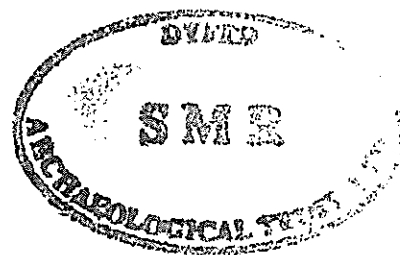


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TIR GOFAL FARM VISIT REPORT

This report is intended to provide a statement on the condition and recommended management of all known archaeological and historical sites and features on this farm at the time it was visited by Cambria Archaeology. This information will be used to inform the Tir Gofal Management Agreement for the farm. The report structure is as follows:

- explanation of archaeological site status and management categories used in the gazetteer.
- a brief statement on the historical background to the farm which enables the reader to put the specific sites into context.
- the main body of the report is a gazetteer of sites previously known or identified during the visit. The gazetteer identifies sites by their Primary Record Number (PRN) which is the reference number used in the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR). It also locates them by National Grid Reference (NGR).
- list of sources consulted during the research for this project.
- explanation of colour coding used on the report map(s).
- site location maps identifying by PRN the location of each site in the gazetteer.
- photographs of specific sites are included where the author considers it useful in order to identify a site or stress a particular management issue.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE STATUS

The following terms which are used in gazetteer refer to site status categories.

SAM Scheduled Ancient Monument.

SAMs are notified under section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. The register of SAMs is maintained and administered by Cadw.

LBI, LBII* & LBII Listed Building categories.

Listed buildings are notified under section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. The list is maintained and administered by Cadw. Local Authorities are statutory consultees for listed buildings.

HLW Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales.

Defined by the *Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales*, Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales: Part 2.1 Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest; Part 2.2 Landscape of Special Historic Interest. The register is advisory only and has no statutory powers. The register was compiled by Cadw in partnership with the Countryside Council for Wales and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

HGP Register of Historic Gardens & Parks.

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TIR GOFAL SITE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

As used in accompanying gazetteer.

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| Category A | Sites and Monuments of National Importance |
| Category B | Sites and Monuments of Regional Importance |
| Category C | Sites/Features of Local Importance |
| Category D | Sites/Features needing further investigation (including damaged sites or sites with no physical definition). |

Description of Cwmbach Farm, PRN 42332

Cwmbach Farm lies on south-facing slopes to the north of the Gwendraeth Fawr river about 4.5km to the east of Kidwelly. The archaeology of the farm is dominated by the remains of Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649) which probably represents several centuries of mine workings. The farm itself is also of interest and includes several late eighteenth century buildings (PRN 42333-42335). The history of the farm is not well documented. It was first recorded on an undated (Probably late eighteenth century) map of the Glynn Abbey Estate. At this time the fields and buildings had been established in roughly their current form and the holding also included an strip of woodland to the north. The tithe map for this area of 1842 has been destroyed although the apportionment records that the farm was owned by Gwynne John Powell and occupied by John Gravell. At this time the holding covered an area of 21 acres. The first evidence of coal mining on the farm can be found on the 1st edition OS map of 1891 when an 'old coal pit', a large area of tipping and a level were recorded. This suggests that coal mining within the holding was well established by the late nineteenth century and that the earlier workings were simply not recorded. Several of the original field boundaries had been removed or obliterated by the mining by this time. The traces of these can be found within the current system of fields. The mine was not shown on the 2nd edition OS map of 1907 although the colliery is known to have been worked until 1943. Most of the archaeology at the farm now lies in woodland and is not significantly affected by current farming practices. The mining features are currently managed by Wardell Armstrong Mining Consultants. The fine farm buildings have recently fallen into ruin and are in need of urgent repair.

Management Recommendations

See individual site recommendations.

PRN 30649 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY**NGR** SN452077**Site type** COALMINE**Period** Post Med**Site Status****Description**

Cwmbach Colliery, occupies almost the entire holding of Cwmbach Farm. It was last worked in 1943. The workings span at least a century and exploited the Rhasfach vein for the extraction of coal, ironstone and clay. It includes two shafts (PRN 42318 and 42327), a tramway (PRN 42319), a dam (PRN 42320), a canalised stream (PRN 42322), a culvert (PRN 42321), tips (PRNs 42324, 42326, 42340 and 42341), sunken adits (PRNs 42329 and 42330), an aqueduct (PRN 42323), mine machinery foundations (PRN 42325), a pathway to the mine (PRN 42339), a mine managers house (PRN 42333) and a mine workers cottage (PRN 42334).

