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SUMMARY

This report covers visits and work to Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park undertaken by Pete Crane during 2012-2013, for Cadw or for PCNPA.

A large proportion of the time was spent on two sites, Bedd Morris, following accident damage, and the Sisters' House, planning a new management agreement. A number of visits have arisen due to deliberate damage or natural erosion events. Clearance work by National Park Volunteers has continued at several sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Scheduling boundary changes are recommended for the following sites:-

- Sisters House, Minwear
- Garn Ffoi, Newport

Although damage due to vandalism and grass fires appeared to be less this year than last, it is still recommended that an action plan is prepared for any future such cases.

Further recommendations are included amongst the proposed actions identified in the **site list** below.

A meeting should be held in the spring with Cadw to prioritise the proposed actions in order to agree a work programme for the forthcoming year.

INTRODUCTION

This report is being prepared before the end of the financial year although some further work and site visits are anticipated before April; this will be included in the following year's report.

As in previous years, site visits were made either directly as part of the Cadw SAM work or as part of other work for Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA). Of particular significance was the work undertaken regarding the following three sites.

The standing stone Bedd Morris, which was broken when knocked over by a vehicle in late 2011, was repaired and re-erected in November 2012. This will be reported on separately.

A number of short meetings about the Sisters' House were held either on site or in the PCNPA office. The site should now become part of a Glastir farm management scheme. It is anticipated that woodland management will start shortly and continue over the next few years, with a priority of removal of those trees causing damage to the structures

At Tower Point Rath the work of vegetation clearance from the entrance and interior of the fort continued. This was undertaken by the PCNPA ranger and volunteers to improve access. Further management of this site has been enhanced by grazing. It is recommended that a geophysical survey is undertaken on the interior of the fort as the long grass cover has been reduced.

SITE LIST:

SAM sites in numerical order. Non-SAM sites at end of list

SAM PE 010 Foel Drigarn



Foel Drigarn: Damage to north cairn. Scale 0.5m View S 11/12/2012 (Freezing temperatures at the time of the visit caused the camera to mist up)

The site was visited on 11 December 2012 as part of the recommended monitoring of this hillfort, mainly with regard to disturbance to the cairns by visitors building "shelters". The NE cairn had been further disturbed and the slight depression recorded previously has now turned into a shelter. This shelter has been constructed in the SW side of the cairn and is c.3m in diameter and up to 1m deep (see photo above). Slightly less disturbance was caused by a similar shelter construction in the SW side of the SW cairn (see photo below) (NGR by basic GPS grid ref. SN 15742/33585).



Foel Drigarn: damage to SW cairn. Scale 0.5m. View SW. 11/12/2012

The disturbance previously noted to the centre of a hut platform just to the north east of the central cairn (NGR by basic GPS SN 15773/33624) (see photo in last report), possibly the result of metal detecting or geocache activity, was repaired. However a possible modern camp fire with stone surrounds was observed in an adjacent hut platform (see photo below) (NGR by basic GPS SN 15774/33636).



Foel Drigarn: Possible campfire. Scale 0.5m. View SW. 11/12/2012

A sheep scrape was noted on the SW side of the rampart (photo below) (NGR by basic GPS SN 15681/33558)



Foel Drigarn: Sheep scrapes. Scale 0.5m. View E. 11/12/2012

Proposed Actions

- Can the hollows (shelters) be repaired without further SMC?
- PC will visit the site in 2013 along with Bedd Arthur
- No action is recommended on the sheep scrapes, but these should be monitored during site visits

SAM PE 035 Kings Quoit Burial Chamber, Manorbier

A visit was made on 6/11/2012 while undertaking a watching brief on the adjacent Coast Path. No further disturbance had taken place since last seen. There was a beer can under the capstone (see photo below).



