

This is a detailed historical map of the Brecknockshire and Radnorshire region in Wales. The map is oriented with North at the top. It shows a network of rivers, including the Brecknock, Radnor, and others, and a dense network of roads and paths. Numerous towns and villages are labeled in Welsh, such as Brecknock, Radnor, and various smaller settlements. The map also shows topographical features like hills and mountains. A scale bar is located at the bottom of the map.

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PROJECT PHASE V  
SITE MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Mynydd y Ffynnon Project: Background.

**1.1.1** The area termed the Mynydd y Ffynnon survey area occupies part of a large block of upland in the heart of the Cambrian Mountains in central Wales between the Castell valley on the north, the Ystwyth Valley on the south, the Rheidol Valley on the west and the Wye Valley to the east (see Project Design: The Archaeology and Historic Landscapes of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Area, prepared by Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology and the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, 1997). The area is bisected by the Ceredigion/Powys county border.

**1.1.2** The 'Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area' is defined by the above named rivers and the A44 trunk road, which links Aberystwyth with east Wales. The area is characterised by a landscape of open moorland and forestry plantations, rising to a maximum height of 573m OD, and is a land block that falls within the Cambrian Mountains ESA. ADAS and Forest Enterprise, as large landowners and land agents in the region, have developed a joint project for Mynydd y Ffynnon which is termed 'a new Welsh upland vision for the restoration of upland ecosystems' and is defined as:

*"a pilot scheme for the uplands aimed at restoring indigenous upland habitats and their wildlife conservation whilst ensuring that there are true economic returns for forestry and agriculture and hence the rural economy of the same area."*

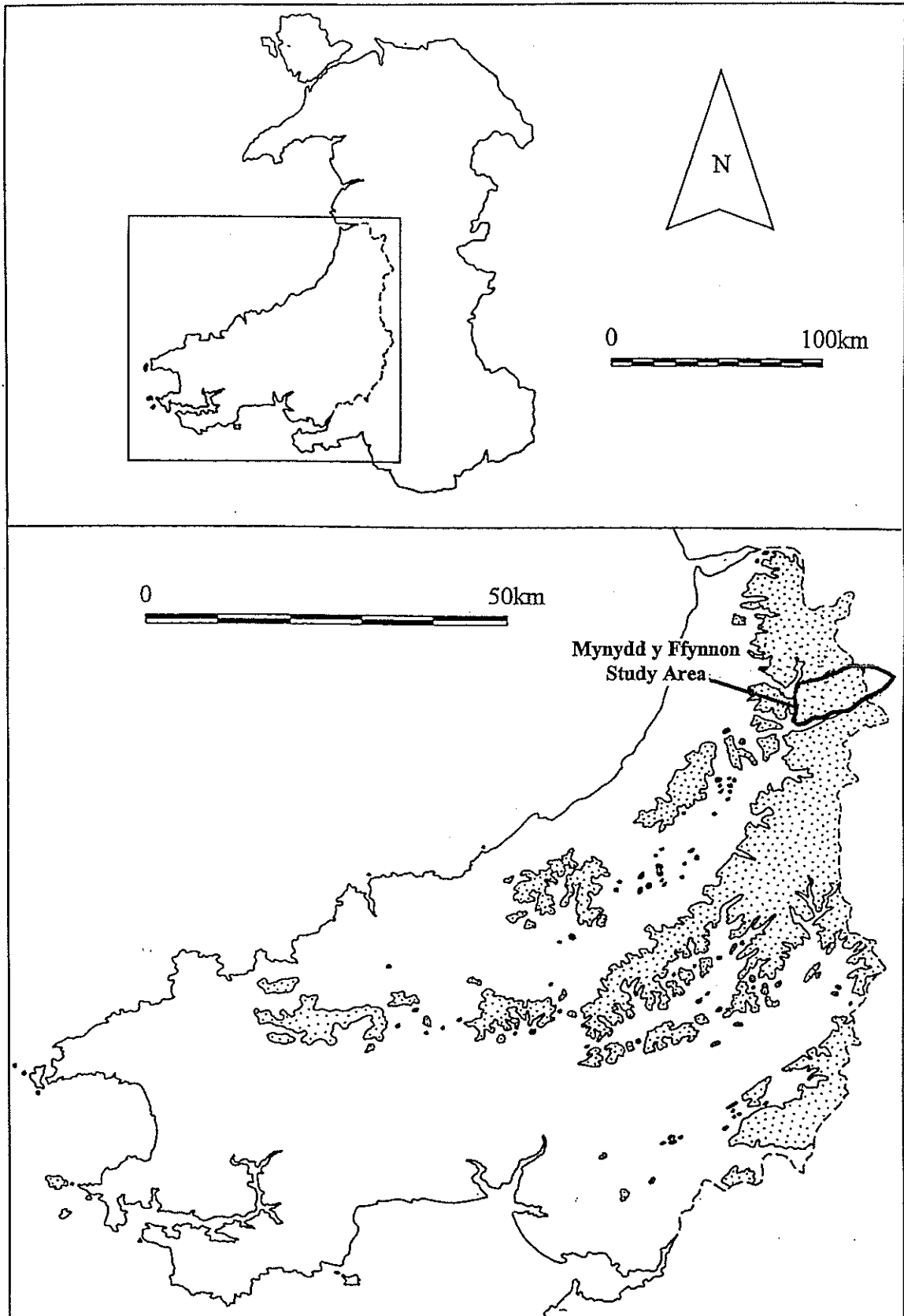
**1.1.3** Between 1996 and 1998, Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology (ACA) and the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT), after discussion with ADAS, Forest Enterprise and Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments in Wales (RCAHMW), conducted a series of joint archaeological surveys within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area. This report is concerned only with the management of sites located on ADAS or Forest Enterprise land. The work was carried out in the following order;

**PHASE 1:** In 1996, Phase 1 of the project, focused on an Archaeological Survey Area on ADAS owned land in the centre of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area. A detailed desk-top survey of the landscape history of the wider Landscape Study Area was carried out at the same time (Sambrook & Silvester, 1997).

**PHASE 2:** As a continuation of the 1996 study, a programme of detailed survey of blocks of upland and valley floor on privately owned land along the Castell, Rheidol and Ystwyth valleys. This work was carried out during the early summer of 1997, providing valuable contextual, distributional and site-specific information for the Mynydd y Ffynnon project and assisting considerably in building a picture of past land-use and activity in the area between the Wye and the Ystwyth (Silvester, 1997; Sambrook & Darke, 1997).

**PHASE 3:** Was carried out during the autumn of 1997 and was a detailed survey and assessment of known archaeological sites within the Forest Enterprise owned, afforested portions of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Study Area (Sambrook, Hankinson & Thomas, 1997).

**PHASE 4:** In the spring of 1998 the fourth and final phase of fieldwork was carried out. This involved the survey of ADAS owned land outside the Phase 1 survey area. It also included limited prospecting for new archaeological sites in select areas of Forest Enterprise owned land, focusing on afforested areas where few or no recorded sites were previously known, in the belief that closer examination would elucidate new discoveries. The forest block at Bwlchgwaller, south of the Ystwyth which had not been examined by Phase 3 of the project was also studied. An element of the forest survey of the Phase 4 work was funded by the FE WHA project in order that the project results might be presented in this report as The Mynydd y Ffynnon Archaeological Assessment. Phase 4 also produced the final reports on survey work in the Mynydd y Ffynnon area (Sambrook & Hankinson, 1998; Sambrook, 1998).



**The Location of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Survey Area**

**PHASE 5:** The fifth phase of work was purely desktop based and designed to produce two concluding reports on management issues surrounding sites on ADAS and FE land;

i) This report, which is a synthesis of previous work relating to sites located on both ADAS and FE land within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study area, providing descriptions and management recommendations for all such sites.

ii) A report funded as part of the Forest Enterprise Welsh Heritage Assets Project and concerned only with those sites located on FE land within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study area (Hall, Sambrook & Thomas, 1998)

## 1.2 Methodology

**1.2.1** This report is a desktop synthesis of the findings and experiences of the previous four phases of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project. The content of the site gazetteer is based on the information presented in the Forest Enterprise Welsh Heritage Assets Project report (Sambrook & Hall, 1998). It will be seen that this report includes fuller descriptions for some of the sites located on FE land than appear in that report. This is, of course, the only report containing management proposals for those sites found on ADAS land.

All sites included have been previously identified by earlier project reports, which should be consulted for site location maps. The only site location map provided with this report is Figure 2, which for the first time shows those sites recorded by the initial CPAT survey of the Archaeological Survey Area on ADAS owned land in 1996 by Primary Reference Number (PRN).

### 1.2.2 Evaluation of Sites

Each site has been evaluated according to the Welsh Heritage Assets Project criteria. The application of these criteria depends very much on the professional judgement of project workers. They provide a standard within which fieldworkers can confidently operate and a consistent end-product at the reporting stage.

The 'Archaeological Site Categories' guidelines which have been applied to all the sites in the gazetteer, are below quoted in full as a key to the terms used in the gazetteer. (Based on the Forest Enterprise Welsh Heritage Assets Project Brief for Archaeological Survey, prepared by Caroline Earwood for Forest Enterprise, July, 1998).

### 1.2.3 Archaeological Site Categories

For the purposes of management, the sites recorded in the archaeological survey have been divided into five categories (A to E; *No Visible Presence; Not Yet Evaluated*). The broad divisions between these categories have been drawn on archaeological grounds, but each is tailored towards specific management aims. Each category is described archaeologically, lists management objectives and gives a management recommendation. Sites may be defined as a discrete monument e.g. a farmstead, or a larger complex e.g. a field system or landscape.

Landscapes will be diverse and may include redundant field and settlement systems (comprising walls, banks, hedges, trackways, buildings or sites of buildings etc.), prehistoric ritual landscapes (such as barrow cemeteries, stone rows and settings), prehistoric settlement landscapes (such as hillforts with field systems), industrial complexes (such as areas of mining or quarrying) or relatively modern agricultural landscapes among others. The main criteria for selection is that the various elements should form a significant and coherent archaeological or historic whole. Survival and condition are not necessarily important when defining a landscape, for example the mediaeval Forest of Radnor exhibits little or no surviving physical remains but it is a closely defined area where the long term exercising of Forest Law has shaped the current landuse pattern.

Using these categories, an evaluation of each site recorded during the survey has been attempted and sites labelled accordingly. This evaluation process will only be fully successful where, (a) existing records give full and up to date details of the site's form and present state of

preservation, such as those already in the SMR or those with detailed records made by third parties such as the RCAHMS, or (b) where a visit has been possible as part of this survey.

Where insufficient information exists, for example where a site has not been visited by an archaeologist, it will be classified as "*Not Yet Evaluated*" in the database and printed gazetteer.

The categorisation of sites is an ongoing process requiring site identification and recording by Forest Enterprise in conjunction with the appropriate archaeological body. Categories are not immutable and where new information becomes available review may be considered.

The *management objectives* and *prescriptions* are intended to achieve either the preservation of archaeological remains *in-situ* (i.e. to retain and maintain the site in a stable condition and to actively protect it from further disturbance), or the preservation of archaeological remains *by record* (i.e. to preserve a record of the sites present state and form, but not necessarily to actively conserve it or protect it from further disturbance). This terminology is derived from government advice on the handling of archaeology in the planning process (Planning Policy Guidance Note 16 '*Archaeology and Planning*' - PPG16) and is that in common use in archaeology

The terms *regional importance* and *local importance* are used below as in PPG16.