Recommendations

See individual site recommendations for more details. The entire site is managed by Wardell Armstrong Mining Consultants who have maintained the remains according to current health and safety practices. The archaeological value of the colliery should be discussed with Wardell Armstrong so that an integrated management plan can be devised.

Management Category C**Visited by** AJC**Visited On** 20/02/01**PRN** 42318 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY**NGR** SN45240766**Site type** ADIT**Period** Post Med**Site Status****Description**

Main adit to Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649), last worked in c.1943. The entranceway has recently been restored by Wardell Armstrong Mining Consultants and consists of an arched, rubble-built tunnel. A stream runs along the floor of the adit and into a drain just to the south of the entrance. A grid has been erected over the entrance to inhibit access.

Recommendations

The entrance to the adit has recently been restored and is in excellent condition. The extent and condition of the workings beyond this point is unknown but surface evidence (PRNs 42329, 42330) suggests that much of the adit has collapsed. The management of the site is currently directed by Wardell Armstrong Mining Consultants. No specific management recommendations.

Management Category C**Visited by** AJC**Visited On** 20/02/01

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PRN 42319 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45240764
Site type TRAMWAY **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Tramway (c.2m wide) sloping gradually from north to south from the mouth of the main adit (PRN 42318) at Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649) before turning sharply uphill to the west and continuing from south to north towards the farmyard at Cwmbach Farm. The section to the south of the adit is dug into the ground to a maximum depth of c.2.5m. The section to the west of this is defined to the west by a substantial earthen bank (c.1.6m high). The section to the north of the earlier road that bisects the workings is cut (c.1.8m deep) into an earlier coal tip (PRN 42326). The cast iron carriage-turn (plate 1) survives at the turning point c. 30m to the south of the entrance to the adit (PRN 42318). All other fittings have been removed. It is not recorded on any historic maps although a level was recorded in roughly the same location on the 1st edition OS map of 1891.

Recommendations

The tramway is in a stable condition and should be maintained in its current state. Wardell Armstrong Mining Consultants have fenced off all sections of the tramway that are cut to a depth of greater than 1.8m. The original carriage turn should be left in-situ.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42320 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45230760
Site type DAM **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of a dam across a fast running stream to the west of Cwmbach Mine (PRN 30649). Some of the timbers from the dam structure survive. There were reputedly several other dams along this stretch of the stream, none of which survive. A late eighteenth century? map of the Glyn Abbey Estate shows that a mill race once left the stream at this point and fed Glyn Mill to the west.

Recommendations

Very little of the dam survives and the stream here is blocked with fallen leaves. The remaining timber structure should be retained and any intrusive vegetation should be controlled to prevent further damage to the structure.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42321 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45290756
Site type DRAIN **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of stone culvert that reputedly drained water from the main mine shaft at Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649). The culvert surfaces to the south of a large coal tip (PRN 42326) at the centre of Cwmbach Farm. There is no evidence of any stone structure although the owner remembers seeing stonework here some time ago. The area is now extremely wet and overgrown (plate 2).

Recommendations

The ground in this area should not be disturbed to protect any surviving sub-surface remains.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42322 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45630742
Site type CANAL **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Section of canalised stream running along the western boundary of Cwmbach Farm. According to the owner, the canal was used to transport material to and from Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649) from the Kymer Canal to the south. It originally crossed the river channel to the south of the farm via an aqueduct (PRN 42323). There is no evidence of the canal on historic maps but it is likely that it predates the available maps. Much of the canal that runs within the holding was filled in and diverted by a neighbouring farmer about 20 years ago. Its course is now marked by a narrow channel, c.2m wide by 0.5m deep.

