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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 Scheduled Ancient Monuments

Grade 1 and 2* Listed Building

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 - Grey Sites / Features of Unknown Importance

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.

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Tir Gofal Scheme Tir Gofal Application No W/13/337 Gazetteer of Archaeological Sites and Management Recommendations: Norchard, Pembrokeshire

PRN7283 Site name NORCHARD

NGR

SS08159948

Site type DWELLING

Period

Mediaeval?:Post Med?

Site Status LB2

Description

The earliest surviving elements in the house are 15th century vaults at the W and E ends of the main range. The W end has twin vaults running E-W, the E end has a single N-S vault. These are probably the remains of a hall house. During a rebuild of the 17th century a new centre section was constructed between the vaulted wings. The main range of the house is south facing with symmetrical gabled wings projecting forward. The W projection may be false to balance the E projection. A stone staircase from the main range gives access to the upper floor of the E wing. A garderobe is present in the N end of the E wing. There has been some internal modernisation by the previous and the present owners, but the main structural components and the character of the house have been maintained.

Recommendations

The quality and character of the house is recognised in its designation as a Listed Building therefore works on the house are subject to Listed Building Consent. Care should be taken to avoid unsympathetic modernisation and development.

Visited by Visited On 27/10/99 NAP Management Category A PRN16694 Site name NORCHARD FARM NGR SS08189936 Post Med Site Status Period Site type LIME KILN

Description

The kiln is located in a small quarry PRN 16951. It is a three-quarter circle draw kiln with opposing draw arches. The kiln. which measures 4m high x c.8m diameter, is constructed from dressed limestone and mill grit blocks in a lime-based mortar (Brown 1999). The W arch measures 3.3m high x 2.6m wide x 3.3m deep. The E arch measures 3m high x 2.9m wide x 3.1m deep the rear wall of this arch has collapsed. Remnants of a parapet wall survive. The charge hole is c.2m wide. There is a curved wall at the SE of the kiln which may be part of the ramp. Internally some of the kiln lining remains, externally the kiln wall is cracked in several places on its N and E sides and large trees growing on the structure are pushing the wall outwards.

Recommendations

Remove trees from the kiln structure and consolidate walls, charge hole and draw arches. Clear part of the quarry of vegetation to protect the structure and to allow greater appreciation of the original context of the kiln.

Visited by Visited On 27/10/99 NAP Management Category C NGR PRN16951 Site name NORCHARD FARM SS081992 Period Post Med Site Status Site type QUARRY-LIMESTONE

Description

Small quarry, c.40m long. Contains limekiln PRN 16694. The quarry is now very overgrown and some modern rubbish dumping has occurred in the north west corner.

Recommendations

The quarry and limekiln, PRN 16694, make an interesting group and part of the quarry should be cleared of vegetation to allow access to the site and to protect the kiln structure.

Visited by NAP Visited On 27/10/99 Management Category C PRNSite name NORCHARD FARM TIR GOFAL PRE-APPLICATION ENOUIRY NGR 36882 SS081994 Post Med Site Status Site type PROJECT RECORD Period Description

Recommendations

Management Category

Visited by NAP Visited On 27/10/99

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PRN 37637 Site name NORCHARD FARM
Site type COTTAGE; SHED Period Post Med Site Status

Description

The site consists of a slightly raised grass covered platform, $c.10m \times 10m \times 0.3m$ high, and a short length of stone-built wall. It is situated in the northwest corner of a pasture field called Calves Hay. The site is shown on the OS 1st edition 25" map (1890) and it seems that the platform is the remains of an enclosure in front of a small roofed building, $c.3m \times 2m$, of which the one length of wall survives. It was possibly an animal pen.

Recommendations

Avoid ploughing across site.

Management Category D	Visited by NAP	Visited On 27/10/99
PRN 37638 Site name NORCHARD FARM		NGR SS08139957
Site type SPRING;WELL Period	Post Med	Site Status
Description		

Description

Spring identified from the OS 1st edition map 1890.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Category	, D		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN 37639	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08189950;S
Site type FOOTPATE	ŀ	Period	Post Med		Site Status	

Description

Footpath from well PRN 37638 to farmstead, identified from the OS 1st edition map 1890. Nothing visible during the site visit...