Kings Quite Burial Chamber: under capstone. View SE 6/11/2012

SAM PE 052 Garn Ffoi, Newport

Survey started and visited 6/3/2013. The results of the survey already indicate that the current scheduled area should be altered: there appears to be nothing in the northern part of the scheduled area; the barrows or hut circles do not appear to be particularly well defined and there are better examples elsewhere on the Preseli Hills; there are four potential burnt mounds to the east.

Proposed Actions

- Depending on the results of the survey the scheduled area should be altered to exclude an area that has no topographic features and include the burnt mounds and other identified features. Alternatively the site could be de-scheduled.

SAM PE 065 Garn Fawr Camp, Goodwick

The apparent problem with increasing the grazing on this site is the multiple owners and the lack of effective fencing. The site has not been visited during the last year.

Proposed Actions

- PC to monitor site on yearly basis for the next few years?

SAM PE 161 Rock Hewn Cross 220m west of Church, Nevern

The repairs to the stone facing were undertaken by Cadw works team in late March 2012. Mortar samples were taken from all of the disturbances. The mortar samples appear to contain cement. These holes were all photographed individually when cleaned out as I was working near Nevern Castle at the time. A specialist has been contacted about analysis of the mortar samples taken, but cannot give a guide price until he has received the samples.

Proposed Actions

- The repaired stone facing needs photographically recording
- Mortar samples should be sent for analysis costing, followed by grant application to Cadw

SAM PE172 Castell Mawr, Eglwysrw

Following the work done by Mike Parker-Pearson's team in September 2012, the local PCNPA ranger and volunteers spent a couple of days clearing vegetation on the site. The site was visited on 7/12/2012 when the volunteers were due to be on site but was postponed due to poor weather. More clearance work has subsequently been done and no more is envisaged prior to the archaeological work in September 2013.



Castell Mawr: clearance underway just north of west entrance.
View N. 7/12/2012

SAM PE189 Rath South of St James Church, Walwyn's Castle

Following two separate days spent in 2011 with the Walwyn's Castle History Group undertaking a geophysical survey (see photo below), a presentation of the results (see below) and discussion was held with the group one evening in January 2013. The community are very keen to investigate some of the anomalies and involve themselves in their archaeology.

Proposed Actions

- Would Cadw be likely to grant SMC for the local community to undertake keyhole investigations with assistance from PC?
- PC to work with group to explore funding opportunities to support such investigation, as some post excavation costs such as pottery identification would be likely, plus possible help from DAT community archaeologist.



Walwyn's Castle: Undertaking geophysical survey. View N. 25/5/11

This is a detailed archaeological plan of Rosemoor Fort, showing its complex internal layout. The fort consists of several interconnected areas enclosed by ramparts and ditches. Key features include:

- St James Church**: Located to the north of the main fort area.
- Rosemoor Reservoir**: Situated to the east of the fort.
- Mott**: A small circular feature located south of the central part of the fort.
- Ditch and Rampart**: Indicated by specific line styles as defined in the legend.
- Sleeping quarters**: Labeled in one of the southern sections.
- Scale Bars**: Three scale bars are provided, each measuring up to 60 metres.
- Legend**: Located at the bottom right, it defines the symbols used for ditches, ramparts, and other features.

SAM PE 194 Watery Bay Rath and SAM 180/181 Gateholm

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likely to be of Mesolithic date, but others are probably later. It is intended to undertake further field walking in partnership with National Trust during 2013 if this can be arranged with the tenant farmer who is keen to re-seed this field.

The backfilled Time Team trenches through the north bank, which is used as part of the Coast Path, were still looking very raw (see photos below).



