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# **Tir Gofal Farm Visit Report**

## **Bwlch Cefn Sarth**

### **W/12/380**

ACA Project Record No 39100

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**Tir Gofal Application Number** W/12/380

**Address** Bwlch Cefn Sarth, Crugybar, Llanwrda

**NGR** SN683376

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**Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology Project Record Number** 39100

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**Visit Date** 22/11/99

## **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.

<b>Category A - Blue</b>	<i>Scheduled Ancient Monuments Grade 1 and 2* Listed Building</i>
<b>Red</b>	<i>Other Sites and Monuments of National Importance Other Buildings of National Importance</i>
<b>Red toning</b>	<i>Registered Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest</i>
<b>Red Banding</b>	<i>Registered Landscapes of Historic Interest</i>
<b>Category B - Amber</b>	<i>Sites and Monuments of Regional Importance Grade 2 Listed and Other Buildings of Regional Importance</i>
<b>Category C - Green</b>	<i>Sites / Features of Local Importance Buildings of Local Importance</i>
<b>Category D - Grey</b>	<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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<b>PRN</b> 24750	<b>Site name</b> BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b> SN68283752
<b>Site type</b> TOLL HOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Probable remains of Toll Gate House standing adjacent to A482 Llanwrda to Lampeter road. Building is uninhabited, but appears to be largely intact. E. Morgan, 03:04:1990. The building is a low, single storey stone-built structure with a modern tin sheeting roof. It is aligned NE-SW, it measures c.6m x 4m and is semi-octagonal apsidal ended at its NEE end. Internally it is divided into two rooms. The NEE, or front, room is c.2m x 3.5m and is entered from the N side. The original door was in the NEE wall, although it has now been blocked and a window inserted. There is a another window in the ~~ONE~~ wall, which has replaced an earlier opening, one of the reveals of the earlier opening is visible in the exterior face of the wall. The front room has a fireplace and chimney breast built into the internal dividing wall. The rear room measures c.2m x 3.5m. Traces of the stone floor survives and it has a blocked window in the rear, SW, wall. There is an inbuilt cupboard in the NW wall. The fabric of the building is in fairly good condition although the original roof has been lost and replaced by a modern tin roof.

#### **Recommendations**

Toll Houses are becoming increasingly rare in the landscape as modern transport requirements demand changes to the existing road network. The fabric of the walls of this building are in good condition and it would be worthwhile to survey the standing remains to assess whether the building meets any of the criteria for Listed Building status. The building is of significant local interest and has a value beyond being part of the farm property. The building should be preserved in-situ and consolidated to allow proper management of the building in the future.

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<b>PRN</b> 39100	<b>Site name</b> BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b> SN68253752
<b>Site type</b> PROJECT RECORD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

#### **Recommendations**

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<b>PRN</b> 39101	<b>Site name</b> BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b> SN68253752
<b>Site type</b> FARM	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Small farm situated alongside the A482 Llanwrda-Lampeter road. The farm sits in a narrow valley at the foot of the N facing slope of Bwlch-cefn-sarth. The present farm name Bwlch-cefn-sarth was being used in 1840 when it appeared in the tithe apportionment, but on the Old Series OS maps of 1831 the farm appears to have been called Bwlch Genausarn. On the original OS surveyors' drawing the farm was called Bwlch Genau sarph (Bwlch = pass, genau = mouth, sarph = serpent). The sarph element in this case is probably a reference to the serpentine nature of the valley at this point. The later names are corruptions of the original. When the farm first came into existence is unknown but an 18th century date would not be unreasonable. On the OS 1st edition 1:10560 map of 1891 (surveyed 1885) the house and the two outbuildings, PRNs 39106 & 39107, alongside the road were present. There was supposed to have been an earlier house on the site, located on a terrace behind the present house, which was demolished and some of the stone used to construct the small extension on the front of PRN 39106.

#### **Recommendations**

The farm house is being completely renovated and there are outline plans to convert one or more of the outbuildings to a commercial use. The outbuildings have already undergone some modernisation and alteration, so further renovation and development, provided it was sympathetic to the historic character of the buildings could be possible. If the plan to redevelop the buildings was to go forward then a new access point would have to be constructed and the Highway Design Guide requires an unobstructed view of 160m from a point 4.5m back from the entrance. To enable this to happen it would be necessary to demolish the tollgate house (PRN 24750). Tollgate houses are rapidly disappearing from the landscape and every effort should be made to retain them in situ where possible.

<b>Management Category</b> C	<b>Visited by</b> NAP	<b>Visited On</b> 22/11/99
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Tir Gofal Scheme	Tir Gofal Application No W/12/380
Gazetteer of Archaeological Sites and Management Recommendations:	Bwlch Cefn Sarth, Carmarthenshire

PRN 39102      Site name BWLCH CEFN SARTH      NGR SN67923752  
 Site type QUARRY      Period Post Med      Site Status

#### Description

Large quarry that was working until the 1930s. The site consists of the main workings and smaller quarries to the E. There are large fans of spoil in the entrance to the main workings. The floor of the quarry and the spoil heaps are now overgrown. The quarry had been used as a rubbish dump in the past, but the present owners have cleared much of the rubbish.

#### Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Category C      Visited by NAP      Visited On 22/11/99

PRN 39103      Site name BWLCH CEFN SARTH      NGR SN67983760  
 Site type EARTHWORK      Period Post Med      Site Status

#### Description

Two linear terraces cut into the N facing slope just S of the present A482 Llanwrda - Lampeter road. The terraces are on two levels, the upper terrace is c.6m wide and the lower terrace is slightly narrower, c.4-5m wide. The lower terrace is up to 2m lower than the upper terrace in some places. The terraces probably represent the line of the former 18th century pre-turnpike road and possibly the line of the Roman road from Llandovery to Pumpsaint.

#### Recommendations

The terraces are substantial and important landscape features and they should be maintained in their present condition. Driving vehicles across, or along the terraces should be avoided where possible, as should any form of potentially destructive activity.

Management Category B      Visited by NAP      Visited On 22/11/99

PRN 39104      Site name BWLCH CEFN SARTH      NGR SN67803697  
 Site type EARTHWORK      Period Post Med      Site Status

#### Description

Low mound with large flat laid stones. The stones form a line through the centre of the mound and cap what appears to be a linear void. Some of the stones have slumped into the void at the E end. One large capstone survives in situ at the W end. The mound survives to the S and the N of the stones to c.0.2m high. This feature cuts across a trackway that is supposed to be the line of a Roman road (PRN 39109). There was no indication of the former function of the feature.

#### Recommendations

This feature lies on the line of a footpath, although, so far at least, it does not appear to be suffering from erosion damage. The feature lies under a fence and is partially in two different fields. The feature should be maintained in its present condition and excluded from any destructive processes such as ploughing.

Management Category D      Visited by NAP      Visited On 22/11/99

PRN 39105      Site name BWLCH CEFN SARTH      NGR SN68253752  
 Site type BUILDING      Period Post Med      Site Status

#### Description

Small rectangular stone-built structure with a corrugated tin sheeting roof. The building is set at 90 degrees to the house at the S end of the farm yard. The N wall, facing the yard, has a large square metal door at the W end. The gable walls (the E and W walls) have had opposing openings inserted in the upper N corner, which required the original stone quoins to be replaced by red brick piers. There is one other small opening in the W gable wall, positioned towards the top of the wall just S of central. This opening has a flat stone lintel and appears to be original. There are remains of a modern block-built pen, or small enclosure in front of the building.

#### Recommendations

Although this building has been altered in the past, much of its fabric probably dates from the 19th century and it is therefore part of the historic core of the farm. This building should be maintained in its present condition.

Management Category C      Visited by NAP      Visited On 22/11/99

<b>PRN</b>	39106	<b>Site name</b>	BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b>	SN68283752
<b>Site type</b>	BUILDING	<b>Period</b>	Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Small rectangular single-storey stone-built structure with a corrugated asbestos roof. This building sits parallel to the road at the N end of the yard. A building is shown in this position on the OS 1st edition 6" map published in 1891, and there is a building shown in a similar position on the OS Old Series map of 1831. A small square stone-built extension, a dairy, was constructed on the S elevation sometime during the very late 19th century or early 20th century. The extension has red-brick quoins around the window reveals and doorway. The original building had three square headed, yellow brick doorways in the S elevation facing the yard. The W door has been blocked and a window inserted. Internally there has been some modern alterations.

**Recommendations**

If this building is to be converted to commercial use, it should be carried out in a manner that will retain the historic character of the buildings. If this building is not to be included in the redevelopment plans it should be maintained in its present condition.

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<b>PRN</b>	39107	<b>Site name</b>	BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b>	SN68283752
<b>Site type</b>	BARN	<b>Period</b>	Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Rectangular two-storey stone-built structure with a corrugated asbestos roof. This building sits parallel to the road at the N end of the yard and butts onto the W end of PRN 39106. A building is shown in this position on the OS 1st edition 6" map published in 1891 and there is a building shown in a similar position on the OS Old Series map of 1831. The E end of the building is a cartshed with a depressed semi-circular headed opening in yellow brick. A small square window is positioned under the eaves and centrally above the cartshed door. There are two other yellow brick headed openings at the W end that have been blocked and partially rendered. A large square opening with a concrete lintel has been inserted into the middle of the S wall. The building has also had some modern alterations to its interior.

**Recommendations**

If this building is to be converted to commercial use, it should be carried out in a manner that will retain the historic character of the buildings. If this building is not to be included in the redevelopment plans it should be maintained in its present condition.

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<b>PRN</b>	39108	<b>Site name</b>	BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b>	SN68253752
<b>Site type</b>	WELL	<b>Period</b>	Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Small, stone-lined well cut into the slope just south of the house on the west side of the yard.

**Recommendations**

Maintain in present condition.