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Categor	v D		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN 37640	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08309952
Site type WOOD		Period	Post Med		Site Status	

Description

Wood to east of Norchard Farm farmstead. Identified during Tir Gofal pre-application enquiry. EMB October 1999. The wood is bounded on its south and east sides by an earth boundary bank which survives in places up to 1.5m high x 2m wide.

Recommendations

Avoid damage to boundary bank.

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PRN 37641

Site name NORCHARD FARM

NGR

SS08239947

Site type MILL POND

Period

Post Med

Site Status

Description

The pond is fed from springs to the N of the farm. An overflow channel extends from the SE corner of the pond. The mill PRN 37642 is located on the SW edge of the pond. A dam and sluice structure control the flow of water to the mill. The pond is an integral part of the farm complex and its association with the mill makes it of significant interest and value.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Manas	gement Category	' A		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN	37642	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08229945
Site for	MILL GRIS	тмпі	Period	Post Med		Site Status	LB2

Description

Grist Mill to east of Norchard Farm farmstead. A two storey corn mill fed by mill pond, PRN 37641. The mill is built into the SW edge of the pond and fed via a sluice in a dam. The upper floor of the mill is reached from the dam. The mill consists of two ranges an E-W range that formerly housed the gearing and a smaller, single storey extension on the S side that has a wooden pulley surviving on its N wall. Both ranges are of random-rubble construction with slate roofs. The wheel was mounted on the E wall of the main range, the wooden axle survives but the rest of the wheel is missing. Some of the wooden internal gearing remains, but only the fly wheel is in-situ. The tailrace runs beneath the SE corner of the S extension and under the track PRN 37646 and into a field to the S of the farm. Internally the wooden floor for the upper storey in the main range is unsafe. Tree roots from several adjacent trees are beginning to encroach into the building and these are having an impact on the fabric of the structure. There is some cracking to the external walls.

Recommendations

Remove the trees closest to the building. Repair the internal wooden flooring for the upper storey and consolidate the cracks in the walls. This building has statutory protection as a Listed Building and all works are subject to Listed Building Consent.

Management Category	, A		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
<i>PRN</i> 37643	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08389941
Site type POND		Period	Post Med		Site Status	

Description

Pond to south-east of Norchard Farm farmstead. Identified from the Os 1st edition map, 1890, during Tir Gofal pre-application enquiry. EMB October 1999.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Category	С		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN 37644	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08269939
Site type ORCHARD		Period	Post Med		Site Status	

Description

Orchard shown on OS 1st edition map 1890, to south-east of Norchard Farm farmstead. This a is a small area of trees with some fruit trees remaining. The area has been reduced in size from that shown on the OS 1st edition map.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

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PRN37645 Site name NORCHARD FARM

NGR

SS08249944;S

Site type FOOTPATH

Period

Post Med

Site Status

Description

Footpath from Norchard Farm farmstead to Lydstep. Identified from the OS 1st edition map, 1890, during the Tir Gofal pre-application enquiry. EMB October 1999. Nothing visible during site visit.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Categ	eorv C		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN 37646	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08359949;S
Site type ROAD;T	TRACKWAY	Period	Post Med		Site Status	

Description

A metalled trackway c.7m wide flanked on either side by earth and stone boundary banks (up to 1.2m high x 1-1.5m wide). The bank on the N side is the boundary for wood PRN 37640. This track may formerly have extended to Lydstep. At its E end the track now terminates at entrances into two pasture fields. The entrances had curved stone walls on both sides, a typical Pembrokeshire feature, but only the northernmost wall survived intact.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Categorv C	Visited by NAP	Visited On 27/10/99
PRN 37647 Site name NORCHARD FARM		NGR SS08209939;S
Site type FOOTPATH;TRACKWAY Perio	Post Med	Site Status

Description

This track was shown on a 1772 estate map running S from the crenallated front entrance of the house for approximately 500m before turning right and joining the line of the present road from Lydstep. By the time the tithe map was published in 1842 this dog-leg section had been removed and the present road line that runs passed the W side of the farm had been established. The abandoned section of road had by this time become an access track to the quarries and limekiln, PRN 16694, south of the farm. The area of this track is now overgrown.