Recommendations

The owner would like to re-excavate a system of drainage in this area to improve the waterlogged land to the east of it. This should be carried out under archaeological supervision.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42323 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45370736
Site type AQUEDUCT **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of an aqueduct that reputedly carried a section of canal that ran from the Kymer Canal to Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 42322). The aqueduct is not marked on any historical maps but the owner can recall seeing stonework in this area. The river that the aqueduct crosses is regularly dredged and this is likely to have removed all trace of it.

Recommendations

If possible, the ground in this area should not be disturbed to preserve any surviving remains of the aqueduct.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42324 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45290756
Site type COAL TIP **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Large coal tip on the western edge of Cwmbach Farm, to the south of the main adit (PRN 42312) of Cwmbach Colliery. It was first recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1891. The tip covers an area of c.0.4ha and stands to a height of c.5m. Its surface is undulating and overgrown with shrubs. The maturity of the vegetation upon it suggests that this was the most recent area of tipping within the holding.

Recommendations

The tip is in a stable condition. It should be left undisturbed and maintained in its current state.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42325 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45240766
Site type MINING FEATURE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Rectangular concrete platform (c.1.5m by 1m) and pillar base (c.0.3m in diameter) situated immediately to the east of the main adit (PRN 42318) at Cwmbach Colliery. The platform may represent the remains of some form of hauling or pumping machinery. It is not recorded on any historical maps and is likely to be of early twentieth century origin.

Recommendations

The platform is in a stable condition and should be retained. An examination of the abandonment plans for the mine may reveal its original purpose.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42326 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45210771
Site type COAL TIP **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Substantial coal tip (c.0.3ha in area by 5m high) on the northwestern side of Cwmbach Farm, to the north of the main adit of Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 42318). It was first recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1891. Its surface is undulating and pitted with hollows along the line of a sunken adit (PRN 42329). The tramway (PRN 42319) from the main adit runs across it from south to north. It is now covered with mature oak trees and may be a product of earlier working at Cwmbach Colliery, related to the infilled mineshaft (PRN 42327) to the north of it.

Recommendations

The tip is in a stable condition. It should not be disturbed and should be maintained in its current state.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42327 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45190773
Site type MINE SHAFT **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of early mine shaft at Cwmbach Colliery, situated to the southwest of the farmhouse (PRN 42333) at Cwmbach Farm. It was first recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1891 as an old coal pit and is the earliest known working on the site. It was not recorded on the 2nd edition OS map of 1907 and may have been infilled by this time. It is reputedly stone lined for its entire depth and was used as a well for some time after the abandonment of the mine shaft. The shaft has been completely infilled and its site is now marked by a shallow hollow (c.3m in diameter). This hollow has been used for dumping farm waste and is overgrown.

Recommendations

The shaft is now in a stable condition. It should be kept clear of rubbish and the ground in this area should not be disturbed.

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PRN 42328 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45180774
Site type BRIDGE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Double-bridge, consisting of an L-shaped tunnel that runs from east to west beneath the road to the west of Cwmbach Farm, then turns and runs from north to south beneath the driveway. The stream emerges from a stone parapet to the south of this through a decorative circular opening with a stone voussoired surround and drops for some distance from here causing a waterfall effect (plate 3). The section alongside the road has been repaired and rebuilt. The tunnel immediately to the south of the driveway has collapsed and is now open.

Recommendations

The bridge is in very poor repair and the entire structure may be unstable. The stonework is loose and overgrown with ivy and much of the original structure has collapsed. The bridge should be consolidated and rebuilt as necessary, using appropriate traditional materials in a way that is sympathetic to its original character. Any intrusive vegetation should be controlled without causing further damage to the existing structure.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42329 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45220771
Site type MINING FEATURE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Large circular depression (c.5m across by 2m deep) situated on the eastern side of a large coal tip (PRN 42326), marking the line of a sunken adit at Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649).

Recommendations

The site is in a stable condition. It should be left undisturbed and kept clear of rubbish.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42330 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45270782
Site type MINING FEATURE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Small circular depression (c.1.5m across by 0.5m deep) at the northeastern corner of Cwmbach Farm, marking the line of a sunken adit from Cwmbach Colliery. The hollow is completely grassed over.

