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Tir Gofal Farm Visit Report

Big House

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TIR GOFAL SITE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

As used in accompanying site gazetteer.

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 defined physical presence).

TIR GOFAL COLOUR CODING

As used on accompanying holding maps.

Category A - Blue	<i>Scheduled Ancient Monuments Grade 1 and 2* Listed Building</i>
Red	<i>Other Sites and Monuments of National Importance Other Buildings of National Importance</i>
Red toning	<i>Registered Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest</i>
Red Banding	<i>Registered Landscapes of Historic Interest</i>
Category B - Amber	<i>Sites and Monuments of Regional Importance Grade 2 Listed and Other Buildings of Regional Importance</i>
Category C - Green	<i>Sites / Features of Local Importance Buildings of Local Importance</i>
Category D - Grey	<i>Sites / Features of Unknown Importance</i>

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE STATUS

Terms used in gazetteer.

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.

LB1, LB2* & LB2.

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.

HL - Landscapes of Exceptional and Great Historic Interest.

Defined by the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales: Part 2.1 Landscapes of Exceptional and Great Historic Interest. The register is advisory only, and has no statutory powers. The register is being compiled by Cadw in partnership with the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and is concerned with man-made, historic elements of the landscape.

HGP - Register of Historic Gardens & Parks.

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PRN 3827 Site name NAPPO CAMP;;NAPP'S HEAD CAMP;GILMAN CAMP NGR SN22830765
Site type HILLFORT Period Iron Age Site Status SAM

Description

Fort positioned on a narrow promontory between Morfa Bychan Bay and Pendine village. The site is overgrown with bracken, but the defensive bank and ditch are clearly visible. A smaller enclosure, a possible annexe, PRN 3828, is located north of the fort.

Recommendations

Remove bracken and monitor erosion.

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PRN 3828 Site name NAPPS CIRCLE NGR SN22820771
Site type ENCLOSED SETTLEMENT? Period Bronze Age?;Iron Age? Site Status

Description

A small, banked enclosure on the north side of fort, PRN 3827. This feature may be an annexe to fort PRN 3827, or it may be the remains of an earlier enclosure.

Recommendations

Remove bracken and monitor erosion.

Management Category A Visited by NAP Visited On 19/11/99

PRN 3840 Site name CADNO TUMULUS NGR SN23520954
Site type ROUND BARROW Period Bronze Age Site Status

Description

The barrow survives as a wide, low mound (c.20m diameter x 1m high). Despite being regularly ploughed for the last 30-40 years, it remains a fairly substantial feature. The site was part excavated in the early years of this century when it was found to contain remains of several cremation burials.

Recommendations

Stop future ploughing across the mound and maintain the site in its present condition.

Management Category B Visited by NAP Visited On 19/11/99

PRN 8471 Site name BIGHOUSE NGR SN22860883
Site type DWELLING Period Post Med Site Status

Description

Big House is a substantial three-story end-chimney house. It originally consisted of a entrance hall between a parlour and a hall (kitchen). The dog-leg stairs are sited in a narrow, central projecting stair wing on the north side of the house. Two later, lean-to service room extensions were constructed either side of the stair wing. The large square chimney is a common Pembrokeshire type, and is set asymmetrically to the ridge. The stair wing may date much of the house to the early 18th century, although there may have been an earlier house on the site. Some of the main range may be earlier (information based on RCAHMW survey 1978). There is a later, single storey kitchen extension positioned slightly skew to the main range on the west end of the house and a modern wooden square porch on the south side.

Recommendations

The house was surveyed by the RCAHMW in 1978, which showed that it dates from at least the 18th century. The house is not a Listed Building, but it is of historic interest and an important part of the village-scape. Therefore, any future renovation, modernisation or refurbishment must take account of the historic fabric and character of the house and be sympathetic to its central village setting.