Watery Bay Rath: modern entrance through northwest bank as consolidated by Time Team. View S, Scale 0.5m. 11/10/2011



Watery Bay Rath: Time Team trench through the bank as seen in the spring. Scale 1m. View N. 13/4/2012



Watery Bay Rath: Time Team trench through the bank as seen in the spring. Scale 1m. View S. 13/4/2012



Watery Bay Rath: Backfilled Time Team Trench towards the north of the interior. Scale 1m. View S. 13/4/2012



Watery Bay Rath: Backfilled Time Team Trench within fort just to the N of entrance. Scale 1m. View N. 13/4/2012



Watery Bay Rath: Backfilled Time Team Trench to the SE of entrance. Scale 1m. View N. 13/4/2012

Proposed Actions

- PC to continue monitoring consolidated footpath though northwest bank of Watery Bay Rath
- PC to visit Gateholm with National Trust Ranger to look at backfilled trenches and other erosion issues, especially near the north eastern end of the island and identify necessary remedial actions.

SAM PE 195 Great Castle Head, Dale

This site has not been visited in the last year but this site will be inspected in the near future to look at the cliff erosion.

Proposed Actions

- Monitoring at least every six months.

SAM PE 197 Crugiau Cemmaes, Nevern

This site appears to have been discreetly metal detected as there was evidence of divots having been dug and neatly replaced on the south and east sides of the barrow which has the trig. point(see photo below). This was reported to Cadw. The possibility of PCNPA replacing and moving some of the fencing further away from the barrows, and out of the scheduled area is being pursued.

Proposed Actions

- PC to continue with efforts to replace and move the fencing around the southern two barrows



Crugiau Cemmaes: Possible damage by metal detectorist. Scale 0.5m

SAM PE 265 Blackpoint Rath, Broadhaven

This site has not been closely inspected in the last year, but it is planned to do so in the near future. Recommendations below, as previous report.

Proposed Actions

- PC to pursue access possibilities with a view to sampling buried soil for dating and environmental evidence and also any other recording possible
- PC to photograph site from footpath in better light (not late in the day or into the sun)
- PC to see if this site could be monitored by Arfordir Volunteers

SAM PE 273 Porth y Rhaw Camp, Solva

The area of the small grass fire reported last year is growing back quite well (see photo below).

In early February 2013 torrential rain on already waterlogged ground caused localised flooding. The small stream running adjacent to the Coast Path washed away the retaining wall (see photos below) and undermined the lowest step at the west end of the outer defences of the fort. Water had also poured down the Coast Path to the east and through the new gap in the hedgebank (see photo below), just outside of the entrance to the fort, and had created a new "step", furthermore, this torrent of water also washed away most of the gravel surface of the path by the fort and caused some minor erosion the top of the bank below. These water flows have basically undone all of the repairs undertaken by Polly Groom a few years ago, except for the stone steps. As this flooding was considered to be exceptional it is intended to re-do all of these repairs.

The revetment wall between the stream and edge of the Coast Path was immediately rebuilt and the "step" through the hedge bank was made good as emergency repairs, after discussion with Louise Mees (a Scheduled Ancient Monument Damage Assessment Report will be sent in regarding this matter). It is intended to undertake full repairs at a later date, possibly with some footpath improvements, probably during or just after the summer. Scheduled Ancient Monument Consent will be obtained before undertaking this further work.



Porth y Rhaw: area of grass fire grow-back. Scales 1m. View W. 12/2/2013



Porth y Rhaw: water damage to retaining wall. Scale 2m. View E. 12/2/2012



Porth y Rhaw: water damage to retaining wall. Scale 2m (top). View W. 12/2/2012



Porth y Rhaw: water damage to through hedgebank creating a step. Scales 1m. View NE. 12/2/2012

Proposed Actions

- Scheduled Ancient Monument Damage Assessment Report to be submitted
- SMC to be obtained for further repairs to and adjacent to the Coast Path
- Recommend PC to monitor erosion and record re-growth along eroding inner bank edge

SAM PE 281 Tower Point Rath, St Brides

One day was spent working with the new area ranger and 8 PCNPA volunteers on further scrub clearing just inside the entrance. Subsequently the volunteers have undertaken another day's clearance. The site is now being intermittently grazed. The possibility of undertaking a geophysical survey on the interior is still being pursued along with investigating what topographic survey plans may have been done and if it is necessary to have a more detailed plan made.