The term *national importance* is used below as defined by the *non-statutory criteria for scheduling ancient monuments*. A site, or less commonly a landscape, may meet any one of, or combination of, these seven published criteria (period, rarity, documentation, group value, survival/condition, fragility/vulnerability, diversity, potential) and be deemed of national importance and therefore merit scheduling as an ancient monument under the 1979 *Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act*. Once designated, Ancient Monuments are protected by law and special permission (Scheduled Monument Consent) is required, from the Secretary of State, for any works effecting them. Cadw, who administer Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs) in Wales, and English Heritage who perform a similar function in England, may enter into management agreements with owners of such sites, and Forest Enterprise already has a number of agreements in place for SAMs on its holdings. These agreements are specific to each monument and take precedence over the general management prescriptions given below. Management plans for non-scheduled sites, where needed, will be drawn up with reference to the Archaeological Co-ordinator and the appropriate archaeological Trust.

## Category A

### ***Discrete archaeological monuments of national importance***

This category may include any site, whatever its form, which might meet the criteria for scheduling. It will by definition include all Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs). Many sites in this category may be recommended for scheduling.

The main criteria for selection will usually be the rarity, condition and potential of the site. Typically, sites such as barrows, hillforts, linear earthworks or significant (ruined) buildings might fall in this category, although significant find scatters might equally well qualify on potential or relatively modern farmsteads on group value.

#### *Management Objective*

To maintain and enhance as a monument of national importance.

#### *Management Prescription*

Identify and record with a view to preservation *in-situ*.

A detailed management plan should be written for all sites in this category.

## Category B

***Discrete archaeological monuments and landscape features of regional or local importance.***

This category may include any site, whatever its form, which while not meeting the criteria for scheduling may still be seen as of regional or local importance. For example, a type of site unique to a particular locality but common elsewhere, or severely degraded examples of rarely occurring types.

**Management Objective**

To maintain and enhance as a monument of regional or local importance.

**Management Prescription**

Identify and record with a view to preserving better examples *in-situ*.

**Category C**

***Discrete archaeological monuments of lesser significance.***

This category comprises sites which while being of archaeological or historical interest may not be worthy of conservation or active protection.

**Management Objective**

Identify and record as appropriate.

**Management Prescription**

Identify and record sites during the course of normal forest management, with a view to preservation by record. No other archaeological management may be necessary, but conservation and protection might be offered, as appropriate, as a part of other schemes.

**Category: No Visible Presence**

***Sites with no defined physical presence***

This category comprises findspots, sites noted but not accurately located in antiquarian references, sites known only from placename evidence, sites with only below ground remains and other reported sites whose authenticity is in doubt (e.g. certain sites which have not been verified by recent archaeological fieldwork).

Such sites will have no visible presence on the ground but may have buried archaeological remains. Findspots may be indicative of the presence of other archaeological deposits e.g. they might be part of a larger hoard or indicate a below ground structure not yet discovered.

Where poorly located sites initially placed in this category are subsequently identified and recorded it may be appropriate to revise their categorisation. Likewise further evidence relating to sites with below ground deposits and/or structures may lead to such sites being recategorised.

**Management Objective**

Identify and record sites as opportunities arise. Assess their nature and condition.

**Management Prescription**

Identify and record site as appropriate during the course of normal forest management. Sites that cannot be located cannot be managed.

**Category: Not Yet Evaluated**

***Sites which have not yet been evaluated.***

This category includes all sites which have not been evaluated. This may be because they have not yet been visited or because it has not proved possible to find them but they have not been shown conclusively to have been destroyed.

**Management Objective**

Sites should be located and visited to allow evaluation by a competent archaeologist.

**Management Prescription**

None is possible until such sites have been evaluated.



## 2. Results.

### 2.1 Recording and reporting.

**2.1.1** Information pertaining to the methodologies and results specific to each phase of the project can be found in the relevant reports and are not reproduced here. Each new site identified by the field survey has been given a unique Primary Reference Number (PRN) and its details entered into the relevant Sites & Monuments Record (SMR) databases maintained by the two archaeological trusts involved in the project.

The results of each stage of the project are fully reported in a series of reports generated by ACA and CPAT (see bibliography).

**2.1.2** This report deals with management proposals for all those sites on ADAS and FE land within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Archaeological Survey Area. Table 1 (below) gives the total of sites involved (NB: refinement of the SMR database means that the numbers of sites recorded here may be at variance with earlier Mynydd y Ffynnon reports)

*Table 1: Numbers of Sites included in this report.*

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Previously Recorded Sites</b>	<b>Newly Recorded Sites</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ADAS</b>	6	57	63
<b>FE CEREDIGION</b>	23	61*	84*
<b>FE POWYS</b>	9	5	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	38	123	160

*\*A further 73 records were created describing the component features of metal mine sites within the FE boundary. These are not reproduced in this report but are included in ACA's Welsh Historic Assets report produced for Forest Enterprise (Hall, Sambrook & Thomas 1998)*

**2.1.3** Each stage of the Mynydd y Ffynnon survey has added valuable information to expand our understanding of the settlement and land-use history of the district. The fieldwork component of the project in particular has added information which could not possibly be gleaned from other sources. A picture emerges of mediaeval and post-mediaeval settlement across the whole area, focused particularly on sheltered river and stream valleys and associated mostly with the use of the mountain pastures for pastoral farming. The search for and exploitation of metal ores has also contributed greatly to the archaeological resource of the area, with metal mine sites and associated features such as water leats and trial workings commonly encountered. Little identifiable trace remains of earlier historic and prehistoric activity in the district, although the handful of bronze age cairns found on higher ground suggest the possibility that evidence of earlier activity survives obscured beneath the moorland peats.

Such is the value of the results of this series of projects, both to local and regional archaeology, it is anticipated that the material gathered by the Mynydd y Ffynnon archaeological survey between 1996-98 will form the basis of a contribution to an academic journal in the future.

### 2.2 Scheduling Recommendations.

**2.2.1** Until now, no specific recommendations have been made to Cadw concerning sites recorded by the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project, with the exception of a number of deserted settlement sites on private land in the Castell and Rheidol valleys which were suggested for scheduling by ACA during 1998.

No scheduling recommendations were made by the initial Mynydd y Ffynnon Survey (1996) nor the 1997 survey carried out by CPAT in the Wye and Ystwyth valleys. Therefore all sites pertaining to these surveys, and accompanying surveys of ADAS and FE lands, considered suitable for consideration for scheduling are listed here and their particulars will be sent to Cadw upon the completion of this report.

**2.2.2 Sites on private land identified by the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project and already scheduled (not included in this report).**

- Banc Erw Barfe, Devil's Bridge - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 34866) (SAM No. Cd 176)

**2.2.3 Sites on private land identified by the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project and currently under consideration for scheduling (not included in this report).**

- Lluest Neint, Dyffryn Castell, Ponterwyd - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 34911-19).
- Lluest Nant yr Helygen, Dyffryn Castell, Ponterwyd - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 9423, 34903-09).

**2.2.4 Sites Recorded by the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project on private land recommended for scheduling.**

- Nant y Gafod, Cwmystwyth - Farmstead Mediaeval and Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 35170).
- Yr Allt, Cwmystwyth - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRNs 35163, 35164 & 35165).

**2.2.5 Sites Recorded by the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project on ADAS land recommended for scheduling.**

- Penygarn; Carn Nantillys - Bronze age cairn. (ACA PRN 8619).
- Bwlch yr Oerfa - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval enclosure. (ACA PRN 36241) (For extension of present scheduled area of SAM No. Cd 149).
- Nant Ysbryd Gwyn - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 37101)

**2.2.6 Sites Recorded by the Mynydd y Ffynnon Project on FE land recommended for scheduling.**

- Foel Ddu - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (CPAT PRN 13237).
- Bwlch yr Oerfa - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 25540; SAM No. Cd 149) (For extension of present scheduled area of SAM No. Cd 149).
- Nant Diliw Fechan - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement (ACA PRN 33233).
- Lluest Nantycreiau - Mediaeval or Post-mediaeval deserted rural settlement and field system (ACA PRNs 35259 & 35260).

### **3. THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE MYNYDD Y FFYNNON SURVEY AREA**

The overall range of historical and archaeological sites in the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area can be analysed according to archaeological period.

#### **3.1 'Stone Age' - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic periods (225,000BC - 2000BC).**

Little evidence of activity was recorded within the Landscape Study Area. Indeed, it comprises no more than a single, unfinished, stone mace-head (ACA PRN 11421) found near The Arch believed to be of Mesolithic or Neolithic date. It is generally supposed that the area was only used as a seasonal hunting ground for early communities, which would have themselves been based closer to the ancient west coast, in the now inundated Cardigan Bay.

#### **3.2 Bronze Age (2000 - 600BC).**

Evidence of Bronze Age metal mining in the Cwmystwyth area indicates that there was a more significant and permanent presence of human communities in the district from the 3rd millennium BC onwards. It is supposed that settlement would have been focused on the valleys which dissect the Cambrian Mountain block, but no archaeological evidence of such settlement has yet been identified. Within the Landscape Study Area are found several funerary cairns at Carn Bwlch y Cloddiau (CPAT PRN 816) and Carn Fach (CPAT PRN 1511) and Penygarn (ACA PRN 8619), typical Bronze Age field monuments. The CPAT survey of farmland in the Upper Ystwyth valley also identified several new cairns (ACA PRNs 38342-48) and a ring cairn (ACA PRN 35175) which are of probable bronze age date.

#### **3.3 Iron Age & Romano-British (600BC - AD410).**

There are no identified sites of Iron Age date within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area. Evidence for Romano-British activity is represented by the Roman fortlet of Cae Gaer (CPAT PRN 230) and the find of a Roman earthenware lamp on Peraidd Fynydd (ACA PRN 13157).

#### **3.4 Dark Age & Mediaeval (AD410 - 1485).**

There is no direct recorded evidence for human activity within the Mynydd y Ffynnon upland block for almost 1,000 years spanning the Dark Age and Mediaeval periods. It is, however, possible that by using historical evidence relating to neighbouring areas, or through analysing early post-mediaeval sources, we can gain a sketchy outline of how the uplands of the area were being used during this period.

One important source of evidence comes from the written testimony of John Leland, who visited Cwmystwyth during 1538 and described the industries of the valley. Importantly he described the treeless landscape around Cwmystwyth (Sambrook & Silvester, 1997). Leland implies that former woodlands had been destroyed by a combination of charcoal burning and over-grazing. This opens the possibility that the Mynydd y Ffynnon landscape prior to the 16th century may have included a mixture of upland pasture and natural woodland and that the rather barren moorland environment, which has been characteristic since at least Leland's day, is in part the result of human activity.

It is known that the portion of the study area which was within the Cwmystwyth Grange of Strata Florida Abbey (i.e. the area south of the Afon Mynach) was being used during the Mediaeval period as upland pasture for cattle and sheep owned by the abbey. Additionally, documentary evidence from the early 16th century tells us that the abbey was letting out holdings in the area to tenant farmers by the early Post-Mediaeval period (Morgan, 1991). Amongst the properties named in the abbey's rent rolls are properties such as Pwllpeiran, now owned by ADAS and Blaen Myherin (ACA PRN 33166), one of the now abandoned farmsteads located on Forestry Enterprise land (Morgan, 1991).

Whereas properties such as Blaen Myherin, Diliw and Nant Rhys may have developed as upland farmsteads by the 16th century, there are smaller Deserted Rural Settlement sites (DRSSs) or long huts dotted around the study area, on both ADAS and FE land, which are suspected to be

the dwellings of the shepherds who tended flocks on these hills over recent centuries. The regional term to describe such small shepherding stations is *lluest* (pl. *lluestau*).