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PRN 11699 *Site name* PENDINE SEA CAVES *NGR* SN232077

Site type CAVE *Period* General *Site Status*

Description

Not seen.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Category D *Visited by* NAP *Visited On* 19/11/99

PRN 15009 *Site name* KILN PARK *NGR* SN2005

Site type QUARRYING COMPLEX *Period* Post Med? *Site Status*

Description

A series of limestone quarries cut into the very steep, tree covered west facing slope of a narrow valley to the west of Pendine village. There are a number of lime kilns constructed in the quarries. These were not seen during this visit.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Category C *Visited by* NAP *Visited On* 19/11/99

PRN 22755 *Site name* NAPPS *NGR* SN22890779

Site type COTTAGE? *Period* Post Med *Site Status*

Description

Remains of a cottage and garden enclosure. The cottage is represented by dry-stone walls which in places stand to 0.7m high. The building was rectangular, aligned east-west, with an extension on the north side. There is evidence of at least one internal dividing wall towards the west end. The garden enclosure bank survives to a height of c.1m in places, but it is generally much eroded. There is one large tree growing in the middle of the cottage remains.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Category C *Visited by* NAP *Visited On* 19/11/99

PRN 39091 *Site name* BIG HOUSE FARM *NGR* SN22900886

Site type PROJECT RECORD *Period* *Site Status*

Description

Recommendations

Management Category *Visited by* NAP *Visited On* 19/11/99

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PRN 39092 **Site name** BIG HOUSE FARM **NGR** SN22890803

Site type FINDS **Period** Prehistoric **Site Status**

Description

Findspot. A flint arrowhead was recovered by the current owner during ploughing. The arrowhead is still in the possession of the owner.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Category D **Visited by** NAP **Visited On** 19/11/99

PRN 39093 **Site name** BIG HOUSE FARM **NGR** SN24061037

Site type ROUND BARROW? **Period** Bronze Age? **Site Status**

Description

A possible ploughed out round barrow. The current landowner described it as a spread of different coloured soil noticeable during ploughing. There is no surface indication of this feature.

Recommendations

A qualified archaeologist should inspect this area when it is next ploughed to assess the nature of the feature.

Management Category D **Visited by** NAP **Visited On** 19/11/99

PRN 39094 **Site name** BIG HOUSE FARM **NGR** SN22850776

Site type UNKNOWN **Period** Unknown **Site Status**

Description

Two ovoid pits (c.2-3m x 1.5-2m) filled with black soil deposits just W of Napp's Cottage, PRN 22755. These features are visible during ploughing only, (information supplied by current landowner) and there is no surface indication of them.

Recommendations

A qualified archaeologist should inspect this area when it is next ploughed to try to assess the nature of these features.

Management Category D **Visited by** NAP **Visited On** 19/11/99

PRN 39095 **Site name** BIG HOUSE FARM **NGR** SN22880885

Site type STABLE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

Stone-built structure with a slate roof. The stable consists of four loose boxes, three contained in the main building and the fourth in a lower extension on the N end. Probably 19th century.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Category B **Visited by** NAP **Visited On** 19/11/99

PRN 39096	Site name BIG HOUSE FARM	NGR SN22880885
Site type BARN	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

Stone built barn with a slate roof. The building is rectangular with two extensions, one at either end of the front, west, side. The north extension is stone-built and has a door and a window in the west wall. The window has a brick surround. There is also a small upright opening towards the bottom of the wall. The south extension is a modern block structure with a metal framed window in the west wall and a door in its north wall. Both extensions and the gap between them are covered by a corrugated tin roof. The main body of the building has two opposing arches in the west and east walls, the arch in the east wall is now blocked. There are also doors in the N and S walls. The barn was used for winnowing with the opposing arches allowing a draught through the building to blow the chaff away. Grain was stored in the north end of the building and the stooks were stacked in the south end. This building probably dates from the 19th century.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

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PRN 39097	Site name BIG HOUSE FARM	NGR SN22880885
Site type BUILDING	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