Proposed Actions

- PC to visit site in 2012-13 to observe improvements and investigate the possibility of geophysical survey and if a detailed topographic survey is desirable



Tower Point Rath: volunteers clearing vegetation on south side and interior of the entrance. View SW. 1/11/2012

SAM PE 295 Castell Heinif (Not down as Cadw SAM time)

A full report has been submitted to Cadw on the re-routing of the footpath.

Proposed Actions

- PC: To visit twice in 2013 to monitor new route and erosion

SAM PE 302 Sisters' House, Minwear

During the last year a number of site meetings were attended with Glastir officers, bat, lichen and tree specialists, a tree felling firm and the tenant farmer.

It is expected that the area of the Sisters' House and adjacent woodland will now form part of a Glastir farm management scheme. The woods will be thinned or cleared and become a managed woodland over the next five years. The Glastir funding should cover the costs of clearing the difficult trees around the ruins, while the costs of removing the other trees should be covered by the sale of the timber. The first trees to be cleared are those that are causing, or likely to cause, damage to the monument. Routes for removal of the timber have been agreed which should not cause damage to the standing masonry or any underlying archaeology.

Timing of any clearance will be dependent on the implementation of the Glastir scheme, but also in particular to work around the issues of bats and birds.

It is intended that an archaeologist will be present at the beginning of the tree clearance work and also to monitor progress or any damage to the site.

Tree clearance is also expected to take place in and around the walled garden, to the west of the Sisters' House.



Sisters' House: "Chapel" trees causing damage to vault. View E. 11/9/2012

Proposed Actions

- PC to be on site to meet contractors at the beginning of any tree clearance
- PC to monitor during, and at the end of, each years' work on the tree clearing
- PC to make certain that any new planting is sympathetic to the monument
- Cadw are recommended to extend the scheduled area to include adjacent features, for example the walled garden and adjacent boundaries

SAM PE 303 Garn Wern, Goodwick

The site was visited in June 2012 after reported damage to the site; however all of the scrub clearance that had been undertaken by a local landowner was outside the scheduled area.

In September a visit was made to the site to talk to a group of special needs pupils, who were about to undertake some clearing of rubbish and vegetation on and adjacent to the site, under the direction of the area's PCNPA ranger (see photo below). The site information panel is all but illegible (see photo below). Attempts have been made to track down the original layout for this panel: it appears to have been done by or for Pembrokeshire County Council and cannot be found.

In January 2013 a report of damage and rubbish on the site were reported to Cadw: subsequently a site meeting was held with PCC. The ground to the west and the other side of the boundary fence to the burial chambers has been cleared of gorse to expose large natural stones. Some of this gorse had been dumped along the boundary fence, probably within the scheduled area. This gorse is expected to rot down and is not seen as a problem. In general this adjacent clearance is making the area look better as it has not been grazed for some time and was becoming very overgrown. However, the intentions of the owner who is undertaking this clearance are unknown and it is possible that there may be significant archaeological features within this cleared area.

Proposed Actions

- PCC are trying to find out the adjacent owner's intent of undertaking this clearance
- PC to undertake a walk over of the cleared area, if Cadw agree
- PC to discuss with Cadw design and replacement of panel. PCNPA can undertake this but it will need financing as the site is outside the National Park



Garn Wern: Pupils from Portfield School about to start clearance work on the site



Garn Wern: information panel in need of replacement

SAM PE 308 Tre-Gynon Camp

The Cadw Field Monument Warden, Louise Mees, reported in February 2013 that the information panels were in very poor condition and asked whether the original artwork could be traced. After making enquiries it was found that Brian Southern, Graphics Officer at PCNPA did the original panels, but the information is no longer held.

It is possible that an English language version is held with DAT.