Recommendations

The site is in a stable condition and should be left in its current state.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

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PRN 42331 **Site name** CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45200784
Site type MINING FEATURE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of early coal pits at Cwmbach Colliery situated alongside the road to the north of Cwmbach Farm. They were reputedly test pits and relate to the earliest working of the mine. They were recently infilled by the farmer.

Recommendations

The site is in a stable condition. The ground in this area should not be disturbed.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42332 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45330763
Site type FARMSTEAD **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

See farm description at front of report.

Recommendations

See individual site recommendations for more details.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42333 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM;CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45200776

Site type FARMHOUSE;MINE
MANAGERS HOUSE

Period Post Med

Site Status

Description

Late eighteenth century farmhouse set on a terraced platform to the north of the farmyard at Cwmbach, orientation east-west. It was first recorded on an undated (probably late eighteenth century) map of the Glyn Abbey Estate. Two storey rubble and soil/lime mortar construction with dressed stone quoins and a gabled slate roof. Until recently the northern and western walls of the house were supported by a substantial stone buttress. The exterior was formerly whitewashed. Asymmetrical elevation with small windows to either side of a central door, set to the east of the frontage. Modern brick stacks stand at either gable end. Many of the original fittings survive. It was approached by stone steps from the south. Although the house was probably originally constructed for farming purposes, it was also used as a mine managers house for some time and a payment hatch for wages survives in an internal door. The house has not been occupied since 1994 when the last occupant died. It has since fallen into a ruinous state. The owner has several late nineteenth century photographs which show it as a fine whitewashed house (plate 4). The platform on which it stood was faced with whitewashed rubble and the area within this was surfaced with stone flags (plate 5).

Recommendations

The farmhouse is now in a ruinous state and its survival is under threat. It was considered for listing by CADW in 1988 and has deteriorated considerably in condition since this time. The walls have been deemed by CADW as structurally unstable, the stone buttress that formerly supported the walls has been removed, the rubble surround that skirted the house platform to the south has been demolished and the flagged area within that skirted it is now grassed over. The owner has been unable to find funding to assist with its refurbishment and would now like to demolish the building, sell the stone and erect a new house. The survival of a farmhouse of this date is unusual and ideally it should not be demolished. Further funding sources should be explored and a full archaeological survey should be carried out prior to demolition.

Management Category B

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PRN 42334 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM;CWMBACH COLLIERY **NGR** SN45210776
Site type COW HOUSE;MINE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**
 WORKERS COTTAGE

Description

One and a half storey rubble and lime mortar cowhouse with dressed stone quoins and a gabled slate roof. It stands to the east of the farmhouse (PRN 42333) on the northern side of the farmyard at Cwmbach Farm, orientation east-west. The exterior was formerly whitewashed. It is accessed by two single width doorways in the southern wall and lit by a small window at the western end of the northern wall and a larger window (now blocked in) in the southern wall. The openings are square-headed with timbered lintels. The original fittings for these survive. The interior was converted for use as an animal pen in the mid twentieth century. There is no evidence of a loft floor. A small, square cavity reputedly connects this building to the farmhouse to the west. This was not accessible at the time of the visit. The eastern gable wall collapsed in the mid twentieth century and has been completely rebuilt. Parts of the southern wall have also been repaired /rebuilt with breeze blocks. A late nineteenth century photograph shows that a stack formerly stood on the eastern gable end although no evidence of this survives (plate 4). It is likely that the building has been used both for farming purposes and as a dwelling. It was reputedly a mine workers cottage during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Recommendations

The cow house is now in a ruinous state and its survival is under threat. The roof timbers are in poor condition and the walls have been deemed by CADW as structurally unstable. The owner would like to demolish the building, sell the material and build a modern house on the site. Ideally other funding sources should be explored to assist with its refurbishment and it should not be demolished. A full archaeological survey should be made prior to demolition.