Although it is certain that the *lluest* is a post-mediaeval phenomenon in this context, the origins of these settlements are less clear and it is not impossible that the roots of the *lluestau* lie in the ancient *hafod* system. This refers to the mediaeval (and earlier) practice of moving stock animals to upland pastures (*hafodydd*) during the summer months, when they would be tended by cowherds and shepherds who would remain on the hills with the animals. Unfortunately, there is a dearth of archaeological excavation evidence with regard to such DRS sites and our understanding of the chronology and function of specific examples is greatly limited. At present, it can only be speculated that DRS sites such as the remote examples recorded in Cwm Rhuddnant (ACA PRN 35263 & 35264) may have mediaeval origins.

### 3.5 Post Mediaeval (1485 - 1900).

Most of the recorded archaeology of the study area pertains to the Post Mediaeval period. In terms of both previously and newly recorded sites, there is a clear numerical bias towards metal mining sites and DRS sites in the archaeological record. Other industrial activities also figure, such as quarrying, as well as features related to agricultural activity and those related to the 18th century plantations and ornamental estate landscaping of Thomas Johnes of Hafod.

The Site Gazetteer provides details of all sites, therefore specific comment is not generally required here, but it is felt important that those sites considered to be of greatest significance are mentioned. The metal mining sites of the study area are all small or medium scale workings, but their historic and archaeological importance rests not with their size, but with the quality of surviving features.

Most of the mining sites are now found within afforested areas, but some smaller workings such as the Brignant Mine near Pwllpeiran are found on ADAS owned land. Previous studies have not endeavoured to investigate mining features 'observed' by forestry plantations. However, the efforts made during the Mynydd y Ffynnon survey to reach even remote and difficult locations has shown that forestry plantations actually hide relatively well preserved mining sites. This is as true of mining complexes such as Old Esgairlle or Tygwyn (Mynach Vale) as much as of single levels. The survival of features such as adits, levels, spoil tips, leats and wheelpits within the plantations in many respects exceeded expectations, although it must be noted that mine buildings generally only survive in plan, their walls having been robbed out or demolished. The leat systems which supplied water to Tygwyn, Old Esgairlle and Nantycraiau are all quite extensive and discernible, although some damage has been incurred along some leats with the construction of forest roads. Furthermore, the opportunity to examine these mining complexes closely has enabled the identification of more features, some of which may be quite early in date. The best examples of this is the large open cut recorded in the forest west of the main mine area at Nantycraiau, which is suspected to be an early working (ACA PRN 36765). For the first time, the component features of metal mines in the survey area have been given project record numbers in the gazetteer of this report.

Although one of the best examples of a deserted settlement site, the long hut at Foel Ddu (CPAT PRN 13237) was found by field survey and has no documentary or cartographic record, the late 19th century 1:10560 series of OS maps proved an important source which has enabled several new deserted rural settlement sites to be located. These small, rectangular, drystone structures, characteristically located in the shelter of a stream valley and close to a stream's edge. Physically, they resemble small sheepfolds, and indeed they may well have been used as such over the past century, but many may well have origins as shepherding huts. Some *lluestau* did not develop to be anything more than temporary shelters, but those positioned in the most accessible and sheltered locations often developed into permanent residences and their inhabitants made efforts to cultivate small parcels of land to supplement the meagre living that shepherding provided. A classic *lluest* would include a dwelling and one or two small fields or garden plots, within which the furrows of raised beds often survive; they were often described as being small oases of green in the drab upland landscape of the Cambrian Mountain environment.

The survey was not extended into the heart of the Hafod Estate, which has been the subject of recent detailed survey work by ACA (e.g. Murphy, 1996). However, the plantations and landscaping endeavours of Thomas Johnes of Hafod during the late 18th and early 19th centuries did extend northwards into the presently afforested area. The survey included a field examination of the original Johnesian plantation boundaries around Coed yr Arch and Coed y Cwn, north of The Arch and north of Pwllpeiran. Large sections of the earth banks and stone walls which were constructed to enclose these early plantations survive within the forest and have been plotted. Two features which are believed to relate to the activities of Johnes are to be found along the Peiran river, both previously unrecorded in the regional SMR. At the confluence of the Nant Hylles with the Peiran, the remains of a large earth dam were recorded (ACA PRN 35265) which may well have created a reservoir intended to control water flow down the Peiran and to the ornamental cascades which Johnes had constructed further downstream. Beneath Pont y Twll (ACA PRN 19754) which carries the Devil's Bridge - Cwmystwyth road over the Afon Peiran, the river has been redirected to flow through a rock cut tunnel excavated parallel to the original river bed. This tunnel opens onto an artificial cascade, from which the river flows into a deep pool. Edge set slabs can be seen standing in the river bed on its downstream margin, apparently deliberately placed to create the pool.

A fourth significant theme in the landscape history of the area, although one to which no specific sites are assigned, relates to the enclosure of common land between the Ystwyth and the Castell during 1865-66. By an Act of Parliament of 1865, the commons of the parishes of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf, Cwmrheidol and Llangurig were enclosed for the first time. The relevant Enclosure Award Map (NLW, 1865) gives no detail of parcel boundaries created by the Act, but it must be suspected that most of the field or holding boundaries within the central uplands of the Landscape Study Area post-date 1865. A series of boundary stones bearing the inscription 'W.W.W 1865, were recorded by the 1996 field survey of ADAS land carried out by CPAT staff (Sambrook & Silvester, 1997). They appear to mark the boundary of land enclosed by Sir Watkin Williams Wynne, however they do not respect any present physical boundaries. Some of the boundaries created after 1865 may now serve as forest holding boundaries, but there is not enough clear evidence to be certain of this.

## **4. GAZETTEER OF SITES**

#### 4.1 SITES ON ADAS LAND (ALL IN CEREDIGION)

8619	SN79847707	Penygarn; Carn Nant Lllys	Cairn	Bronze Age
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DESCRIPTION: Low circular cairn, approximately 18m in diameter and up to 0.5m high, with an apparently integral rectangular extension running off its western side. The main part of the cairn is located on the ridge crest and is topped by a modern drystone shelter, 5m in diameter x 1.3m high, and an OS Trig. pillar. An area within the southern side of the cairn contains many reddened and shattered stones, obviously affected by fire, probably a fairly recent event rather than an original feature. Two vertically set stones immediately to the south of the shelter (which is slightly offset to the north of the centre of the cairn) suggests that there is probably a central burial cist to the cairn. It appears that despite robbing from the cairn mound, the cairn structure is essentially undamaged.

The western extension is situated on the moderately steep west facing slope below the crest of the ridge. It measures 17m E-W x 5m N-S, but does not quite run down to the base of the slope. It appears to have been deliberately built and not to be the result of cairn stones tumbling downslope.

CONDITION: Remains a prominent feature in the landscape.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid intrusion by improvements to adjacent trackway. Schedule.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996; May, 1998.

9355	SN79317569	Llethr Brith I	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Cottage, probably late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in origin. Not apparently shown on the 2":1mile OS map surveyed in 1833-34.

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required in association with neighbouring dwellings (PRNs 9356; 9357; 9358;). There is potential for heritage interpretation of this group of settlements.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998.

9356	SN79247573	Blaen Dyffryn	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Ruinous cottage, probably late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in origin. Not apparently shown on the 2":1mile OS map surveyed in 1833-34.

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required in association with neighbouring dwellings (PRNs 9355; 9357; 9358). There is potential for heritage interpretation of this group of settlements.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998.

9357	SN79307555	Llethr Brith II	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Ruinous cottage, probably late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in origin. Not apparently shown on the 2":1mile OS map surveyed in 1833-34.

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required in association with neighbouring dwellings (PRNs 9355; 9356; 9358). There is potential for heritage interpretation of this group of settlements.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998.

9358	SN79317548	Abernant Cwta Uchaf	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Ruinous cottage, probably late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in origin. Not apparently shown on the 2":1mile OS map surveyed in 1833-34. From the parish tithe map of 1848, it seems that there were two dwellings here (parcels 147 & 155-56).

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required in association with neighbouring dwellings (PRNs 9355; 9356; 9357). There is potential for heritage interpretation of this group of settlements.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998.

14294	SN81218106	Cefn Blaen Myherin	Standing stone?	Bronze age?
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DESCRIPTION: Feature recorded by Ordnance Survey in 1978 and described thus; "This is marked Carn Gerrig (on Tithe Schedule). There is a small natural outcrop of near vertical stratified rock...which has broken up to give the appearance of a cairn-like feature, but no traces of a sepulchral cairn are present." No such feature was encountered during the field survey, and there is some doubt as to whether the OS attributed the correct NGR to the feature they described (it was recorded by them as being in Montgomeryshire, this NGR is well inside Ceredigion).

CONDITION: Now identified as a natural feature.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1978 (OS).

33220	SN82998077	Bryn Llychese Stone I	Boundary stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Sawn slate slab boundary marker. Resting against an old fence post and obviously moved from its original position, which was probably only 1m to west, where there are some loose packing stones. Inscribed on one face is W.W.W., with the date 1865 below. On the opposite side is an upward pointing arrow, above 1865. Graffiti on the stone mentions local farms e.g. Lewis Rhys Morgan, Nanrhys, 1897. One anomaly is a very weathered inscription apparently reading Jenkin Davies, Gwarddol, Pontrhydfendigaid, Nov 2, 1844; a date prior to the main inscription on the slab. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33221	SN81768102	Cefn Blaenmyherin Stone I	Boundary stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Nearly recumbent boundary stone. Sawn slate slab with upward pointing arrow above the date 1865 on S face and W.W.W. above 1865 on N face. Some modern graffiti. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996



33222	SN81828088	Cefn Blaenmyherin Stone II	Boundary stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Sawn slate boundary stone with upward pointing arrow on SW face and W.W.W. above 1866 on NE face. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33223	SN81858073	Bryn Llychese Stone II	Boundary stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Recumbent boundary stone. Sawn slate slab with W.W.W. above 1865 on upper face, upward pointing arrow above. Lower side not examined.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33224	SN81958076	Bryn Llychese Stone III	Boundary stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Recumbent boundary stone. Sawn slate slab with W.W.W. above 1866 on upper face. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33225	SN82438079	Bryn Llychese Stone IV	Boundary stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Recumbent boundary stone. Sawn slate slab with W.W.W. above 1865 on upper face. Eroded out of its original position on a peat hagg and lying on bare peat. Graffiti on upper surface at 90 degrees to original inscription reads to "Ellis? Davies, Nanty, Llangurig, 1919". Lower side not examined. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33226	SN80448144	Llynnoedd Ieuan Stone I	Boundary Stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Recumbent boundary stone of sawn slate. Upward pointing arrow above 1865 on upper side, W.W.W. above 1865 on lower side. Stands 10m from forest gate. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33227	SN80438128	Llynnoedd Ieuan Stone II	Boundary Stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Semi-recumbent boundary stone of sawn slate. Upward pointing arrow above 1865 on lower (W) side, W.W.W. above 1865 on upper (E) side, 15m NW of trackway. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33228	SN80568117	Llynnoedd Ieuan Stone III	Boundary Stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: In-situ boundary stone of sawn slate. Upward pointing arrow above 1865 on SW side, 1865 on NE side, upper part (i.e. W.W.W.) has flaked off. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig commons in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33229	SN81018113	Cefn Blaenmyherin Stone III	Boundary Stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Recumbent boundary stone of sawn slate with an upward pointing arrow above 1865 on upper side. Lower side not examined. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33234	SN81638104	Cefn Blaenmyherin Stone IV	Boundary Stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Sawn slate boundary stone. Recumbent, but packing stones near the base suggest that it remains in Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33235	SN80738115	Cefn Croes Stone	Boundary Stone	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Recumbent boundary stone of sawn slate with an upward pointing arrow above 1865 on upper side, presumably W.W.W. above 1865 on lower side, but not examined. Associated with the parliamentary enclosure of the commons of Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf and Llangurig in 1865.