Proposed Actions

- Try to trace original version of information panels at DAT
- Obtain costings for replacement panels and/or artwork



Tre-Gynon English panel. Photo Louise Mees



Tre-Gynon panels. Photo Louise Mees

SAM PE 312 Glyn Gath Round Barrow, Newport

After the PCNPA ranger reported vehicle damage in January 2012, the site was visited on 17/12/2012. There were no signs of any more recent damage, but the site had obviously been part of a circular off road route. The proximity of this site to the road leaves this site vulnerable to further damage. It is not intended to undertake any action now but if it recurs then rock barriers may be necessary along the road edges, although this will not stop motorbikes.

Proposed Actions

- PC to visit in 2013



Glyn Gath: old wheel rut damage to centre of barrow. Scales 1m. View N.
7/12/2012

SAM PE 323 Deer Park Promontory Fort, Martins Haven

It is gathered from personal communication with the National Trust that they are going to have another attempt at consolidation on the southern end of the site that has been suffering from erosion. Unfortunately the weather was extremely poor when last repaired and a lot of the re-laid turf was up-rooted by the wind.

Proposed Actions

- PC to contact National Trust to find out their intentions and see if they would like any advice or help

SAM PE 336 Dale Fort

PCNPA have established grazing on the site. A site meeting with Cadw has not taken place during the year to discuss the recommendations made previously.

Proposed Actions

- As last year - PC and PG: A site meeting should be considered to look at possible work on stones around the entrance and further landscaping of the spoil tip left over from the compound scrape. Possible topographic survey in the near future which could also plot the new fence posts and the spoil tip left over from the contractors' compound clearance
- PC to visit the site in 2013-4 to monitor the vegetation cover etc.

SAM PE 361 Bedd Morris, Newport

The stone was repaired and re-erected in late November 2012 and subsequently a report on the work has been sent to Cadw including the radiocarbon dates obtained from charcoal samples.



Bedd Morris: Stone re-erected and temporary barriers just removed. View S.
7/12/2012

Proposed Actions

- PC to photo again when new fencing is in place
- PC to monitor backfill and re-turfing in 2013

SAM PE 398 East Blockhouse (Henry VIII's), Angle

No visit was made in the last year.

Proposed Actions

- PC to visit in 2013 when in the area
- As previous - It is recommended that this site is monitored at least once a year, preferably in the spring as landslips are more likely over the winter. Of particular importance are the scant remains of the second building, more of which may be revealed as the cliff edge erodes.

SAM PE 404 The Old Castle, Newport

Site not visited in the last year.

Proposed Actions

- PG: - Is a separate report required on the panel base hole?
- PC monitor scrub and burrows annually

SAM PE 410 Gribin Promontory Fort, Solva

The RCAHWMW undertook the topographical survey of the site and have established base stations. As in the previous - PCNPA may undertake a geophysical survey of the interior. The vegetation in the rock cut ditch could be cleared as could some blackthorn towards the south eastern end.

Proposed Actions

- RCAHMW to output topographic survey
- PC to undertake geophysical survey of interior

SAM PE 429 Cottage, Mill and Lime Kiln at Caerbwdy

Proposed Actions

- PC to visit the site in 2013 to see if any work has been done to the site as part of the Tir Gofal agreement.

SAM PE 436 Limekilns at Kiln Park, Tenby

No action has been done on last years' recommendations which are listed below.

Proposed Actions

- PC: To look at history of limekilns in general within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, with a view to help with any information required regarding history of the site and putting it in context
- PC: To establish if building recording prior to consolidation is within his remit
- PC: To establish if PCNPA staff and/or volunteers are available to assist with vegetation clearance

SAM PE 464 Bedd Arthur, Crymmych

The site was visited on 11/12/2012. The graffiti reported last year was hardly visible: therefore no action seems necessary on this stone. Sheep scrapes adjacent to three of the stones continue to develop and may need re-filling in the near future.

Proposed Actions

- PC to visit early in spring 2013 and after summer 2013



Bedd Arthur: stone that had suffered graffiti, now almost invisible. Scale 0.5.
View NE. 11/12/2012



Bedd Arthur: General view. View NW. 11/12/2012

SAM PE 483 First World War Practice Trenches, Penally

No action has been taken on last year's recommendations and these are re-listed below.