Recommendations

A short section of the line of this track could be uncovered to assess the condition of the road surface and any roadside walls, or any other features associated with what was during the 18th century the main approach to the house.

Management Category	D		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
<i>PRN</i> 37648	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08179937
Site type COTTAGE?	;worksho	P? Period	Post Med		Site Status	

Description

Cottage or workshop adjacent to quarry PRN 16951. Identified from the OS 1st edition map, 1890. Nothing visible during site

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Categorv	D	Visited by NAP	Visited On 27/10/99

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Site name NORCHARD FARM NGR

SS08139937

Site type COTTAGE?; WORKSHOP?

Period

Post Med

Site Status

Cottage or workshop adjacent to quarry PRN 16951. Identified from the OS 1st edition map, 1890. Nothing visible during site visit.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Visited by Management Category NAP Visited On 27/10/99 D PRN39064 NORCHARD FARM NGR Site name SS08219951 Period Post Med Site Status Site type SAW PIT

Description

Linear hollow, c.3m x Im, cut into S facing bank to the N of the mill pond PRN 37641. The hollow appears to be stone-lined. The pit is now located in a blackthorn hedgerow and is partially overgrown.

Recommendations

Remove any vegetation growing on, or in, the structure.

Visited by Visited On 27/10/99 Management Category NAP C PRN39065 Site name NORCHARD FARM NGR SS08219951 Period Post Med Site Status Site type SAW PIT

Description

Linear hollow, c.3m x 1m, cut into S facing bank to the N of the mill pond PRN 37641 and on the southern edge of wood, PRN 37640, some 8m E of saw pit, PRN 39064. The hollow appears to be stone-lined.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Visited by Visited On 27/10/99 NAP Management Category NGR PRN39066 Site name NORCHARD FARM SS08149942 Site Status LB2 Post Med Site type CART SHED Period

Description

Rectangular cart shed, c.15m x 6m, constructed from local random-rubble, with three open arches in the N wall. The E end of the shed is built against the outer face of the W wall of the kitchen garden, PRN 39075. This building was not shown on an estate plan of 1772, nor on the tithe map of c.1842. There is some damage to the W end of the roof, and the E end of the rear wall is cracked internally, but otherwise the building is in relatively good condition. The roof timbers are fastened with wooden pegs.

Recommendations

Repair damage to roof and consolidate the walls.

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PRN 39067 Site name NORCHARD FARM NGR SS08119949

Site type BARN Period Post Med Site Status

Description

Barn constructed from local random-rubble with a tiled roof. Forms the W end of a long range of buildings. A two-storey structure that formerly had a water wheel mounted on its N wall. The wheel may have driven some internal machinery, such as a threshing machine. The wheel is missing but the wheel pit and tail race survive, although both are very overgrown. The water to drive the wheel appears to have been fed from a pond to the NW of the farm, but the area is very overgrown and it is not known how the water system operated. Internally the floor for the upper storey is in a very unsafe condition, some of the timbers are badly rotted and woodworm is rife. An attempt had been made in the past to prop up the main beams. Water is pouring into the lower storey through the wall in the NW corner of the building, not only is this causing direct damage to the wall and stone floor, but the damp atmosphere is exacerbating the problems of rotting timbers. This building was not shown on the tithe plan, but was shown on the OS 1st edition 25" maps of 1890 (surveyed 1888) which puts its construction date sometime between 1842 and

Recommendations

Rectify problem of water pouring into the building. Replace internal beams and make safe the floor to the upper storey. Consolidate the walls. Clear the area to the NW and N of the building of vegetation and survey the water system that fed the wheel.