Management Category B **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42335 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45220775
Site type STABLE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

One and a half storey rubble and lime mortar stable with dressed stone quoins and a gabled roof. It is built into the hillside and lies at the northern end of the eastern side of the farmyard at Cwmbach Farm (plate 6). It was first recorded on an undated (probably late eighteenth century) map of the Glyn Abbey Estate. It is accessed at ground floor level by a single width doorway headed with stone voussoirs in the western wall and lit by a small, square window with a stone lintel and sill to the north of this. It is accessed at first floor level from the hillside to the north via stone steps through a half-height loft door headed with a timber lintel. The original fittings for these survive but are in poor condition. The interior is now filled with rubble but the original flagged floor may survive. The loft floor has been removed. The original slate roof has been replaced with tin. The stonework in the southern wall is unstable. The exterior was formerly whitewashed.

Recommendations

The stable is in reasonable condition although the southern walls is unstable. The owner has started to rebuild this wall but does not intend to continue with the work. He would like to demolish the building. Ideally the building should be retained. It should be reroofed and the repairs to the walls should continue. All repairs should be carried out using appropriate traditional materials in a way that is sympathetic to the character of the original building. The owner could carry out this work as part of his Tir Gofal Agreement.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42336 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45220775
Site type PIGSTY **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Single storey rubble pigsty to the south of the stable on the western side of the farmyard at Cwmbach Farm. Much of the structure has been rebuilt with rubble, breeze block and brick. It is now covered by a sloped tin roof. It is possible that parts of the structure date to the late eighteenth century and belong to a building that was recorded here on an undated (probably late eighteenth century) map of the Glyn Abbey Estate.

Recommendations

The pigsty has been considerably modified and its historical interest is uncertain. It should be retained and maintained in its current condition.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42337 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45220774
Site type CART SHED **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Ruined rubble cart shed with dressed stone quoins situated to the south of the farmyard at Cwmbach Farm, orientation east-west. It was formerly accessed via a full width opening at the eastern end. The walls stand to a maximum height of 1.8m. The northern wall has almost completely collapsed and the remaining walls are unstable and overgrown with ivy. The interior is filled with rubble. A small rubble-built recess (possible kennel) stands against the western gable wall. A late nineteenth century photograph suggests that the building originally had a hipped, thatched roof and was whitewashed (plate 7).

Recommendations

The remains of the carthouse should be retained and maintained as a stable ruin. It should be kept clear of rubble and any intrusive vegetation should be controlled without causing further damage to the structure.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42338 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45210773
Site type DUTCH BARN **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Dutch barn situated to the south of the farmyard at Cwmbach Farm, orientation east-west. Steel girder and tine construction with an internal wooden partition. The roof was reputedly painted red during the Second World War and used as a marker to train RAF pilots (plate 8).

Recommendations

The barn is of historical value and the owner is keen to restore it for agricultural use as part of his Tir Gofal Agreement. This would promote the survival of this feature and considerably improve its appearance and usefulness.

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PRN 42339 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45240767
Site type PATHWAY **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Pathway (c.3m wide) leading southwards from the farm buildings at Cwmbach Farm towards the entrance to the main adit at Cwmbach Colliery (PRN 30649). It follows the line of a field boundary to the east and appears to have been dug (c.1.5m deep) along the eastern edge of an earlier coal tip (PRN 42326).

Recommendations

The pathway lies in a wooded area and its survival is not threatened by current farming practices. It should be retained and kept clear of rubbish and undergrowth.

Management Category C **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42340 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45280776
Site type COAL TIP **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of coal tip, possibly related to early coal mining at Cwmbach Colliery. The tips now lie in a pasture field and may have been significantly levelled to facilitate the use of the area for farming. They are marked by an area (c.0.4ha) of undulating ground.

Recommendations

The tips have probably been levelled and are completely grassed over. The ground in this area should not be disturbed.

Management Category D **Visited by** AJC **Visited On** 20/02/01

PRN 42341 **Site name** CWMBACH FARM **NGR** SN45280776
Site type COAL TIP **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Site of coal tip, possibly related to early coal mining at Cwmbach Colliery. The tip now lies in a pasture field to the east of Cwmbach Farm and may have been significantly levelled to facilitate the use of the area for farming. They are marked by an area (c.0.4ha) of undulating ground.

Recommendations

The tips have probably been levelled and are completely grassed over. The ground in this area should not be disturbed.

