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**BETTER WOODLANDS FOR WALES MANAGEMENT PLAN:
HERITAGE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
(WHE1)**

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Ty Hen**

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INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

Historic landscape character & Archaeological and Historical content

Ty Hen is centred on NGR SN56314954 a little over a kilometre to the north of Lampeter in Ceredigion close to the county boundary with Carmarthenshire. The woodland lies within the grounds of Falcondale, the Italianate mansion built in 1859 by Talbot T Burry of London and home to the Hartford family from 1819 up until the 1950s.

Landscaping the surroundings of the mansion was a priority during the latter part of the 19th century. Sinuous drives were established, hedges were removed and copses and shelter belts were planted (Palmer, David and Laidlaw 2004, 37). This woodland parcel incorporates a combination of shelter belt to the south, planted by the time of the OS 1st edition (1888) to fringe part of the north drive, and an area of later commercial planting to the north which overlies several pre-existing fields.

Historic Environment Objectives

The purpose of the management is to

- Ensure the survival of visible historic features.
- Ensure archaeological deposits beneath the ground surface are not disturbed.
- Prevent progressive degradation of historic environment features by promoting sympathetic woodland management.
- Ensure the long-term preservation of features associated with historic woodland.
- Maintain or restore the historic configuration and visual character of the historic landscape.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

All historic earthworks, structures, archaeological sites and traditional buildings must be retained and protected against damage. The accompanying digital and paper mapping shows each of these Historic Environment Features and identifies a sensitive area surrounding it. These sensitive areas must be actively managed for the life of the woodland management plan in accordance with the following requirements in line with the *Forestry & Archaeology Guidelines (Forestry Commission 1995)*.

- Do not plant or re-plant trees within the defined sensitive areas surrounding historic environment features without the prior approval of Cambria Archaeology.
- Do not carry out any excavation or erect any new building or structure in the vicinity of historic environment features without the prior approval of Cambria Archaeology.
- Consideration should be given to lessening the visual impact of new planting on archaeological sites and areas of historic landscape interest.
- Do not site new fencing or vehicular tracks within the sensitive areas of historic environment features without the prior approval of Cambria Archaeology.
- Do not remove any material from the sensitive areas of historic environment features or deposit spoil or rubbish on them.
- Do not store timber or machinery within the sensitive areas of historic environment features.
- Do not use heavy machinery in the sensitive areas of historic environment features, especially in wet weather.
- Do not harvest or otherwise fell trees within the sensitive areas of historic environment features without prior discussion with Cambria Archaeology.
- Control scrub and naturally regenerating trees within the sensitive areas of historic environment features. Such vegetation should be cut off at ground level with its roots being left in the ground rather than pulled up or dug out. Ensure that machinery does not cause further disturbance.
- Remove any dead or unstable trees from the vicinity of historic environment features, leaving roots to rot in situ. Ensure that machinery does not cause further disturbance.
- Where appropriate, undertake regular brashing of trees within the sensitive areas of historic environment features.
- Remove brash or other dead vegetation from the sensitive areas of historic environment features with care. Ensure that machinery does not cause further disturbance.
- In areas of grazed woodland, grazing regimes and stocking levels should be approved by Cambria Archaeology prior to implementation. Similar approval should also be sought prior to significant changes agricultural regimes.
- Wherever practicable, repair and reuse original historic environment features, such as boundary walls, rather than replace them. Repairs should be unobtrusive and where possible make use of appropriate traditional materials and methods of construction. Schemes of repair should be discussed with Cambria Archaeology prior to implementation.
- No intrusive archaeological investigation (including excavation, metal-

detecting and field-walking to collect surface finds) will be allowed without the written permission of Cambria Archaeology. All such work should comply with the Institute of Field Archaeologists code of conduct and standards and guidance.

- Ensure contractors and all other workers are aware of the historic environment features and comply with these requirements. They should take appropriate measures to avoid accidental damage.
- Ensure that new planting and re-planting schemes are planned to avoid the sensitive areas surrounding historic environment features. Ideally these sensitive areas should not simply be left as unplanted islands in otherwise continuous woodland. Wherever possible these sensitive areas should be incorporated into larger buffer zones or clearings to facilitate access and ongoing management. Specific planting schemes involving historic environment features should be discussed with Cambria Archaeology at the planning stage.
- Consideration should be given to allowing / maintaining public access to historic environment features in woodland where this is both safe and practical. Specific access and interpretation schemes involving historic environment features should be discussed with Cambria Archaeology at the planning stage.

Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs) have statutory protection and consent from Cadw may be required for works to these monuments.

Listed buildings also have statutory protection and permission from the Local Planning Authority may be required for some works. Listed status may also apply to buildings and structures within the curtilage of a listed building.

Areas of **historic parkland** of national importance are included on the Cadw/ICOMOS Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales. There are also many non-registered parks of lesser quality but which, nevertheless, form an important component in the historic environment and require appropriate management.

Similarly, a number of **historic landscapes** are registered in the Cadw/ICOMOS/CCW Registers of *Outstanding* and *Special* Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales.

Sites falling into these categories are identified as such below.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT FEATURES

A search of the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) held by the Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust has identified the following historic environment features. These are listed and described below and are shown on the accompanying map. Each feature is allocated a unique reference (a Primary Record Number - PRN) which should be quoted in any correspondence. Other sites may be known to the landowner and these should be made known to Cambria Archaeology in order to update the Regional Historic Environment Record and where necessary amend management advice.

Each site listed must be managed in accordance with the General Management Requirements outlined above. Where sites require specific management this is set out below. These Specific Management Requirements are in addition to and (in the case of conflict) take precedence over the General Management Requirements.

PRN 56447 Falcondale

Post Medieval shelter belt SN56404943

A shelter belt is shown on the Ordnance Survey 1st edition map (1888) planted so as to fringe part of the north drive to the mansion

The following specific management is required.

Future woodland management should consider how best to maintain the visual character of the parkland landscape around Falcondale. Consider retaining or replacing any exotic or parkland trees present in the species profile of this woodland.

Sources Consulted

Maps

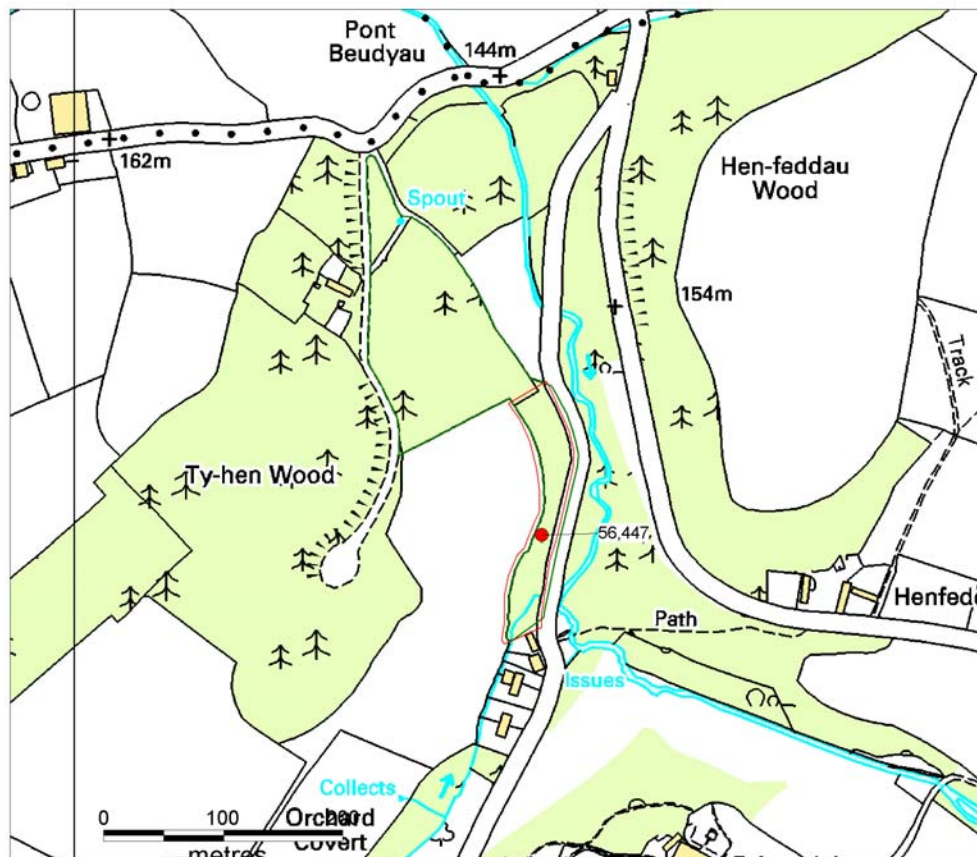
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Tithe Map & Apportionment 1843 Lampeter Parish

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- Farm Boundary
- Archaeologically Sensitive Areas (by PRN)
- Archaeological Sites (by PRN)

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