CONDITION: Stone still complete.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-erect and preserve.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33236	SN80778111	Cefn Croes Fold	Long Hut?, Fold	Med?, Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Ruinous structure, defined by earth and stone wall bases. Situated immediately to E of E facing slope and modern track which has probably disturbed the W end of the structure. Overall shape difficult to determine due to disturbance but probably sub-rectilinear. Entrance on E side, possible small extension on E end surrounding entrance. Banks 1m wide x 0.5m high, which are probably turfed-over drystone walls.

CONDITION: Main features

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33237	SN80768100	Cefn Croes Mine Trials	Mining Features	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Line of 9 trial excavations presumably designed to test for the presence of a mineral vein. Trials vary in size from 6m E-W x 4m N-S to 10m E-W x 6m N-S and are up to 1m deep. The line is aligned N-S and they are cut into an E facing slope. The northernmost trial has been disturbed on its E side by a modern trackway, and is adjacent to fold PRN33236.

CONDITION: Well preserved.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33261	SN81477942	Long hut	Criplau Fagwyr Fach	Med?, Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Poorly preserved structure of indeterminate plan. Stone protruding through grass and slight banks define outline, which may be sub-rectangular or even sub-circular, maximum dimensions 7m x 4m. A boggy area to east may be a turbary.

CONDITION: Grassed over earthwork or stone wall bases.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33262	SN81487945	Criplau Fagwyr Cist	Cist?	Bronze Age?
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DESCRIPTION: Small cist or shelter formed by several upright stone slabs set in front of a small natural outcrop in small hillock. Interpreted originally as a possible Bronze Age cist, but the proximity of long hut PRN 33261 might suggest this to be an ancillary feature to the long hut; a small shelter or pen of unknown use.

CONDITION: Remains in good condition.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33263	SN81287933	Criplau Fagwyr Fach	Long hut	Med?, Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Rectangular stone built structure, quite ruinous, 9m x 4.4m. The structure is infilled with a large quantity of tumbled stone, some rough facing is evident on inside of standing walls.

CONDITION: Drystone ruin. In area of rough pasture with reed growth across the site.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33264	SN80987868	Cripiau Nantmelyn	Long hut	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Rectangular stone built structure 7m x 3.2m, largely infilled with tumbled stone. Some constructional detail survives in eastern wall, where coursed slabs still remain in place.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT:

33265	SN81097864	Cripiau Nantmelyn	Shelter	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Small sub-circular feature, stone built, diameter 4m. Probably ancillary to PRN 33264.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33266	SN80267825	Llyn Rhuddnant	Longhouse	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Rectangular, stone built structure, 11.2m x 4m, with 2 compartments. Large amount of collapsed stone inside and outside the defining wall bases, possible entrance on NW side of main compartment. The smaller compartment is small and may be an animal pen or storehouse.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33267	SN80347820	Llyn Rhuddnant	Fold	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Small, roughly built, sub-rectangular structure, 7.5m x 4m, defined by stone wall bases on three sides, with the NW end left open as an entrance. Possibly associated with PRN33266.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33268	SN80577813	Llyn Rhuddnant	Long hut	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Trapezoidal stone structure 9.2m x 3.8m, two compartments, with a stone wall internal partition. Possibly associated with PRN33269, which lies c.50m below on valley bottom

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement.  
DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33269	SN80607813	Llyn Rhuddnant	Long hut?, Fold	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Well preserved rectangular stone structure, with walls surviving up to 1.4m high. Single compartment measures 8.9m x 4.5m, with an entrance in western side, facing stream. Buttressed on SE corner and on western wall. Traces of a possible extension are seen on S end, where a stone wall base and possible revetment wall survive, obscured by a spread of tumbled stones. The buttressing and ancillary structures suggest this may have originally been a dwelling, rather than a sheepfold.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33270	SN81087798	Nant Ysbryd Gwyn	Shelter	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Small sub-rectangular structure, 5m x 3.5m in size, defined by earth and stone wall bases on east and west sides. Southern end sunken into the slope, northern end left open as an entrance.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33271	SN81117803	Nant Ysbryd Gwyn	Long hut	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: A rectangular structure, 12.7 x 5.5m, 2 compartments. Northernmost cell partly infilled with stone rubble, but the wall bases are low, wide earth & stone banks. Some water erosion has occurred, removing SW corner.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

33272	SN81117800	Nant Ysbryd Gwyn	Long hut	Med?;Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: A rectangular stone structure, 9.3m x 5.2m, infilled with a large amount of tumbled stone. Possibly has 2 compartments. Entrance on N side, facing stream. Stands on a slight platform.

CONDITION: In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Specific management plan, in association with similar sites and their ancillary features in the vicinity of Llyn Rhuddnant (PRNs 33261-33672). Protect from future land improvement. Monitor stream erosion.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** July, 1996

32893	SN81097869	Nant Melyn	Shelter	Med?, Post Med
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**DESCRIPTION:** Small sub-rectangular structure, partly scooped into ffoot of hillslope. Interpreted as a shelter. Measures 5m x 3.7m, earth and stone wall abases, entrance on S side, facing stream.

**CONDITION:** C

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.

**DATE OF VISIT:** January, 1997

32894	SN82007807	Blaen Diliw	Hut	Med?, Post Med
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**DESCRIPTION:** Small rectangular structure, 3.5m x 2.3m. Size suggests this is a shelter of some kind.

**CONDITION:** In ruinous condition in area of rough pasture.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.

**DATE OF VISIT:** July, 1996

35280	SN75257554	Brignant Mine	Shaft	Post Mediaeval
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**DESCRIPTION:** Small, probably unsuccessful prospecting shaft. Presumably associated with the nearby Brignant Mine (PRN25914). Small spoil tip downslope, but no mineral content seen.

**CONDITION:** Site composed of partly water filled shaft and nearby spoil tips.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Leave in present condition. Monitor condition of safety fencing.

**DATE OF VISIT:** May, 1998

35281	SN75497556	Brignant Uchaf	Platform	Med?, Post Med?
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**DESCRIPTION:** Easternmost of a pair of platforms situated alongside the trackway between the main road at the Arch and Brignant Uchaf farmstead (see PRN35282 also). Although now faint, the characteristics of the platform are unmistakable. There is no evidence of any structure on the platform.

**CONDITION:** The trackway has partially damaged the south-eastern corner of the platform, but is otherwise intact.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** A

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Specific management plan required, considering potential threats from use or repair of trackway and land improvement.

**DATE OF VISIT:** May, 1998

35282	SN75487556	Brignant Uchaf	Platform	Med?; Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: Westernmost of a pair of platforms situated alongside the trackway between the main road at the Arch and Brignant Uchaf farmstead (see PRN35281 also). Smaller than the adjacent platform. No trace of a structure was visible.

CONDITION: Intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan required, considering potential threats from use or repair of trackway and land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35283	SN75587556	Brignant Uchaf	Long Hut?	Med?; Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: Rectilinear earthwork structure, defined by wall bases standing up to 1m high. The northern wall base appears to extend several metres further than the southern and is then curved around to create the NW end wall, with an entrance left between the terminal of the southern wall base and the NW wall. This distinctive shape is shared by two similar structures in the locality (PRNs 35284; 35289).

CONDITION: The site has been inadvertently damaged by vehicle tracks and some silage fodder has also been dumped inside the structure.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Remove debris from site. Avoid further damage by vehicles. Protect from future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35284	SN75617559	Rhos y Gell	Long Hut? Mining Feature?	Med?; Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: A sub-rectangular depression measuring 9 x 5m, with traces of an earthwork structure comparable in form to PRN35283. Possibly an eroded long hut, but may be a minor trial excavation associated with mining in the area.

CONDITION: Faint earthwork site.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Protect from future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35285	SN75527545	Rhos y Gell	Long hut; Platform	Med?; Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: Platform measuring overall 20m long x 10m wide, on a N-S axis. Sheltered by a low rock outcrop on western side. The fan at the northern, negative end of the platform shows possible traces of a drainage hood in the form of a very denuded earth bank around its upper side. Definite traces of a rectilinear structure also survive on the platform itself in the form of earth and stone wall bases. This long hut measures c.13 x 5.5m. It is also possible that faint traces of an associated enclosure can be seen to the eastern side of the platform.

CONDITION: Grassed over site of which the main characteristics are readily identifiable.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan required, considering potential threats from routine farming activities (positioning of sheep feeders and vehicular activity) or future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35286	SN75557546	Rhos y Gell	Mining Feature	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: A linear trial excavation, c.20m x 6m and between 1 - 2m deep. Probably associated with a search for mineral ores in association with the nearby Brignant Mine.

CONDITION: Substantially intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35287	SN75557546	Rhos y Gell	Platform	Med?; Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: C.25m E. of PRN35285, and possibly associated with it, is a small scoop or platform cut into a gentle slope, measuring 6 x 5m.

CONDITION: Intact, but a post of a modern boundary fence has been driven into the middle of the levelled area.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35288	SN75507542	Rhos y Gell	Platform	Post Mediaeval?
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DESCRIPTION: L-shaped platform at edge of field, maximum length 14m x maximum width 14m. Appears to be man-made but may be a relatively recent feature.

CONDITION: Grassy platform.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35289	SN75677529	Rhos y Gell	Long Hut?	Med?; Post Med
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DESCRIPTION: Earthwork structure similar in form to PRN35283. NW - SE axis. Measures 9 x 4.5m overall.

CONDITION: Intact

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35290	SN75737551	Rhos y Gell	Quarry	Post Mediaeval?
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DESCRIPTION: Minor excavation in slaty outcrop which may be a trial working associated with a slate quarrying activity at Cynau Mawr, south of Brignant Mine, intended to prove the quality of slate at this point.

CONDITION: Easily recognisable, in open pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35291	SN76607474	Bwlch yr Oerfa	Long Hut	Med?; Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: Long hut, measuring 17 x 7.25m overall, on a ENE-WSW axis. Earth and stone wall bases survive, up to 2m wide in places and as much as 1m high. Displays three compartments, with a possible cross-passage between the central cell and that at the ENE end of the structure. Stands on a small natural terrace and alongside a minor stream. Faint traces of



a possible triangular enclosure occupying the rest of the terrace, south of the long hut, were noted.

CONDITION: Very well preserved, grassed over site in improved pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required. Consideration should be given to potential threats from routine farming activities (positioning of sheep feeders and vehicular activity) or future land improvement.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35292	SN77037483	Allt Gron	Long Hut?	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: An apparent long hut, measuring c.8 x 5m overall. Appended to an old field boundary bank on its western side. There is a possibility that the feature is of recent origin.

CONDITION: Very eroded with low earth wall bases. A drainage trench appears to have been cut parallel to the boundary at some time (shown on Forest Enterprise Stock Map 410YST06)

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35293	SN76617473	Allt Gron	Stone	Unknown
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DESCRIPTION: Small standing stone, measures 1.1m long on a E-W axis, by 0.3m thick and stands 0.7m high. Origin unknown.

