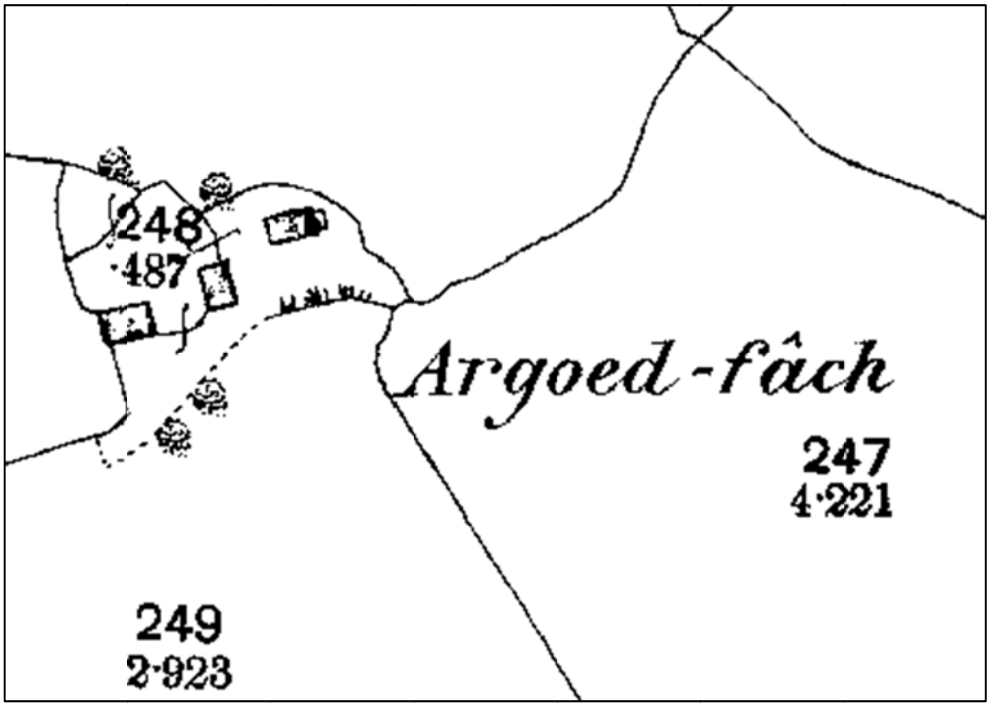

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PRN 52742 **Name** Argoed fach
Period Post-Medieval **Site Type** farmstead
NGR SN65588793

Site Description
A minor farmstead named as Argoed-fach on the Ordnance Survey 1st edition map (1889). It is depicted as a set of three buildings within two enclosures. To the east there is a single cell rectangular building in an enclosure assumed to be the farm house set in a garden area. West of this is a pair of rectangular at right angles to each other with an enclosed yard between, assumed to be the farm buildings. By the 1907 2nd edition mapping the complex appears to be abandoned.

Argoed fach is depicted on the most recent Ordnance Survey mapping (Mastermap 2011). Recent aerial photographs (Ordnance Survey Next Perspectives 2009) show the area surrounded by trees but although the full picture is unclear some walls of the buildings and enclosure boundaries are clearly visible (H Pritchard).

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 structures through the disruptive activity of root development. Trees can pose a threat through wind throw or falling limbs. Excessive vegetation cover can provide shelter to livestock and burrowing animals, both of which can also cause damage.

Desired Management Outcome

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

Management Actions

The following actions are required in order to keep the structures in a stable condition.