Management Categor	v A		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN 39068	Site name	NORCHARD FARM	·		NGR	SS08159949
Site type BARN		Period	Post Med		Site Status	LB2

Description

A two storey random-rubble construction with a tiled roof that forms the centre section of the range of buildings that includes barn PRN 39067. The building is described as a strawhouse (Cadw 1996). A ramp connecting this building to the lower floor of PRN 39067 may have been a pulley run for machinery driven by the water wheel on the N wall of PRN 39067. This building is in a reasonable condition, although its timbers are being affected by woodworm and the water problems in PRN 39067.

Recommendations

Consolidate any cracks in the walls, check condition of the internal woodwork and the roof structure and make safe any defects.

Management Category	Α		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	27/10/99
PRN 39069	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08189949
Site type BARN		Period	Post Med		Site Status	LB2

Description

A two storey random-rubble construction with tiled roof that forms the E end of the range containing barns PRNs 39067 & 39068. There are remains of 'bull pens' in front of this building. This building appears to be in reasonable condition.

Recommendations

Check condition of the building and make good any major defects.

Management Categor	v A		Visited by	NAP	Visited On 27/10/99
PRN 39070	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR SS08129947
Site type STABLE		Period	Post Med		Site Status LB2

Description

Two storey random-rubble stable with slate roof. Built in 1877 as a carthorse stable with 1st floor granary. Stone steps on the exterior of the rear W wall give access to the upper storey. This building was originally part of a long range of buildings that were shown on the OS 1st edition 25" map (1890) flanking the W side of the yard. The wooden floor for the granary is intact and in good condition. The roof timbers are fastened by wooden pegs. There is a modern tin extension on the S end of the building which houses a timber-framed grain hopper.

Recommendations

Check condition of building and make good any major defects.

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Modern

PRN 39071

Site name NORCHARD FARM

NGR

SS08189949

Site type STABLE

Period

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Site Status LB2

Description

A nag's stable and cart shed of random-rubble construction with a slate roof built onto the E end of the range containing buildings PRN's 39067, 39068 and 39069. The walls are painted white. This building was not shown on the OS 1 st edition 25" map (1890) and is therefore a modern addition to the farm. The building is in good condition and is currently used as a store.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Categor	v A		Visited by NA	AP Visited O	n 27/10/99
<i>PRN</i> 39072	Site name	NORCHARD FARM		NGR	SS08189950
Site type PIGSTY		Period	Post Med	Site Stat	us LB2

Description

Pigsty of random-rubble construction. Dilapidated condition and overgrown. Forms a part of the farm complex and should be included in the Listed Building schedule.

Recommendations

Include in Listed Building schedule for the farm. Clear vegetation and assess condition.

Management Category	' A		Visited by	NAP	Visited On 27/10/99
PRN 39073	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR SS08159947
Site type FARM		Period	Post Med		Site Status LB2

Description

Norchard is situated just south of the Ridgeway and to the north of the Carmarthen-Pembroke railway line. It comprises a large dwelling house and a range of outbuildings around a triangular yard and a few fields. Norchard was first mentioned in the 14th century when it was home to the Looney family. When Thomas Looney died in the later 14th century the house and lands passed to his daughter who married Lawrence Marychurch. Eleven generations of the family lived at Norchard between 1400 and 1600 (Jones 1996–146). During the early 16th century the Marychurch's supplied 5 mayors of Tenby. The male line of the Marychurch's failed in the 17th century and the house passed into the Williams family when Mary Marychurch married John Williams of Gumfreston (Jones 1996–146). By the 18th century Norchard had passed by the various marriages of Mary Marychurch's female descendents to John Meryck Esq. of Bush. From the mid 18th century onwards the farm was leased out to a series of tenants.

Recommendations

Survey the farm and provide accurate drawings and descriptions of the buildings that make up the main farm complex to allow proper sustainable management plans to be drawn up for the buildings both individually and as part of the overall farm complex.