CONDITION: Intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35294	SN77577444	Pwllpeiran	Reservoir	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: A small water tank or reservoir in woods east of Pwllpeiran. Rectilinear in shape, the tank appears to have a stone faced earth dam and measures c.33 x 16m. The dam is intact stands over 1m high at present. Water was fed into this reservoir by a riveted steel or iron pipe, parts of which survive; tapping into Nant Peiran just below a ford immediately east of the farm complex at Pwllpeiran. An outlet pipe was also traced, apparently taking water downslope to the SW, to the direction of Nant Peiran.

CONDITION: Largely intact, though silted up and disused, no longer holding water.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35295	SN77577444	Bryn Bach	Enclosure	Med?;Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: Faint outline of a denuded, rectilinear, earthwork enclosure measuring c.13 x 13m on a NE-SW axis. Banks have been long ploughed over and survive at 0.3m high x 3m wide. A shallow gully is seen outside at NE end. Probably associated with the platform PRN35296.

CONDITION: Denuded by agricultural improvement, but still recognisable. In open pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan in association with PRN35296.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35296	SN77567444	Bryn Bach	Platform	Med? Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: Faint platform of undetermined size, being a minimum of 10m long, or a maximum of 20m, x c.7m wide. On NW - SE axis, with the NW (negative) end best preserved. Sheltered by Bryn Bach hill. Probably associated with the enclosure PRN35295.

CONDITION: Denuded by agricultural improvement, but still recognisable. In open pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan in association with PRN35295

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35916	SN78437514	Chatham	Ring Cairn?	Bronze Age?
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DESCRIPTION: Possible bronze age ring-cairn, comprising a ring of stones protruding no more than 0.5m through land surface, sub-circular in form, measuring 7m ENE-WSW x 6m WNW-ESE. May be a land clearance feature or associated with the reduction of the nearby boundary bank PRN35917.

CONDITION: Nature of site not confirmed.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998

35917	SN78447510	Chatham	Boundary Bank?	Post Mediaeval?
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DESCRIPTION: A 15m long single row of as many as 12 aligned stones on a WNW-ESE axis, which disappear into a boggy area at the edge of the field. They are presumed to be the surface remains of a major but now ploughed out boundary bank which is visible in this area on aerial photographs. The bank originated from the direction of the forest compartments around Gelmast (to the NW) and continued eastwards through this field, turning south towards Cwmystwyth. It may be associated with the enclosures made by Thomas Johnes of Hafod in the late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries when creating his experimental farm at Gelmast and surrounding woodland plantations.

However, there is some doubt as to whether this alignment actually follows the line of the boundary described above, which may actually have passed a short distance to the south. This feature may represent an earlier boundary of unknown purpose.

CONDITION: Survives in intermittent sections in open pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998

35918	SN78347508	Chatham	Clearance Cairn	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: A small clearance cairn, 4m in diameter.

CONDITION: Intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998

35919	SN79547660	Banc Myheryn	Unknown	Post Mediaeval?
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DESCRIPTION: Line of stone slabs, 3m long along a N-S axis, clearly deliberately placed but purpose unknown. Recent road building has disturbed the land surface to the north and may have removed associated features, however, it is also possible that the stones were placed here

at the time of the construction of the road. They seem well set however and may represent the remains of a stone structure, such as a hut, peat stacking platform or shooting butt (in terms of size, this feature does compare with the shooting butts further to the south - PRNs 35922-23).  
**CONDITION:** Poor.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** C  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** June, 1998

35920	SN79297644	Banc Myheryn	Enclosure? Long Hut?	Med?;Post Med?
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**DESCRIPTION:** The drystone wall bases of a small enclosure or long hut protruding through the grass. The precise character of the site is unclear from surface evidence (it is not possible to ascertain whether or not the structure is rectilinear or sub-circular in plan), but it is certainly a man-made structure, c.8 x 7m in overall size.  
**CONDITION:** Readily visible but interpretation difficult on the basis of surface evidence. In area of rough pasture.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** June, 1998

35921	SN79577672	Banc Myheryn	Long Hut? Shelter?	Med?;Post Med?
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**DESCRIPTION:** Small earth and stone structure, maximum of 5 x 3m, scooped into slope on rise at edge of boggy depression. Possibly the site of an old shelter.  
**CONDITION:** Good, in area of rough pasture.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** June, 1998

35922	SN79457587	Llethr Brith	Shooting hides	Post Mediaeval
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**DESCRIPTION:** A group of four shooting hides arranged along the break of slope at the top of the steep slope of Llethr Brith, overlooking the head of the Nant Gorlan valley below. Each stands at the western end of a levelled area and survives in the form of ruinous, low drystone walls averaging up to 1.5m high x 3 - 4m long  
**CONDITION:** Good. On rough pasture.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** June, 1998

35923	SN79507565	Llethr Brith	Shooting hides	Post Mediaeval
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**DESCRIPTION:** Another group of shooting hides comparable with PRN35922. This group has six hides facing south-west over the confluence of the Nant Gorlan valley with its tributary, Nant Cwta. Amongst the group is a 14m long drystone wall base of unknown association and purpose.  
**CONDITION:** Good. On rough pasture.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** June, 1998

36241	SN76387502	Bwlch yr Oerfa	Enclosure	Med?; Post Med?
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DESCRIPTION: This enclosure is visible some 30m NW of the scheduled area at Bwlchyroerfa. The enclosure is rectilinear, measuring 33m long along its NNW-SSE axis, and varies in width from 18m wide at its N. end to 15m wide at its S. end. It is possible that the N. end was left open (or the bank has been ploughed out). Ploughing has levelled the enclosure boundary, which is now 0.3m high x up to 3.5m wide. Between the enclosure and the scheduled area is a small cut or unfinished platform 6m x 3.5m with a mound of earth at its downslope (SW) end. A second unrecorded feature lies 50m east of the scheduled area at Bwlchyroerfa, in the form of a small platform, 6m E-W x 3m, presumably an ancillary feature to the farmstead.

CONDITION: Low earthwork feature present in open pasture.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan. Consideration should be given to extending the present scheduled area around Bwlchyroerfa to incorporate the features described above.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

36242	SN79237591	Nant Perfedd	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Ruinous cottage, probably late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in origin. Not shown on the 2":1mile OS map surveyed in 1833-34.

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required in association with neighbouring dwellings (PRNs 9355; 9356; 9357; 9358;). There is potential for heritage interpretation of this group of settlements.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998

36243	SN79207547	Abernant Cwta	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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DESCRIPTION: Ruinous cottage, probably late 18<sup>th</sup> or early 19<sup>th</sup> century in origin. Named on the 2":1mile OS map surveyed in 1833-34.

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required in association with neighbouring dwellings (PRNs 9355; 9356; 9357; 9358;). There is potential for heritage interpretation of this group of settlements.

DATE OF VISIT: June, 1998

37101	SN61067798	Nant Ysbryd Gwyn	DRS	Med?; Post Med.
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DESCRIPTION: Deserted rural settlement comprising three structures, PRNs 33270-72.

CONDITION: Ruinous, but walls relatively intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition. Recommend for scheduling.

DATE OF VISIT: July, 1996



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## 4.2 SITES ON FE LAND IN CEREDIGION

5475	SN7652075550	The Arch	Folly	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3043

DESCRIPTION: Stone arch built across Devil's Bridge to Cwmystwyth road by Thomas Johnes, Hafod to commemorate the Jubilee of George III in 1803.

CONDITION: Complete, some modern restoration.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

5492	SN77497173	Bwlchgwaller Grotto	Grotto	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2021

DESCRIPTION: Not found by survey and believed to have been incorrectly located by an earlier survey. Suspect that the original record refers to Level Lampwll grotto, 1km due north.

CONDITION: Site incorrectly located.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: None

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

9178	SN78908010	Nantycreiau Mine	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3003/3004

DESCRIPTION: An ancient mine, reopened in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Lewis Morris. The uppermost workings and a large opencut in the valley bottom may represent the earliest activity. Fragmentary remains of buildings are still present. Subdivided into PRNs 36746-66 (see Hall & Sambrook, 1998).

CONDITION: Parts of site damaged by forestry operations. The processing area was covered by the construction of a forestry road in 1992. Most buildings lost but many features, including shafts, levels, open cuts and spoil tips survive inside and outside the afforested area.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed survey of surviving features. Safety aspects must be taken into account, see component records for more detail

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

9376	SN79057595	Nant y Maes	Cottage?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3036

DESCRIPTION: Site incorrectly located.

CONDITION: Location not accurate.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: None

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

11421	SN76507550	The Arch	Finds	Mesolithic?
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Compartment No. 3043?

DESCRIPTION: An oval stone, interpreted as being an unfinished macehead of possible Mesolithic date, was found near the Arch, on Forestry Commission land, probably during the 1970s. It appeared to have eroded out of a bank.

CONDITION: Find spot.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

13157	SN81508220	Peraidd Fynydd	Finds	Roman
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Compartment No. 4040

DESCRIPTION: A Roman earthenware lamp was found on Peraidd Fynydd in 1845. It is believed to date to the 2nd - 4th centuries AD and to originate from Egypt.

CONDITION: Find spot.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

19754	SN77567499	Pont y Twll; Pwll Peiran Bridge	Bridge	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3048

DESCRIPTION: Stone built, single arched bridge over the Afon Peiran. The river does not pass beneath the bridge but has been redirected to flow through a rock cut tunnel excavated south of and parallel to the old river bed. This tunnel opens onto an artificial cascade, into a deep pool below the bridge.

CONDITION: Intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Keep tunnel clear of debris. Consider for possible public interpretation and possible improvement of access.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

19896	SN77217752	Ty Gwyn; Mynach Vale	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3029/3021

DESCRIPTION: The Ty Gwyn Lead Mine (also known as Mynach Vale Mine) occupies a large area, effectively divided into three separate blocks of land by the Afon Mynach and present forest plantations.

CONDITION: The site contains interesting features, including spoil tips, levels and shafts, ruinous buildings and other structures. Safety problems are posed by a number of open workings which have not been previously highlighted and are not necessarily shown on earlier OS maps and site plans. Subdivided into PRNs 36767-89 (see Sambrook & Hall, 1998).

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan believed to be in existence. An overall management plan for the mine should be drawn up based on the management recommendations for the component records.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

25540	SN76387496	Bwlch yr Oerfa	Settlement; Monastic Garden?	Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3051

DESCRIPTION: Scheduled Ancient Monument (No. Cd 149), described as a mediaeval garden associated with the mediaeval monastic grange of Cwmystwyth. The site includes the stone footings of a large rectangular building and three earthwork enclosures.

CONDITION: Earthwork features visible and easily recognisable outside the forest compartment boundary, but an unassessed and unscheduled portion of the site extends into the forest.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan to recognise that the site is inside and outside the forest plantation. Remove trees from the site. EDM and photographic survey. Propose extension of the scheduled area based on survey.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

25868	SN79508290	Old Esgairlle	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4045

DESCRIPTION: This lead mine covers an extensive area and includes numerous component features, such as leats, shafts, levels, reservoir and spoil tips. Subdivided into PRNs 36790-803 (see Hall, Sambrook & Thomas 1998).

CONDITION: Despite afforestation and forest road construction, many of component features survive. Much of area recently felled. Some dangerous features present.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: An overall management plan for the mine should be drawn up based on the management recommendations for the component records. Safety considerations should be included.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

25879	SN82628126	Nant Fagwr Fraith	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3005

DESCRIPTION: Trial mine working.