Single storey, stone-built structure with a slate roof. The stones used in the construction of this building are generally long and narrow, as opposed to the squarer blocks used for the other buildings, PRNs 39095; 39096 and 39098, around the farm yard. There is a large opening covered by a square metal sliding door and a square window at the east end of the front, south wall. A blocked opening in the centre of the wall is also visible. Access to the sliding door is gained via a set of concrete steps and a long platform that runs almost the full length of the south wall. The steps have been built in front of, and partially block, one of the doors into the winnowing barn, PRN 39096, to the east. It is possible that this building was a cow house.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

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PRN 39098	Site name BIG HOUSE FARM	NGR SN22880885
Site type BUILDING	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

Low, single storey, stone-built structure with a corrugated asbestos roof. This building butts the west end of building, PRN 39097. There are two full height dooways arranged either side of a central window opening in the front, south wall. Probably 19th century.

Recommendations

Maintain this building in its present condition.

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PRN 39099	Site name BIG HOUSE FARM	NGR SN22880885
Site type FARM	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

Big House Farm is now a conglomerate of three farms with holdings on the N, S and W of Pendine village as well as a dispersed parcel of land on Marros Mountain. The farm comprises arable and pasture land, a situation that has not changed since at least the mid 19th century. Boundaries on the holdings vary and range from ancient stone walls, now grass covered in places, to earth banks, some of which are medieval, particularly on Marros Mountain, to modern fences. The Big House dwelling dates largely from the 18th century although, some elements of the house may be earlier. The current farm buildings are a mixture of 19th century and modern structures.

Recommendations

The farm has a central village location opposite the church and is therefore a prominent feature of the area. The house and buildings form a functional farmyard complex whilst maintaining its historical character. The historic buildings should be maintained in their present condition and any further development of the the yard should be sensitive to the character of the yard and its setting.

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PRN 39309	Site name BIG HOUSE FARM	NGR SN21750865
Site type EARTHWORK	Period Mediaeval?	Site Status

Description

An area of rough pasture with several earthwork features present. This area was partially surveyed in the past and many of the earthworks have been identified as old field boundaries dating from the medieval period.

Recommendations

Maintain this area in its present condition to preserve the surviving earthworks.

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Map

Tithe Map, 1839 Tithe Map & Apportionment for Marros Parish, No.254 Original in NLW