Proposed Actions

- Produce detailed plans and photos of scrapes and holes then monitor at yearly intervals
- Possibly very small notices about WWI trenches could be placed on nearby Coastal Footpath gates

Frainslake Sands, Castlemartin

Peat exposure has been monitored by both the PCNPA Rangers and Archaeologist during visits and tours in 2012 and early 2013. The sand has mostly covered the peat deposits.

Proposed Actions

- PC to monitor annually

Trefrane Cliff Colliery, Nolton PRN 7266

No action has been taken on last years' recommendation and this is re-listed below.

Proposed Actions

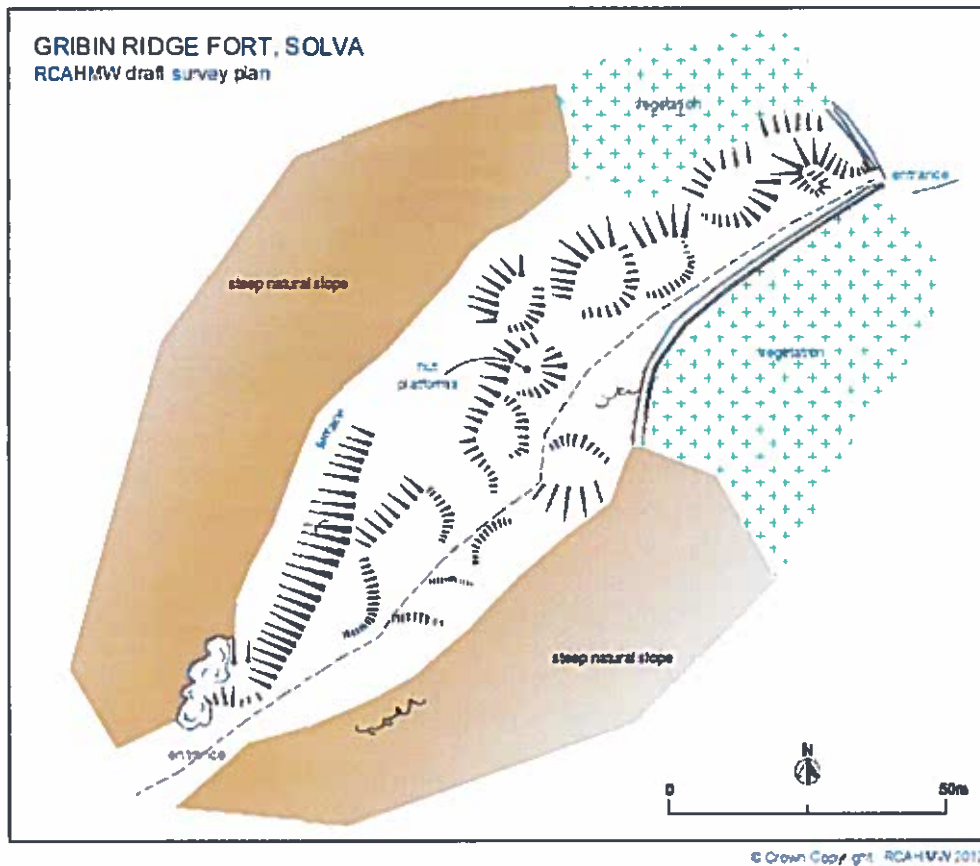
- PC to investigate the intentions of the new owners with a view to establishing a working relationship regarding this site.

Ridge Fort, Solva

Louise Barker from RCAHMW undertook a topographic survey and a provisional hachured plan has been produce. The site is looking very good with hut platforms clearly visible. This site formed part of a "walk in the past" tour of Solva.

Proposed Actions

- Recommend scheduling site when the final site plan has been produced



Solva Ridge fort draft survey plan (RCAHMW)

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