CONDITION: Level remains open. The entrance is very wet as the stream pours over from above. It is also obscured by a large amount of brash left by felling operations.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Clear brash in order to make site more visible.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

25902	SN77407890	Nant Syddion	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3005

DESCRIPTION: Small trial level. Relatively large spoil tip lies outside the level mouth with little sign of ore bearing rock. Known to have been worked as late as 1913.

CONDITION: Level remains open, within afforested area. The entrance is very wet, with water issuing from it.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage to level and spoil tip during felling operations.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

25903	SN77707920	Nant Syddion, North	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3004/3006

DESCRIPTION: Trial mine working. There is nothing to suggest that much, if any, ore was found. The workings date to the period around 1898.

CONDITION: Entrance to level remains open to a height of c.1.5m, its floor choked with mud and water. Access into these workings is possible.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage to level during felling operations.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

25904	SN78207970	Nantycraiau, West	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3005

DESCRIPTION: Probable 19<sup>th</sup> century mine workings, including a shaft, levels and spoil tips. Subdivided into PRNs 36804-07 (see Sambrook & Hall, 1998).

CONDITION: Workings substantially intact. Within afforested area, but generally not overplanted.



**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B**

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Avoid damage to mine features during felling operations. Leave unplanted. Improve safety fence around shaft.

**DATE OF VISIT:** October, 1997

25907	SN78007830	Dolwen, De Broke	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3023

**DESCRIPTION:** Two adjacent shafts associated with the Dolwen Mine, of which little is known. Some spoil around the shaft mouths but no other obvious associated features.

**CONDITION:** Shafts are open and appear to be quite deep. Within afforested area, but not overplanted.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B**

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Avoid damage to mine features during felling operations. Leave unplanted. Improve safety fence around shaft.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

25908	SN78407840	Dolwen, East	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3023

**DESCRIPTION:** This may be the main mine site at Dolwen, but there are no traces of any structures either on the ground nor on early OS maps. Fairly large spoil tips present. Some 40m east of the tips is an infilled level or trial working, with two spoil tips nearby.

**CONDITION:** Within afforested area, partly overplanted.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B**

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Avoid damage to surviving features during felling operations. Leave mine site unplanted.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

25909	SN77507770	Nant Rhuddnant	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3021

**DESCRIPTION:** This series of mine shafts and levels exploited the same lode as Tygwyn and Dolwen mines. The precise boundaries between these mines are undefined and Nant Rhuddnant is here defined as the series of disused workings on the slopes of Pen Corbed, north-east of the Mynach Vale Mine. Subdivided into PRNs 36808-12 (see Sambrook & Hall, 1998).

**CONDITION:** Workings include shaft and levels which are readily identifiable. Within afforested area, some overplanting.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B**

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Minimise damage to features during felling operations.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

25910	SN78107990	Nant Rhuddnant, East	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3021

**DESCRIPTION:** An old trial shaft is shown here on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS 1:10560 map of 1891. Its relationship with the neighbouring mines of Mynach Vale, Dolwen and Nantsyddion is unknown.

**CONDITION:** The site has been damaged by the construction of a forestry road across this location. The only evidence for the shaft (which is apparently now beneath the road) is a fragment of drystone revetment wall to the north of the road and a large spoil tip to the south.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C**

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Caution should be taken in vicinity of shaft.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

25911	SN76557702	Llaneithyr Mine	Metal Mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3030

DESCRIPTION: There are several features surviving at this site, including several shafts and levels and probable building remains. Subdivided into PRNs 36813-18 (see Sambrook & Hall, 1998).

CONDITION: Numerous mine features visible. Safety of shafts not known.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage to mine features during future felling operations. Selective felling and safety measures around mine features might be considered.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

25914	SN75107535	Brignant	Metal Mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3052

DESCRIPTION: This site is recorded as an old mine on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map of 1906 on which a single amorphous tip is shown. A single shaft (PRN35280) has been recorded upslope to the north.

CONDITION: Site composed of partly water filled shaft and spoil tips.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

25925	SN75957191	Bryn	Shaft	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2018

DESCRIPTION: Shaft marked on 2nd edition OS 6" map of 1906. Not visible in the field, but a spoil heap on the east bank of Nant Ffin is probably derived from this working.

CONDITION: Presumably infilled. At edge of forest compartment.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

25927	SN75957162	Bryn	Level	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2018

DESCRIPTION: Disused mine level.

CONDITION: Remains open but is very wet, being flooded to half its height and issuing water into the Nant Ffin stream.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

25985	SN766770	Llaneithyr North	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. Unknown

DESCRIPTION: This mine remains unlocated. It was a short lived venture mentioned in a single 19th century source. It may have been in the vicinity of Llaneithyr Mine (PRN25911 above) although mine workings on the land of Erw Barfe, Ysbyty Cynfyn might also be suggested as a possible location.

CONDITION: Not located.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

33166	SN80007960	Blaen Myherin	Farmstead	Med?, Post Med
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Compartment No. 3017

DESCRIPTION: Blaen Myherin is located at the head of the Myherin valley. One of the most important and historic settlements within the study area as it is listed in 16th century sources as a property of Strata Florida abbey.

CONDITION: The present buildings at Blaenmyherin include a 19th century cottage, which is now in poor repair and a probably late 19<sup>th</sup> century L-shaped outbuilding in much better condition which retains many original features of its stable and byre.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

33190	SN77307900	Nantsyddion	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3021

DESCRIPTION: Small upland cottage or farmstead which has been present since at least the mid-18th century, but its origins are unknown.

CONDITION: Cottage is intact and maintained as a bothy by the Mountain Bothies Association. One zinc roofed stone outbuilding also stands.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

33191	SN77707860	Dolwen	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3022

DESCRIPTION: Small upland cottage or farmstead which has been present since at least the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, probably earlier. Its origins are unknown.

CONDITION: Cottage is intact and maintained as a bothy by the Mountain Bothies Association. Outbuildings shown on early maps have been removed.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

33192	SN77407870	Dolwen II	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3014

DESCRIPTION: A cottage of unknown characteristics is shown here on 19th century OS maps, including the Original Surveyors Drawings of 1820, although it is only noted as a 'Sheepfold' by the time of the 1891 1<sup>st</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map.

CONDITION: The site seems to have been buried by the present forestry road, although some earthwork banks remain north of the road which may be part of a paddock associated with the dwelling.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damaging surviving earthwork features during felling.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

33195	SN77107740	Tygwyn	Farmstead	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3029

DESCRIPTION: The dwelling here is a substantial, but ruinous, drystone structure.

A short distance to the north east an ancillary building is also seen, represented by a single, ruinous, gable end wall. A number of wide earth boundary banks run away from the dwelling.

**CONDITION:** The cottage walls largely survive but are threatened by several trees which have fallen and now rest on top of them.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** A

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Clear site of fallen trees. Avoid further damage during felling and leave surrounding area unplanted in future. Detailed management plan to include associated features.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

33196	SN76807770	Tynymaes	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3010

**DESCRIPTION:** 19th century OS maps show a cottage here. Enclosures associated with the dwelling survive.

**CONDITION:** The site of the dwelling seems to have been lost due to the construction of a forestry road. It is possible that archaeological evidence survives beneath the road.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** C

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** No specific management.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1998

33230	SN83907930	Nant Rhys I	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4024

**DESCRIPTION:** The earliest of two dwellings at Nant Rhys, replaced during the 19th century by the surviving cottage to the west. The outline of a rectangular building, presumably the dwelling, is visible. Probably an upland shepherding station from early post-mediaeval or even mediaeval times.

**CONDITION:** Some disturbance caused by planting and subsequent felling in the vicinity. The enclosure boundary has been damaged by earlier forestry operations, although some relatively well preserved portions of drystone walling still stand at its eastern edge.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** A

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Clear brash and leave as riparian zone. Avoid further denigration of enclosure walls.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

33231	SN83607930	Nant Rhys II	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4024

**DESCRIPTION:** Small upland farmstead which was built to replace Nant Rhys I during the 19th century. Nant Rhys sheepwalk was extensive and included land either side of the county boundary.

**CONDITION:** Cottage is intact and maintained as a bothy by the Mountain Bothies Association, but outbuildings shown on early maps have been recently removed.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** No specific management.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

33232	SN84217755	Bryn Diliw	Long hut	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4016

**DESCRIPTION:** This site is located just outside the fence of the forest compartment, at the top of a steep and unstable valley slope above the Afon Diliw. Historic map evidence shows the site to have been occupied during the 19th century, but its origins are potentially of early post-Mediaeval or Mediaeval date.

**CONDITION:** Comprises low stone and earth banks, forming a rectangular structure divided into three compartments. The eastern wall is beginning to erode over the edge of the valley slope.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** A

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Outside, but very close to forest compartment boundary fence. Full documentary, photographic and EDM surveys required in association with PRN's 33233, 35251 & 35252. Avoid damaging during felling operations.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** October, 1997

33233	SN84127744	Nant Diliw Fechan	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4015

**DESCRIPTION:** A deserted rural settlement which includes a ruined dwelling with an enclosed yard to its western side and an enclosed 'garden' a short distance to the east.  
**CONDITION:** Settlement survives in good condition with all its components readily identifiable. Presently unplanted.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** A  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Full documentary, photographic and EDM surveys required in association with PRN's 33232, 35251 & 35252. Potentially threatened by future felling or road construction work.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** October, 1997

34942	SN79018249	Ty'n Ochr	Cottage	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4044

**DESCRIPTION:** Site of cottage shown on 19th century OS maps.  
**CONDITION:** Dwelling site within plantation area undergoing felling at time of survey and therefore not viewed. Earlier observations showed that some earthwork boundary banks probably associated with Ty'n Ochr survive at the edge of the forest compartment.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** Not yet evaluated.  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Not examined, but care should be taken if any future forestry operations affect the site.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

35248	SN75907750	Llaneithyr	Field System	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3009

**DESCRIPTION:** Three parallel fields located on the north-western side of Llaneithyr cottage, the uppermost of which is within the forestry plantation. Large earth banks define this field. Probably late 18th or early 19th century in date.  
**CONDITION:** Substantial boundary banks survive mostly intact within afforested area.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Minimise damage during felling operations.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

35249	SN76007747	Llaneithyr	Mound	Post Mediaeval?
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Compartment No. 3009

**DESCRIPTION:** A mound of unknown origin, 7m x 3m, over 1m high. Possibly created by forestry operations.  
**CONDITION:** Readily identifiable, but overplanted.  
**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** C  
**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Minimise damage during felling operations. Leave unplanted.  
**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

35250	SN82418139	Trawsnant	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4037

DESCRIPTION: A rectilinear, drystone structure, probably a post-mediaeval dwelling, but of unknown origin, subsequently used as a sheepfold. Situated on a level terrace alongside stream.

CONDITION: Walls stand up to 0.8m high and are in good condition. In felled area.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Clear brash from site and immediate surroundings. Leave unplanted in future. Specific management plan.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35251	SN84137740	Diliw	Building	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4016

DESCRIPTION: Drystone rectilinear structure, measuring 10.8m x 5m, with walls over 1m high. Adjacent to the northern side is a 16m long x 4m wide walled 'alley'. The presence of this feature suggests that the structure was a sheepfold or some other kind of agricultural building.

CONDITION: Substantially intact. Not overplanted

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Full documentary, photographic and EDM surveys in association with PRN's 33232, 33233 & 35252.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35252	SN84257747	Coed Diliw	Fold; DRS?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4016

DESCRIPTION: Rectilinear drystone structure of unknown purpose. A field boundary abuts the eastern end of the structure.