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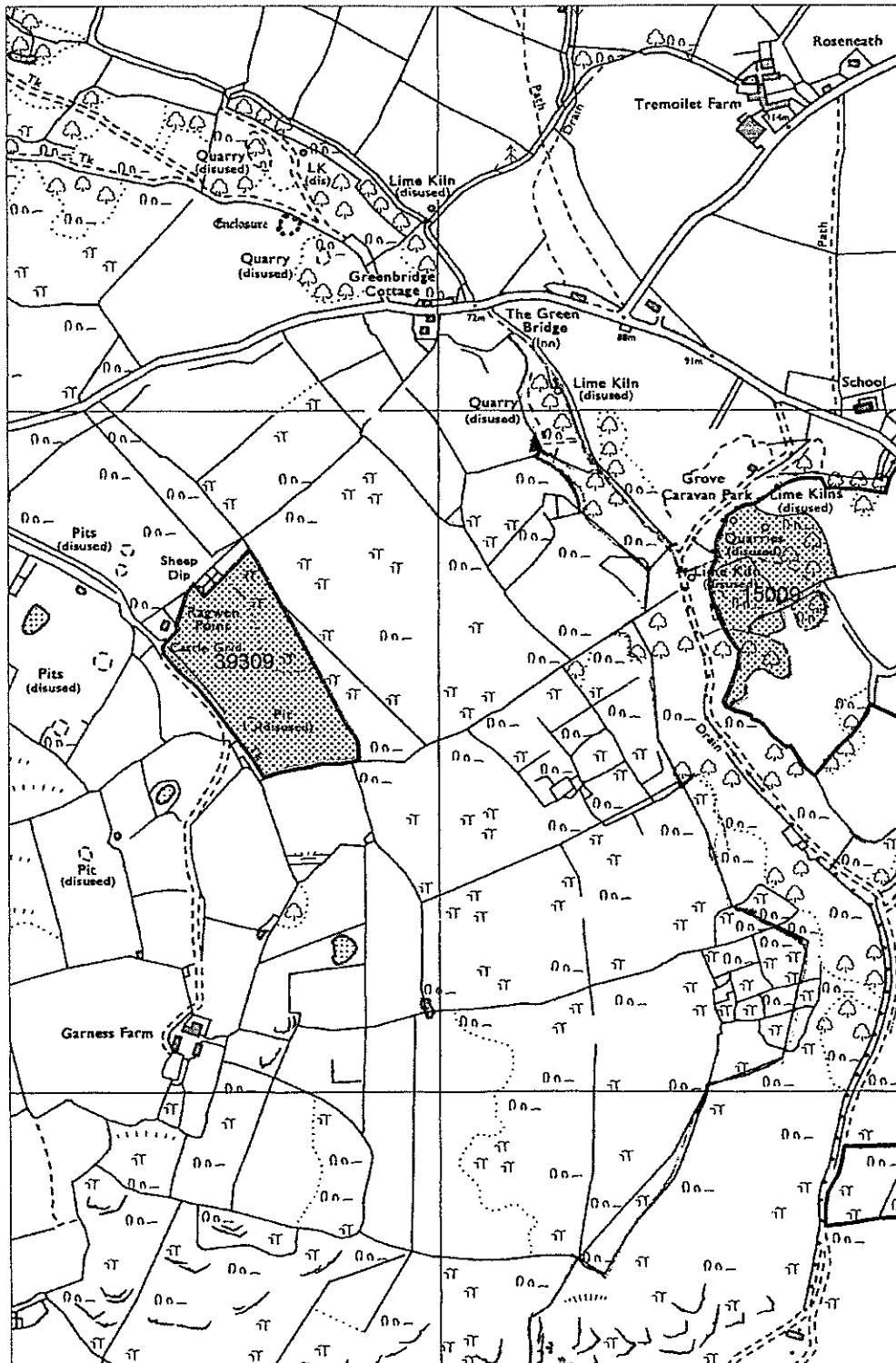