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<b>PRN</b>	39109	<b>Site name</b>	BWLCH CEFN SARTH	<b>NGR</b>	SN67753622
<b>Site type</b>	TRACKWAY	<b>Period</b>	Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Slight hollow way leading N-S over Bwlch Cefn Sarth. This trackway continues N from the Llansadwrn-Crugybar road at SN67753622 and meets the A482 just W of the quarry (PRN 39102), from here it continues N towards Caeo. It is reputed locally to be a Roman road, but it is considered to be of more modern origins, possibly a droving route.

**Recommendations**

Where the track crosses the farm property it survives as a significant earthwork hollow and slight terrace and it should be maintained in its present condition.

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**Map**

Ordnance Survey, 1831 Sheet 41,

Ordnance Survey, 1891 ,

Ordnance Survey, 1907 Carm XVII.NW, Second Edition 1:10560

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## Bwlch Cefn Sarth - ACA Record Number 39100

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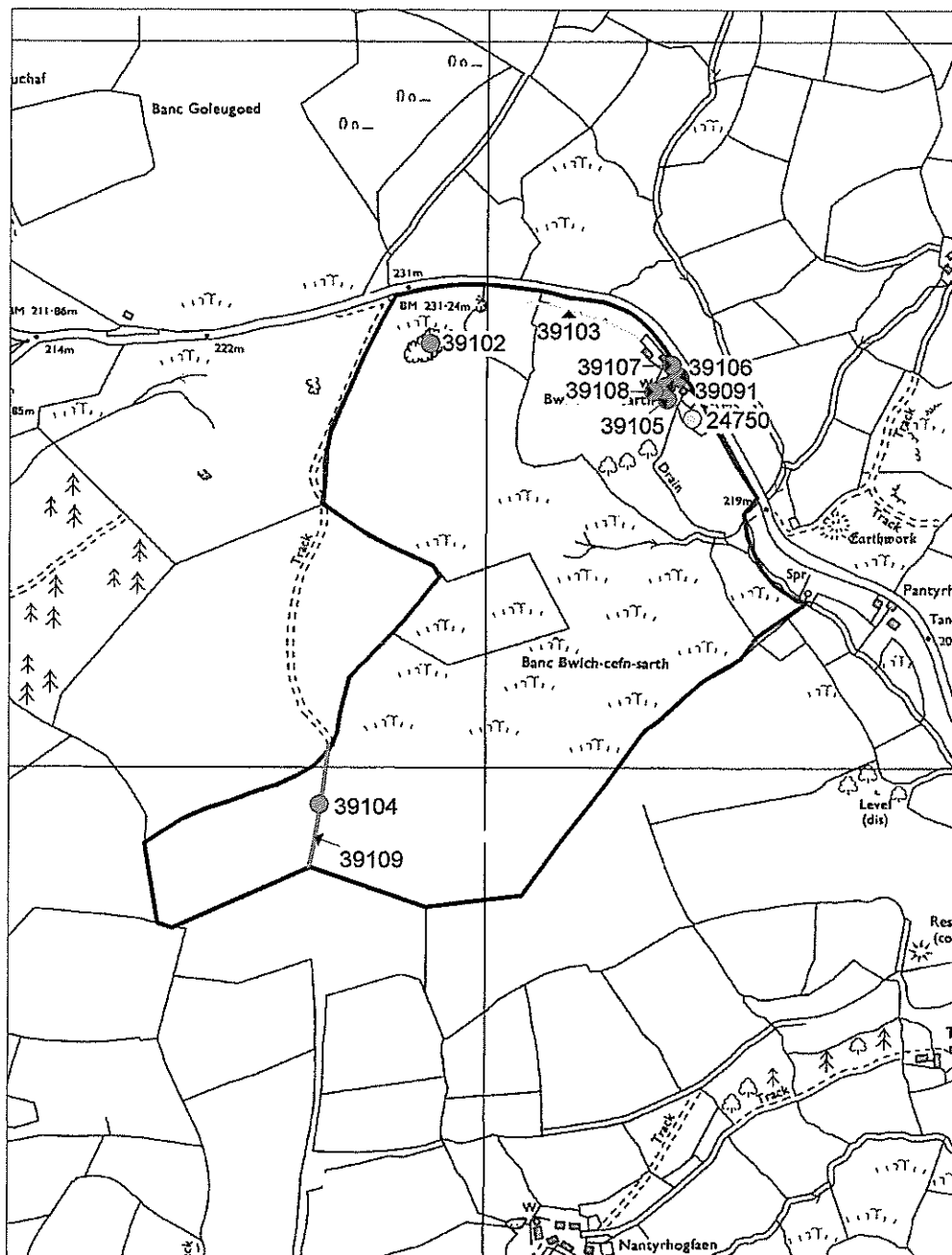






Plate 1: PRN 39103, terraces of the former 18<sup>th</sup> century pre-turnpike and the possible line of the Roman road from Llandovery to Pumpsaint.



Plate 2: PRN 39104, the capped-stone feature. Note the stones in the foreground slumping into the void.





Plate 3: PRN 39107 and part of PRN 39106 at the right of the photograph.



Plate 4: PRN 24750 the tollgate house .