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Map

Tithe Map, 1848, Tithe Map and Apportionment for the parish of Llangendeirne, Llangydeyrn Parish

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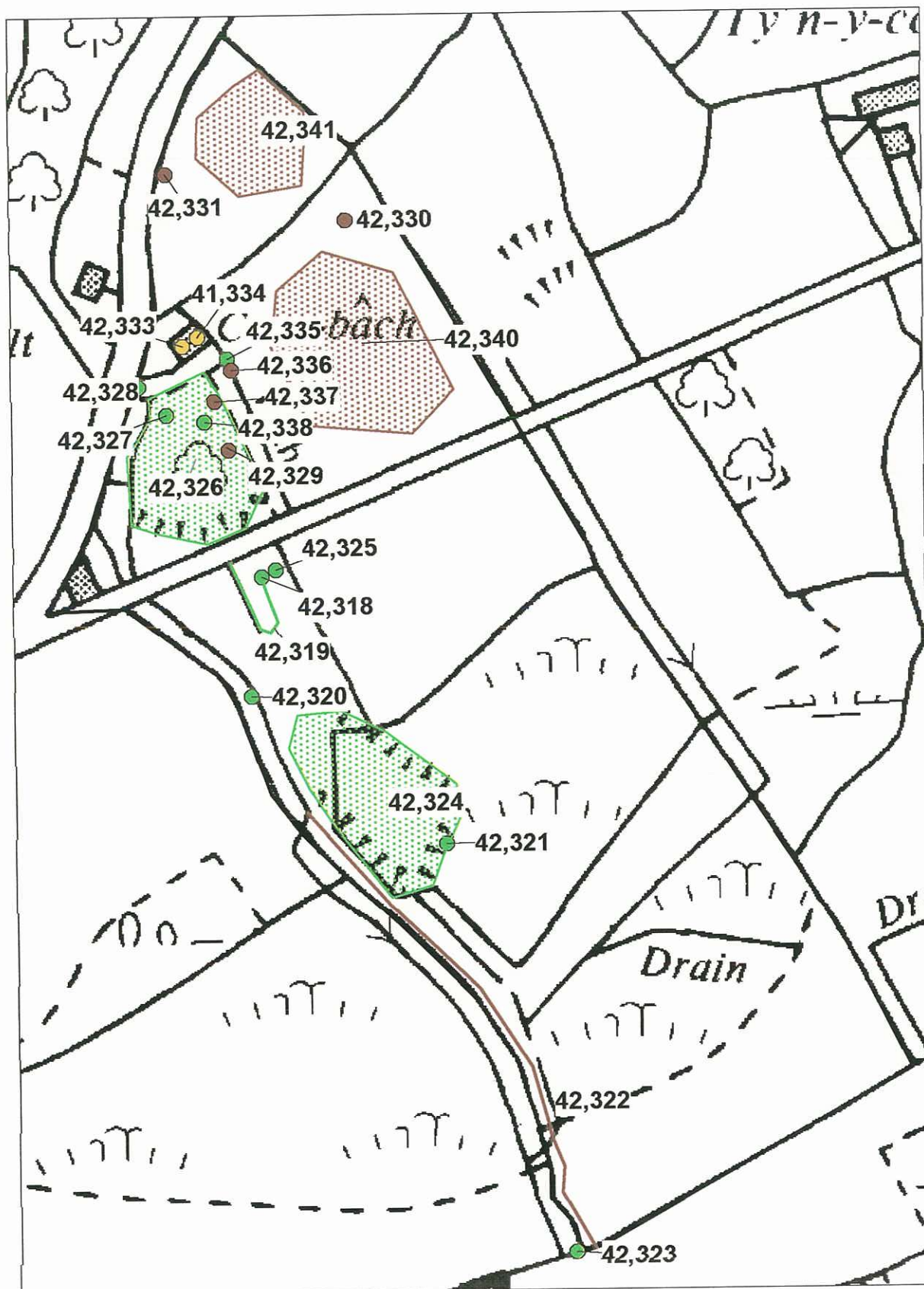
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	Red	Other Sites and Monuments of National Importance Other Buildings of National Importance
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Category B	Amber	Sites and Monuments of Regional Importance Grade 2 Listed and Other Buildings of Regional Importance
Category C	Green	Sites / Features of Local Importance Buildings of Local Importance
Category D	Brown	Sites / Features of Unknown Importance

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Plates



Plate 1 - the remains of the carriage turn on Cwmbach Colliery tramway (PRN42319).