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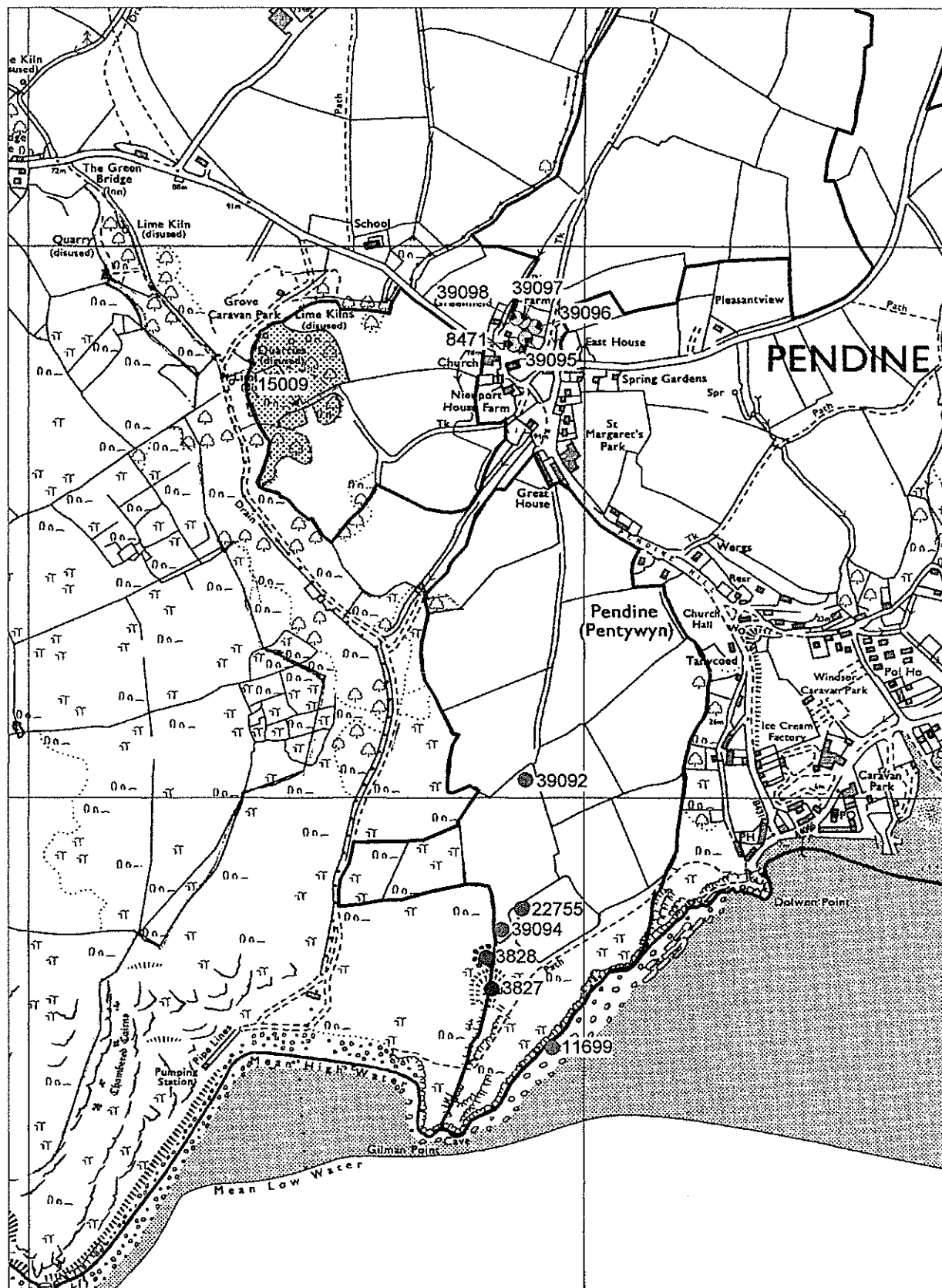