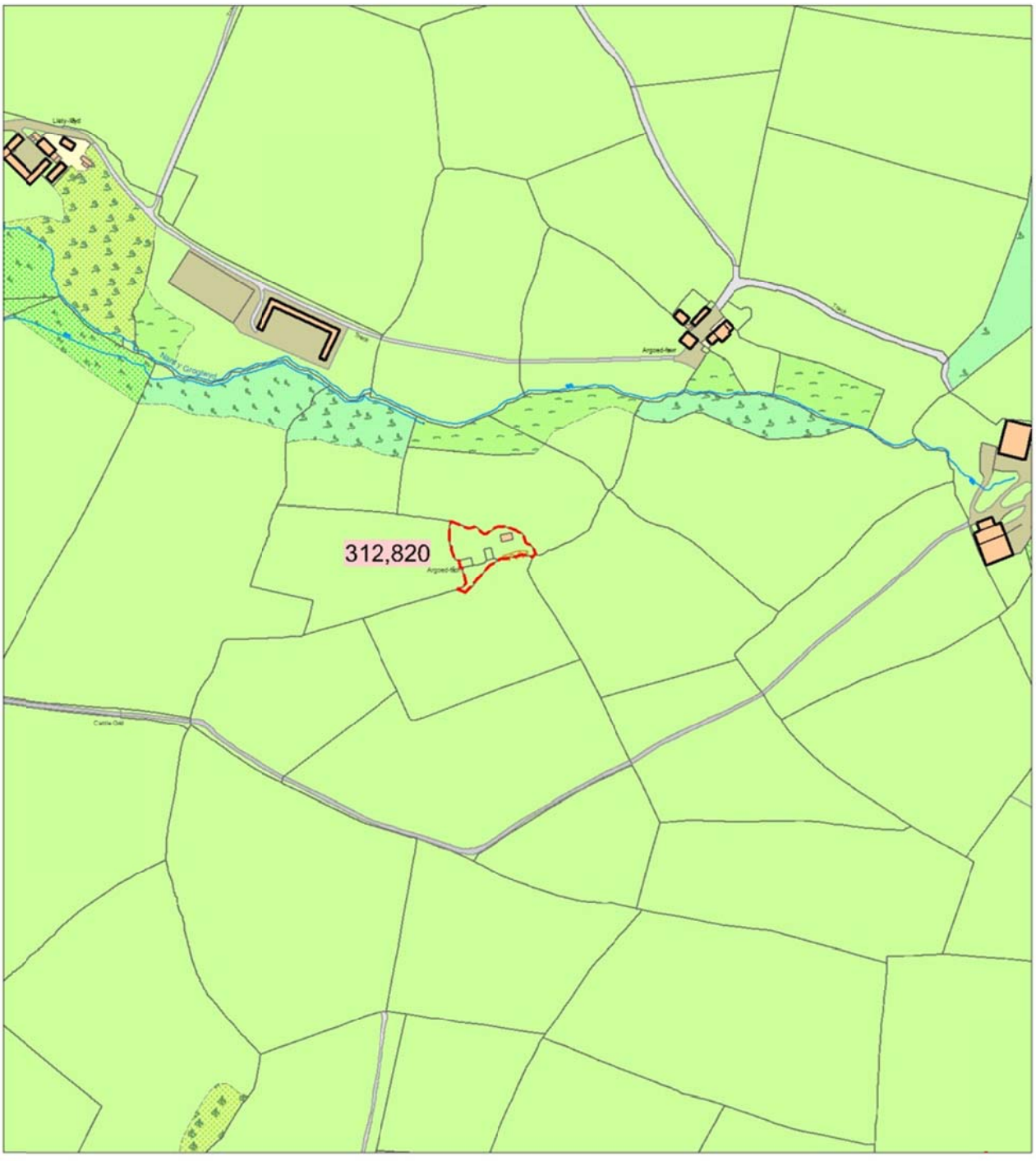
- Remove any young trees or vegetation growing out of the walls and within the interior of buildings by cutting by hand. Do not pull-up by the roots as this is potentially destabilising to masonry bonds.
- Cut any scrub back by hand in order to retain the visibility of the building ruins.
- Spot treat to prevent regrowth â€¢ Maintain a canopy of mature trees around the site. This will inhibit scrubby vegetation growth.
- If livestock shelter within the structures to discourage their presence through fencing

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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Aerial Photograph

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