Plate 2 - a waterlogged area marking the site of the former mine culvert (PRN42321).



Plate 3 - the ruined tunnel-bridge to the west of Cwmbach Farmyard (PRN42327).



Plate 4 - late nineteenth century photograph of the mine manager's house (PRN42333) and mine worker's cottage (PRN42334).



Plate 5 - Cwmbach Farmhouse (PRN42333), showing the ruined state of the farmyard.



Plate 6 - the eighteenth century stable block (PRN42335) and pigsty (PRN42336).

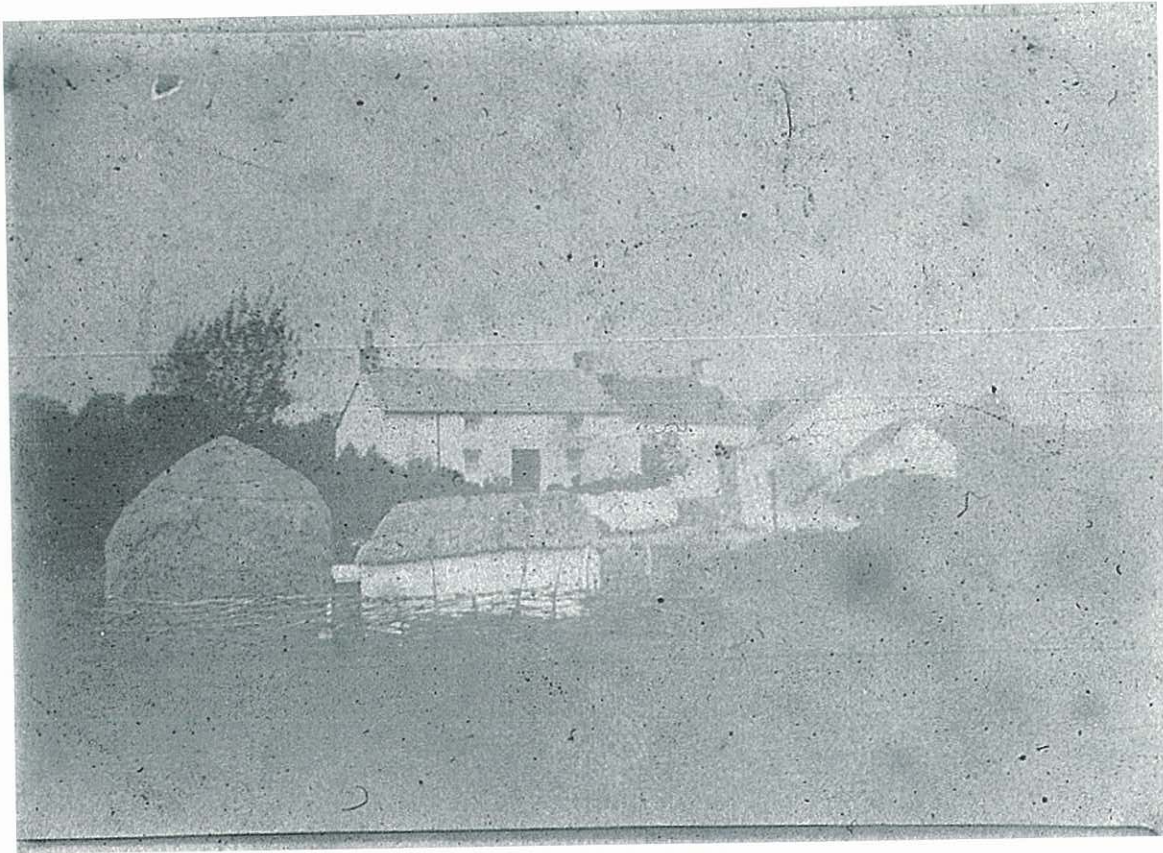


Plate 7 - late nineteenth or early twentieth century photo showing the formerly thatched cartshed to the south of the farmyard.



Plate 8 - the Dutch barn, formerly used by the RAF as a marker for training pilots.

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