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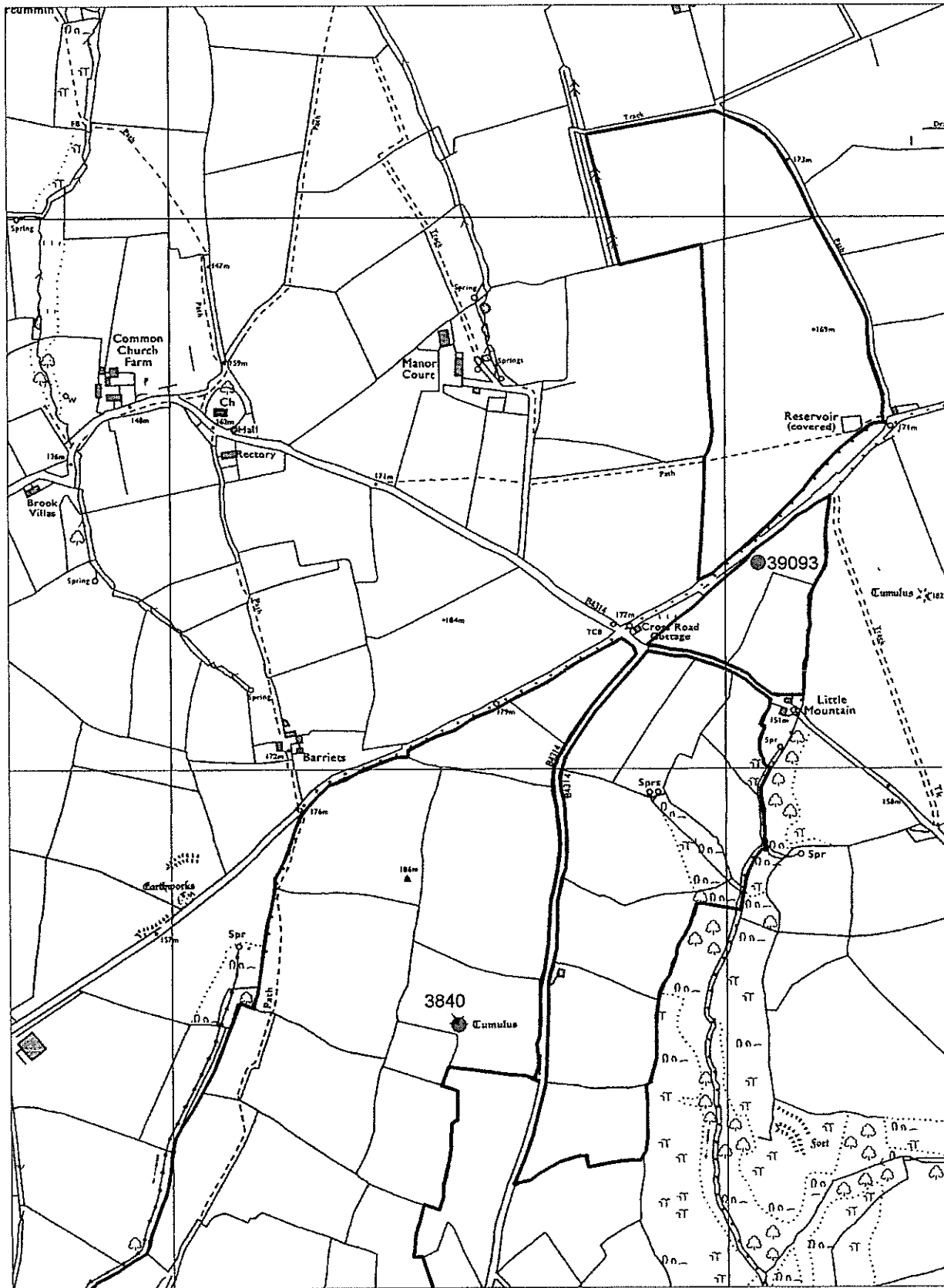