CONDITION: Defined by ruinous, grassed over wall bases.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan, in association with PRNs 33232, 33233 & 35251.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35253	SN83377943	Nant y Gorlan	DRS?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4024

DESCRIPTION: A feature marked here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map was probably a small *lluest* type dwelling or a sheepfold.

CONDITION: The area has been ploughed, planted and felled and the resultant disturbance of the ground surface makes it impossible to discern any trace of the structure.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35254	SN77217633	Bryn Llwyd	Cairn?	Bronze Age?
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Compartment No. 3041

DESCRIPTION: The Original OS Surveyors Drawing of the area, made in 1820, shows a symbol elsewhere used to denote a cairn on top of Bryn Llwyd.

CONDITION: The top of the hill has been greatly altered by a small quarry and the construction of a path and there is now no surface indication of a cairn. If such a structure was ever present, it is possible that archaeological evidence will survive.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35255	SN79147676	Nant Hylles	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3035

DESCRIPTION: Probable abandoned shepherds dwelling located alongside stream.

CONDITION: Some drystone walling survives in the north-eastern compartment, but the south-western end of the structure is defined by reduced earthwork banks. Situated alongside a rough forest trackway which has already caused some peripheral damage.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Monitor stream erosion, stop use of site as turning area and roadway. Site should be fully excavated before felling, which will damage the site.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35256	SN75607570	Rhosygell	Quarry	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3053

DESCRIPTION: Small quarry. Probably recent - not on 19th century OS maps.

CONDITION: Within forest compartment, visible from roadside.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35257	SN83588002	Byrnant	DRS?, Fold?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4025

DESCRIPTION: A feature marked here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map was probably a small *luest* type dwelling or a sheepfold.

CONDITION: The area has been disturbed by a forest road and it is impossible to discern any trace of the structure.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35258	SN82968040	Nant Llychese	DRS?, Fold?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4025

DESCRIPTION: A feature marked here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map was probably a small *luest* type dwelling or a sheepfold.

CONDITION: The area has been deep ploughed and planted and the resultant disturbance of the ground surface makes it impossible to discern any trace of the structure.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35259	SN78657953	Nantycraiau	Long hut	Med, Post Med
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Compartment No. 3003

DESCRIPTION: Rectangular, drystone structure, walls standing up to 1m high. Stands on a levelled platform, cut across the hill contour. A stream passes c.4m west of the structure and c.4m to the south is a small garden plot. Known to have been in occupation in 1601 (NLW Cwrt Mawr MSS No. 602). About 100m further to the south is an associated field system (see PRN35260 below).

CONDITION: Both drystone and earthwork features are substantially intact, but some overplanting has occurred. Stands in mature plantation.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Detailed management plan required for dwelling and associated features (see also PRN35260). Should include careful removal of trees from vicinity of dwelling. Leave unplanted. May be considered for heritage interpretation.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35260	SN78687951	Nantycreiau	Field system	Med, Post Med
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Compartment No. 3003

DESCRIPTION: Associated with long hut PRN35259 and linked to the dwelling by a trackway. Neither the dwelling nor the fields are shown on any known map, suggesting that they were out of use by the late 18th century.

CONDITION: Substantially intact earthwork field boundaries with some evidence of cultivation ridges. Overplanted, within mature plantation.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan (see also PRN35259). Avoid damage during felling operations and leave unplanted thereafter.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35261	SN79978008	Nant Myherin	Level	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3001

DESCRIPTION: Small mine level and spoil tip associated with the search for mineral lodes in the vicinity of Nantycreiau Mine during the 19th century.

CONDITION: Level entrance infilled, but still easily identifiable. Within afforested area.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Minimise damage during felling operations.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35262	SN79958023	Nant Myherin	Quarry	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3001

DESCRIPTION: Relatively large quarry working with associated waste tips. This appears to be the western end of the proposed Blaen Myherin Tunnel planned by the Milford & Manchester Railway Company during 1867 (See PRN 35278 also).

CONDITION: Within afforested area, excavations and spoil tips clearly visible.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage by future forestry operations.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35263	SN79207783	Cwm Rhuddnant I	Long hut	Med?, Post Med?
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Compartment No. 3033

DESCRIPTION: Rectilinear structure comprising the base of a drystone wall, now much ruined. Probably associated with PRN35264.

CONDITION: The structure has probably been partly eroded by the nearby stream and some forestry activity has caused a little disturbance and left some brash on the site. Defined by low drystone wall bases.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan in association with PRN 35264. Threats from stream erosion and future forest operations should be considered. Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35264	SN79217781	Cwm Rhuddnant II	Fold?	Med?, Post Med?
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Compartment No. 3033

DESCRIPTION: A small D-shaped fold, defined by low drystone walls. Probably associated with PRN35263.

CONDITION: Partly obscured by brash, but otherwise in good condition.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A



MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan in association with PRN 35263.  
Maintain in present condition.  
DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35265	SN77797513	Afon Peiran	Dam	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3037

DESCRIPTION: A large earth bank survives on the southern side of the stream, measuring c.30m long and up to 3m high. Presumably a dam built by the Hafod estate during the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> century to control water flow on the Afon Peiran.  
CONDITION: Some damage caused by stream action and road construction. On edge of recently felled area. Readily identifiable.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan required. Monitor stream erosion. Leave unplanted.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35266	SN80107950	Blaen Myherin	Field System	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3017

DESCRIPTION: A series of stone walled enclosures are still visible south of the present dwelling at Blaenmyherin, although their precise plan and extent are unknown.  
CONDITION: Although now denuded, the historic field boundaries of the farmstead are still mostly identifiable. Within area maintained as open pasture.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35267	SN80147955	Blaen Myherin	DRS	Med?; Post Med?
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Compartment No. 3017

DESCRIPTION: 100m to the south-west of the cottage at Blaen Myherin is the site of an earlier dwelling. The OS Original Surveyors Drawing (1820) suggests that this was the position of Blaen Myherin farmhouse at that time.  
CONDITION: Surface remains represented only by a fragment of drystone walling built into a natural bank, but apparently including an old hearth. Within area maintained as open pasture.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35268	SN77227811	Aberdeuddwr II	Fold?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3014;3022

DESCRIPTION: The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map shows a small rectangular parcel here cut through by a footpath. Probably a fold.  
CONDITION: The footpath has been replaced by a forestry road but most of the boundary bank of the enclosure survives to the west of the road  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Minimise damage by future forestry operations.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35270	SN81198275	Nant Cae Mawr	Metal Mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4043

DESCRIPTION: Run-in adit on south-east side of Nant Cae Mawr, near a small waterfall. Spoil tip downslope, the size and composition of which suggests this to have been a trial working.  
CONDITION: Largely intact. Within afforested area.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage by future forest operations.  
DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

35271	SN77277507	Henffordd	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3050

DESCRIPTION: Ruined stone dwelling. Shown as occupied on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map of 1906.  
CONDITION: Defined by very ruinous walls.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35272	SN76557562	Penybwlch	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3043

DESCRIPTION: A small cottage stood at the site of the present car-park near the arch. Occupied into mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.  
CONDITION: No surface trace of the cottage survives.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35273	SN77207770	Aberdeuddwr	Field System	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3021; 3022

DESCRIPTION: Field system defined by earth banks survives in the forestry at the south-western end of Pen Corbed., Probably focused on the site of the now lost farmstead of Aberdeuddwr.  
CONDITION: System of field boundary banks survives within forest.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Minimise damage during future forestry operations.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35274	SN77967523	Tyn Nant	DRS	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3037

DESCRIPTION: An 18th century Crosswood Estate map (NLW Crosswood Deeds Vol.45) shows the cottage on the northern side of Nant Perfedd.  
CONDITION: Destroyed by the building of the forestry road. A fragment of an earth boundary bank associated with the settlement is still visible between the road and the stream.  
MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C  
MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.  
DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

35275	SN7676;7776; 7675;7775	Hafod Plantations	Boundaries	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3037; 3040; 3041; 3042; 3043; 3044; 3045; 3048; 3049; 3050

**DESCRIPTION:** Many of the boundaries of the early Hafod forest plantations can still be traced within the modern plantations. They include stone walls and earth banks, much as described by 19th century descriptions of Johnes' plantations.

**CONDITION:** Large portions of these boundaries are intact, but some damage has occurred as a result of natural processes, road building and afforestation.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** A

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Full survey required. Maintain in present condition. Some heritage interpretation may be considered.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

35276	SN77507480	Peiran Leat	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3048

**DESCRIPTION:** An old leat can be traced though the plantation here, tapping into the Afon Peiran about 300m north of Pwll Peiran and rejoining the river a short distance south of the farm complex.

**CONDITION:** Much of course readily traceable.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Minimise damage by future forestry operations.

**DATE OF VISIT:** September, 1997

35277	SN79958252	Blaen Ergyr	Metal mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4045

**DESCRIPTION:** Run-in level with a fairly large spoil mound to south-west. Not shown on any known map.

**CONDITION:** Site now well grassed over and in good condition. Surrounding area has been clear felled.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.

**DATE OF VISIT:** October, 1997

35278	SN81728158	Pistyll Fawr	Quarry	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4038

**DESCRIPTION:** The cut of the eastern end of the Blaen Myherin Railway Tunnel proposed by the Milford & Manchester Railway Company as part of a new railway line connecting the Wye and Myherin valleys, intended for construction in 1867 (see PRN 35262).

**CONDITION:** Substantial linear excavation in felled area.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** B

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** Maintain in present condition.

**DATE OF VISIT:** October, 1997

35279	SN77897538	Sgubor Fawr	Farmstead	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3037

**DESCRIPTION:** The site of the farmstead of Sgubor Fawr, shown on the 1847 Llanfihangel y Creuddyn Uchaf parish tithe map.

**CONDITION:** No trace of the dwelling was found during survey.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY:** No visible presence.

**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:** No specific management.

**DATE OF VISIT:** October, 1997

35924	SN79408040	Nantycreiau Trials	Trial workings	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3002

DESCRIPTION: A series of excavated pits NE of the head of the Nantycreiau valley. Some 7 pits were identified, each 1m or more deep x 2 or 3m wide and up to 10m long. Probably associated with the search for mineral deposits by the Nantycreiau Mine. Date not known.  
 CONDITION: Intact and easily visible in upland moorland environment.  
 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.  
 DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35925	SN8377	Diliw Field Boundaries	Boundary banks	Med?;Post Med?
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Compartment No.4015;4016

DESCRIPTION: Along the southern side of the Diliw Fechan, a number of earthwork field boundaries survive in dense plantations, presumably associated with settlements around the confluence of the Diliw Fechan and Afon Diliw.  
 CONDITION: Extent of boundaries not determined due to dense plantation.  
 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Minimise damage by future forestry operations.  
 DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35926	SN77917780	Dol Rhuddnant	Building	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3021

DESCRIPTION: Ruinous remains of a small rectilinear stone building, possibly associated with the nearby Mynach Vale mine complex. Traces of drystone walling evident.  
 CONDITION: Disturbed by planting and partly obscured by vegetation and fallen tree debris. Very ruinous.  
 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage by future felling operations. Leave unplanted.  
 DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35927	SN79307796	Rhuddnant Platform	Platform	Med?;Post Med?
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Compartment No.3033

DESCRIPTION: Bare platform, roughly 5m x 5m, cut into fairly steep slope overlooking Afon Rhuddnant. No associated structures noted in immediate vicinity.  
 CONDITION: Intact, within afforested area.  
 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B  
 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Avoid damage by future felling operations. Leave unplanted.  
 DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35929	SN79918120	Llynnoedd Ieuan	Dam	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3057

DESCRIPTION: Undated earthwork dam associated with supplying water to mines in the Nantycreiau or Castell mines.  
 CONDITION: Intact.  
 MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A  
 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan in association with Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoir and leat system, PRN's 35930-35933, 36819. Maintain in present condition.  
 DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35930	SN79988109	Llyn Newydd	Dam	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3057

DESCRIPTION: Stone revetted dam between two natural rock outcrops. A rock cut spillway exists a short distance to the south. Associated with supplying water to mines in the Nantycreiau or Castell mines. The reservoir is not shown on 1834 2":1mile OS map.