Management Categorv A		Visited by	NAP	Visited On	Visited On 27/10/99	
PRN 39074	Site name	NORCHARD FARM			NGR	SS08199944
Site type GARDEN		Period	Post Med		Site Status	LB2

Description

Walled garden at the front of the house, PRN 7283. Surrounded by a random-rubble stone wall with a crenallated entrance. There are five crenallations above the front entrance, which are supposed to represent five sons of the Marychurch family (Mrs Davies, current owner, pers comm). The garden enclosure is clearly shown on the 1772 estate map and it is probable that it dates from the 17th century when a number of changes were made to the house.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Management Category A Visited by NAP Visited On 27/10/99

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PRN39075 Site name

NORCHARD FARM

NGR

SS08169943

Site type GARDEN

Period

Post Med

Site Status LB2

Description

Walled kitchen garden to W of walled garden PRN 39074. The walls are of random-rubble construction.

Recommendations

Maintain in present condition.

Visited by NAP Visited On 27/10/99 Management Category Α NGR39076 NORCHARD FARM PRNSite name SS08169944 Post Med

Site type COWSHED

Period

Site Status LB2

Description

A large cowshed of random rubble construction with a slate roof. Constructed c.1890 the shed had 24 ties, although it is no longer used for cattle. It is constructed along the N side of the kitchen garden PRN 39075. The building appears to be in good condition.

Recommendations

Check condition of the building and make good any major defects.

Management Category

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Map

Hassall, 1772 The Demesne and Lordship of Norchard,

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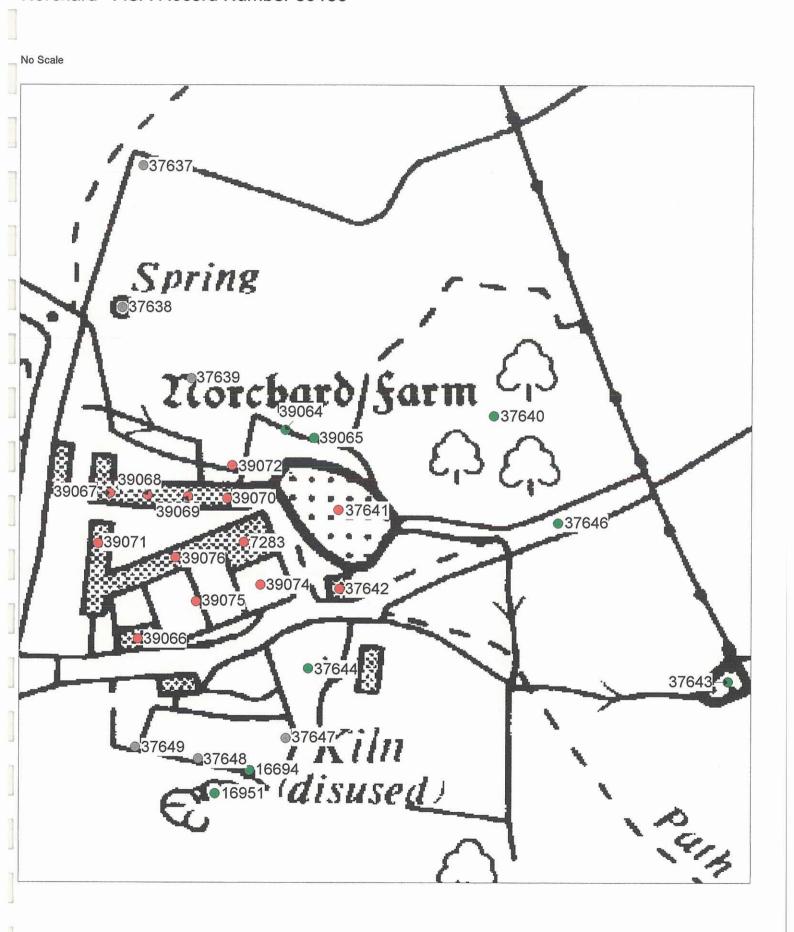




Plate 1: East elevation of east range of the house (PRN 7283). Some of this range dates from the $14^{\rm th}$ century.



Plate 2: Corn mill (PRN 37642).



Plate 3: Cartshed (PRN 39606) showing the three arched openings in the north elevation.



Plate 4: The metalled trackway (PRN 37646) leading towards Lydstep. The wood (PRN 37640) is on the left of the picture.