Figure 1: view of the possible annexe (PRN 3828) to the fort PRN 3827.

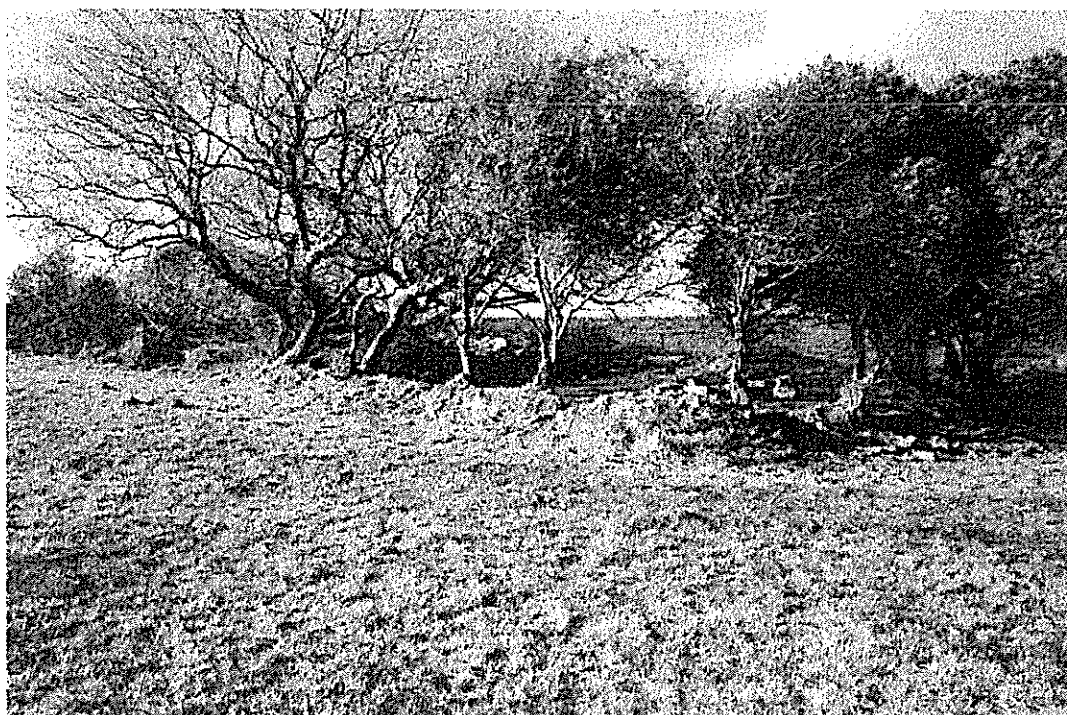


Figure 2: The site of Napps Cottage (PRN 22755).

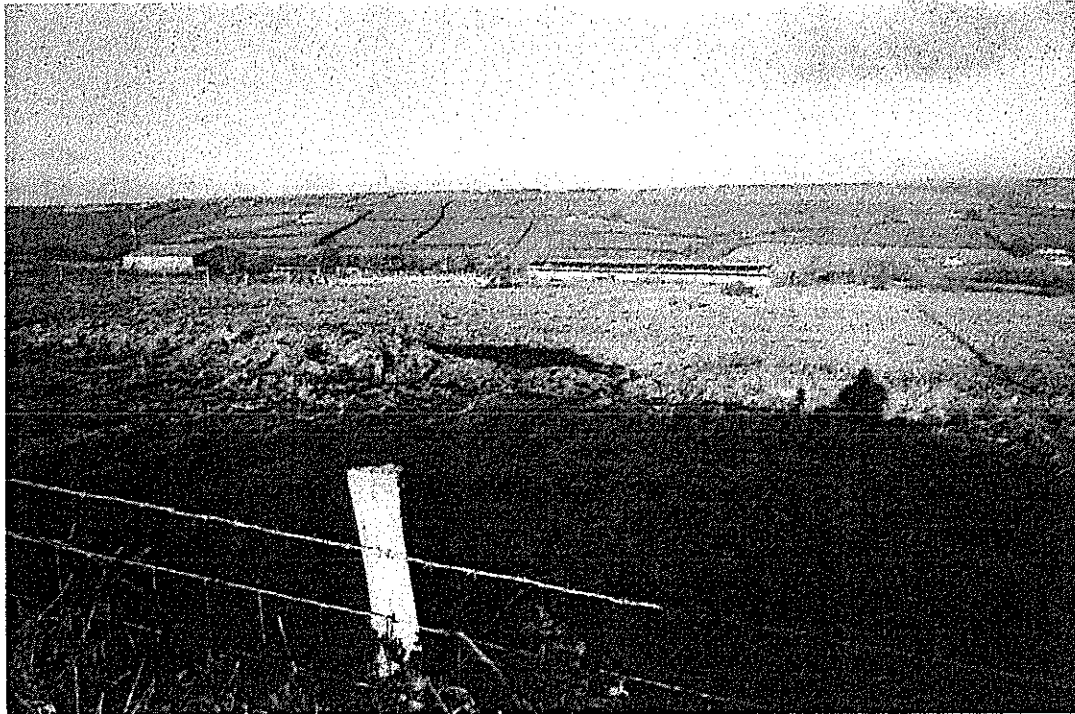


Figure 3: view east from Marros Mountain, note the eroded medieval field boundary in the foreground.



Figure 4: the stable block (PRN 39095).