CONDITION: Intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan in association with Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoir and leat system PRN's 35929, 35931-35933, 36819. Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35931	SN79918120; SN78207978	Llynnoedd Ieuan	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3002

DESCRIPTION: Undated leat which supplied the Nantycreiau and Castell mines. Originates from the westernmost of the Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoirs, outside FE boundary. Crosses FE land towards Nantycreiau, uniting with leat PRN35932; a single leat then proceeding westwards past Nantycreiau.

CONDITION: Substantially intact. Runs across open moorland and also through forestry towards its south-western end.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan in association with Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoir and leat system PRN's 35929-30, 35932-35933, 36819. Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35932	SN79918120; SN79448092	Llynnoedd Ieuan	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3001;3002;3057

DESCRIPTION: Undated leat associated with supplying water to the Nantycreiau or Castell mines. Flows from the central of the three reservoirs at Llynnoedd Ieuan. See PRN35931.

CONDITION: Substantially intact. Runs across open moorland and also through forestry towards its south-western end.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan (in association with Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoir and leat system PRN's 35929-35931, 35933, 36819).

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35933	SN79988109; SN79288032	Llyn Newydd	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.3001;3002;3057

DESCRIPTION: Undated leat, flows from Llyn Newydd, the easternmost and latest dating of the three reservoirs at Llynnoedd Ieuan. This leat is probably mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and was associated solely with supplying water to Nantycreiau mine.

CONDITION: Substantially intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan (in association with Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoir and leat system PRN's 35929-35932, 36819).

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

35934	SN77067211	Nant Bwlchgwalter	Sheep wash?; Dam?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2019

DESCRIPTION: A probable sheep wash on Nant Bwlchgwalter. Alternatively, there may have been a small reservoir or pond created here by damming the stream, associated with water management or landscaping by the Hafod estate.

CONDITION: No physical presence detected by survey. Area now afforested.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35935	SN77217198	Nant Bwlchgwalter	Sheep wash	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2021

DESCRIPTION: Shown on the 1964 OS 1:10560 map. A probable sheep wash on the Nant Bwlchgwalter stream.

CONDITION: Fragmentary traces of a stone structure were noted at this point in the field.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35936	SN77337188	Nant Bwlchgwalter	Long hut?; Fold	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2021

DESCRIPTION: Site consists of a rectilinear drystone structure, measuring 9.9m x 5.4m. The walls display evidence of repair and rebuilding and stand up to 1.5m. Although likely to have been used as a sheepfold, the origins of the structure may have been as a dwelling.

CONDITION: Good. In recently felled area but relatively clear of brash.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan. Leave unplanted.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35937	SN77757227	Cwm Nant Gau	Long Hut	Post Mediaeval?
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Compartment No.2021

DESCRIPTION: On a spur in a meander of Nant Gau, now within the forest plantation. Remains of a single cell rectilinear long hut, measuring 8m x 5.2m.

CONDITION: Traces of drystone walling visible. Largely obscured by vegetation and fallen trees but apparently in fairly good condition.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Specific management plan required. Consideration might be given to removing debris and felling trees in immediate vicinity of site.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35939	SN77997173	Cwm Nant Gau	Sunken Shelter?; Shelter?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2021

DESCRIPTION: Ruins of a narrow and elongated drystone structure on the west bank of the Nant Gau stream. Compares with 'sunken shelters' recorded in other districts and may represent a storage building associated with neighbouring settlements.

CONDITION: Ruinous and partly obscured by brash from within the deforested area to the west.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Site outside FE boundary but affected by debris falling from within the forestry. Location of site should be noted during future forestry operations in adjacent area.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35942	SN78467108	Blaen Cwm Nant Gau	Long hut?; Shelter?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2018

DESCRIPTION: Remains of a rectilinear structure, with a drystone wall base 7m x 3m, generally less than 0.4m high.

CONDITION: Within forest plantation, but relatively undisturbed.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Remove trees from immediate vicinity and leave unplanted.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35943	SN75957191	Bryn	Mining feature	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2018

DESCRIPTION: Within the forest plantation, near the site of a recorded mine shaft (PRN25925) is a small, undated opencut mine working, c.30m x 8m x up to 2m deep. 100m to the NNE, at the end of a forest ride, is a smaller trial excavation pit.

CONDITION: Substantially intact and unplanted.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

35944	SN75767209	Bryn	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.2018

DESCRIPTION: At this point an old leat emerges from the forest. It can be seen to continue NNE towards an old mine shaft and level outside the FE boundary (PRN25992). It must have tapped into Nant Ffin in the vicinity of the mine workings described above (PRN25925).

CONDITION: Little evidence survives within forestry.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1998

36619	SN792208050	Nantycraiau	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 3002

DESCRIPTION: Branch of a leat which carried water from Llynnoedd Ieuan to mine workings at Nantycraiau and the Castell Valley.

CONDITION: Course still traceable as a linear earthwork, but no longer carries water.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan in association with Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoir and leat system, PRN's 35929-35933. Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

36820	SN79308290	Esgairlle	Shaft	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4045

DESCRIPTION: Single shaft belonging to the Esgairlle Mine complex, which mostly lies outside Forest Commission land.

CONDITION: The shaft mouth is now blocked and fenced off, but there is no indication as to how the shaft was closed and it may still be dangerous.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Improve safety fencing.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

37101	SN7980,7981	Llynnoedd Ieuan	Leat System	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.

DESCRIPTION: General PRN for the whole Llynnoedd Ieuan Reservoir and leat system, including PRNs 35929-33 and PRN36819.

CONDITION: Substantially intact.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Management plan to include Llynnoedd Ieuan reservoirs and leats, PRN's 35929-35933 & 36819. Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998



### 4.3 SITES ON FE LAND IN POWYS

230	SN82368189	Cae Gaer	Fort	Roman
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Compartment No. 4036

DESCRIPTION: Roman fort situated on a spur between two stream valleys. Partial excavation in 1913 showed that the fort was of earth and timber construction. Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM No. MG057).

CONDITION: Earthworks readily visible and identifiable. Fort not overplanted, surrounding ground now cleared of trees.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition. Ensure site management plan is in place.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

816	SN85377867	Carn Bwlch y Cloddiau	Round Barrow	Bronze Age
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Compartment No. 4019

DESCRIPTION: Remains of a round cairn. Some upright slabs now exposed may indicate a possible robbed out central cist. Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM No. MG087).

CONDITION: Not overplanted, now in forest ride. Stone has been robbed from the cairn to build two small shelters on the mound, but the cairn is clearly definable.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition. Ensure site management plan is in place.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

1511	SN85707926	Carn Fach	Round Barrow	Bronze Age
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Compartment No. 4012

DESCRIPTION: Round cairn, approximately 12m in diameter and up to 0.6m high. Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM No. MG088).

CONDITION: Not overplanted, now in forest ride. Has been robbed of stone used to construct a large shelter which stands a few metres to the north east. The cairn is clearly definable.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition. Ensure site management plan is in place.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

3467	SN85007900	Esgair Ychion	Road	Mediaeval
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Compartment No.?

DESCRIPTION: A paved road was discovered in this vicinity by one Rev. Davies and ascribed to the monks of Strata Florida, being a route which connected their lands in Cwmystwyth with Llangurig parish.

CONDITION: No surface evidence of this road now survives. Area afforested.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

13236	SN88148007	Hendy Barn	Barn? Dwelling?	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No.4046

DESCRIPTION: Rectangular building depicted on the 1846 Llangurig parish tithe map. An adjacent field was named Cae Ysgubor, a name which suggests that the building was being used as a field barn.

CONDITION: No surface evidence of this structure now survives, although the land where it stood is now open ground.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: No visible presence.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: September, 1997

13237	SN86648010	Foel Ddu	Long Hut	Med?; Post Med?
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Compartment No.4010

DESCRIPTION: Well preserved remains of rectangular building measuring 12m x 7m. Defined by turf covered wall bases c.2m wide, up to a maximum of 0.75m high, containing some stone. No internal features noted on surface. Situated in open forest ride on dry natural terrace.

CONDITION: Very well preserved and partially grassed over. In forest ride.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: A

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition. Recommended for scheduling.

DATE OF VISIT: May, 1998

22077	SN83958001	Ffos Bryn Du	Quarry	Modern
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Compartment No. 4022

DESCRIPTION: Small, modern quarry.

CONDITION: Forestry quarry in recent use.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

22078	SN84558206	Pant Mawr	Metal Mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4033

DESCRIPTION: Level cut into back of 8m high waterfall. Length of workings is not known, but small spoil tip suggests that this was an unproductive 19th century trial working.

CONDITION: Roof collapse has partly blocked entrance and the workings are substantially flooded, access should be considered highly dangerous.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

26986	SN84558207	Pant Mawr Wood	Building	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4033

DESCRIPTION: Rectangular building probably associated with nearby mine workings.

CONDITION: Very ruinous, defined by wall bases. Some trees planted on site.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Remove trees from site. Avoid damage during felling and leave unplanted.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

26987	SN84928186	Pant Mawr	Metal Mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4033

DESCRIPTION: Level cut into the west bank the stream. With a fairly large spoil tip downslope. There is no evidence of ore being found here and the working is probably a 19th century trial related to activity at the Nanty Mine.

CONDITION: Now obscured by vegetation and fallen trees, but still open, with running water issuing from its mouth. The workings are believed to be c.40m long but are largely flooded and access is considered dangerous.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

26988	SN84528189	Pant Mawr	Metal Mine	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4033

DESCRIPTION: Level believed to have been cut into eastern bank of stream next to a 4m high waterfall. There is very little spoil to be seen downslope, suggesting this to have been a minor, unsuccessful trial working.

CONDITION: A short, narrow cut is visible, which may have led to the level entrance. Area obscured by vegetation and fallen trees, condition unknown.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

38383	SN84658220	Nant yr Eryr	Fishpond	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4033

DESCRIPTION: Sub-rectangular fishpond shown on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 1:10560 OS map of 1903.

CONDITION: The pond is now drained. It was retained by a large earth bank to the east and north, surviving portions of which are up to 5m wide and 1.5m high. The modern forest road cuts through this bank in two places.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Minimise damage to bank in future forestry operations.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

38384	SN83158242	Rhos Pant Mawr	Leat	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4033; 4034; 4035

DESCRIPTION: Leat which supplied the Nant yr Eryr fishpond. Runs westwards for over 1.5km.

CONDITION: Much of its course has been destroyed by a forest road built along the same contour, but the point at which it tapped into the Afon Tarenig and the first several hundred metres of its course survive.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: C

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: No specific management.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

38385	SN84177781	Afon Diliw	Sheepfold	Post Mediaeval
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Compartment No. 4019

DESCRIPTION: A rectangular drystone walled sheepfold situated on a level terrace alongside the Afon Diliw. A curving drystone wall, 7.5m long, runs off its northern end, indicating this to be a fold rather than a deserted settlement site.

CONDITION: Substantially intact within riparian zone.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: B

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS: Maintain in present condition.

DATE OF VISIT: October, 1997

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