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Tir Gofal Farm Visit Report

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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 10797	Site name CRUGVORION;GRAIG-Y-BORION	NGR SN15580948
Site type SETTLEMENT	Period Mediaeval	Site Status

Description

Craig y Borion has medieval origins, but the present farm is of post-medieval date. The current farmhouse is a much altered building, but it is likely that at least some of the fabric dates from the 17th century, with the bulk of the house dating from the 18th century. The house was, until the 1950s a double pile, three-storey structure, but the W range was demolished and the W wall of the E range effectively became the front of the house. There are two semi-subterranean cellars to the E of the house. The house was formerly entered at first floor level in the E wall, but that entrance has been blocked and the steps leading to it covered. The farmyard complex occupies a ridge of high ground overlooking a narrow valley to the W. Most of the farm buildings, which all probably date from the 19th century, are now in the ownership of the National Trust. Most of the boundaries on the farm have been established since at least the 18th century.

Recommendations

The farm is owned by the National Trust and farmed by a tenant. Most of the original buildings in the yard complex have been converted into NT offices and are therefore protected and maintained in good condition. The other buildings have individual recommendations throughout this report.

Management Category A	Visited by NAP	Visited On 10/12/99
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PRN 25108	Site name PWLL Y GRIPPIN	NGR SN15820839
Site type FARMSTEAD	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

Pwll-y-Grippin was shown on the tithe map published in 1844 and on the OS 1st edition 1:10560 map (1891) as comprising two buildings, a long rectangular building aligned NE-SW and a smaller square structure to the SE. The smaller of the structures was probably the house with the other building as long barn. The site now consists of several partially covered low dry-stone walls. There is a concrete capped well in the garden. A small garden enclosure has traces of raised-bed cultivation surviving within it. The site was surveyed in 1989 for the National Trust (Latham and Jones 1990) and the site appears to have changed little in the intervening 10 years. There are several small irregular fields W of the farmstead which appear to have been associated with it. These fields are very different in character to the later, larger fields to the N and may have been created from medieval open fields.

Recommendations

This site should be fenced off along with the adjacent cutting, PRN 25109, to protect it from any destructive actions, such as animal trampling or rubbish dumping. Once fenced off the site should be maintained in its present condition. The layout of small fields should be maintained in its present condition and where possible damaged boundaries should be reinstated and protected from further damage.

Management Category B	Visited by NAP	Visited On 10/12/99
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PRN 25109	Site name PWLL Y GRIPPIN	NGR SN158084
Site type TRACKWAY;MINE WORKINGS?	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

A deep, narrow cutting that extends for some 130m NNE from the site of Pwll-y-Grippin farmstead, PRN25108. In places the cutting is up to 4m deep and c.9m wide. For much of its length the sides are vertical rock faces. The shape of this feature is unusual for a quarry and it is more likely that it was used for some type of mineral extraction (Latham and Jones 1990, 22). A low dry-stone wall extends nearly all the way across the bottom of the feature at roughly the midpoint. There are no obvious signs that the wall was part of a larger structure, but the area is covered in vegetation, leaf litter and dumping so that it is not possible to be certain that there are no other associated structures or features. If the wall was not part of a larger structure it may be that it was constructed to form a simple fold in the bottom of the feature.

Recommendations

It is intended to fence off this feature as part of the Tir Gofal scheme which will protect it from trample damaged by animals. Further dumping should be avoided. Some clearance may be desirable in the area of the wall to try to assess its character.

Management Category C	Visited by NAP	Visited On 10/12/99
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PRN	39320	Site name	CRAIG-Y-BORION	NGR	SN16030866
Site type	PROJECT RECORD	Period	Post Med	Site Status	

Description

Recommendations

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PRN	39321	Site name	CRAIG-Y-BORION	NGR	SN15640941
Site type	BUILDING	Period	Post Med	Site Status	

Description

An L-shaped stone structure with a corrugated tin roof. The main range of the building is aligned NW-SE and consists of a single room divided by a modern partition. The smaller NE-SW aligned range is also a single room. There is a possible blocked fireplace in the NW wall of the main range. The building is used for storage. It was shown as unroofed on the OS 1st edition 1:2500 map (1889), suggesting that it dates from at least the early 19th century and possibly from the 19th century. There is a silted up walled pond in front of the building, which may be contemporary with it. It is not known what function this building had originally, although there are suggestions - the possible blocked fireplace and the pond - that it may have been a dwelling.

Recommendations

The building should be surveyed to try to determine its development history and to provide information on its current condition. Any major structural defects should be made good to consolidate the fabric of the building.

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PRN	39322	Site name	CRAIG-Y-BORION	NGR	SN15640941
Site type	BUILDING	Period	Post Med	Site Status	

Description

Small, single-storey stone-built structure with a slate roof. The building is aligned NW-SE. It has a sloping roof and a square brick chimney on the NW end wall. There is a toilet in the SE end, entered from the outside. The wooden toilet seat survives. The interior of the building is divided into two equal rooms, although the SE room has the toilet extending into the SW corner. There is a fireplace in the NW wall of the NW room. Both rooms are entered through doors in the NE wall, and both have windows in the SW wall. This building was probably a small cottage for one of the farm workers. This building was shown on the OS 1st edition 1:10560 map published in 1891, and it seemed to be in a small enclosure, possibly a garden plot.

Recommendations

This building is in fairly good condition, but it is beginning to suffer from damp and other problems of neglect. It is currently used as a chicken shed and at the very least it should be maintained in its present condition. Ideally the building should be consolidated and the major defects made good.

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PRN	39323	Site name	CRAIG-Y-BORION	NGR	SN15640941
Site type	BARN	Period	Post Med	Site Status	

Description

Small, rectangular, stone barn with a new slate roof. There was formerly an extension on the NE end which was removed. A door connecting the barn to the extension has been blocked.

Recommendations

This building has recently been renovated with the construction of a new slate roof. It is currently in daily use and should be maintained in its present condition.

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<i>PRN</i>	39324	<i>Site name</i>	CRAIG-Y-BORION	<i>NGR</i>	SN15640941
<i>Site type</i>	ORCHARD	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

Description

A terraced orchard consisting of several terraces cut into the S facing slope to the S of the house. The terraces lead down to a small stream that runs E-W across the site. The stream exits through an arch in a stone-built wall that formed the S boundary of the orchard. This wall has other openings in it which appear to have only had a decorative function. There are other walls around the orchard area. Some of the stone facings of the terraces survive in good condition.

Recommendations

There is the possibility that some of the terraces will be reinstated in the near future. The surviving walls and terraces should be surveyed and cleared prior to reinstatement.

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Map

Rees W, 1932, S.Wales & Border in the 14th Century, SW sheet

Ordnance Survey, 1907, Pembs Sheet XXXV.NE, 25 inch

Written Description

Latham J and Jones S, 1990, The National Trust Archaeological Survey - The Colby Estate - South Wales, p.21-22

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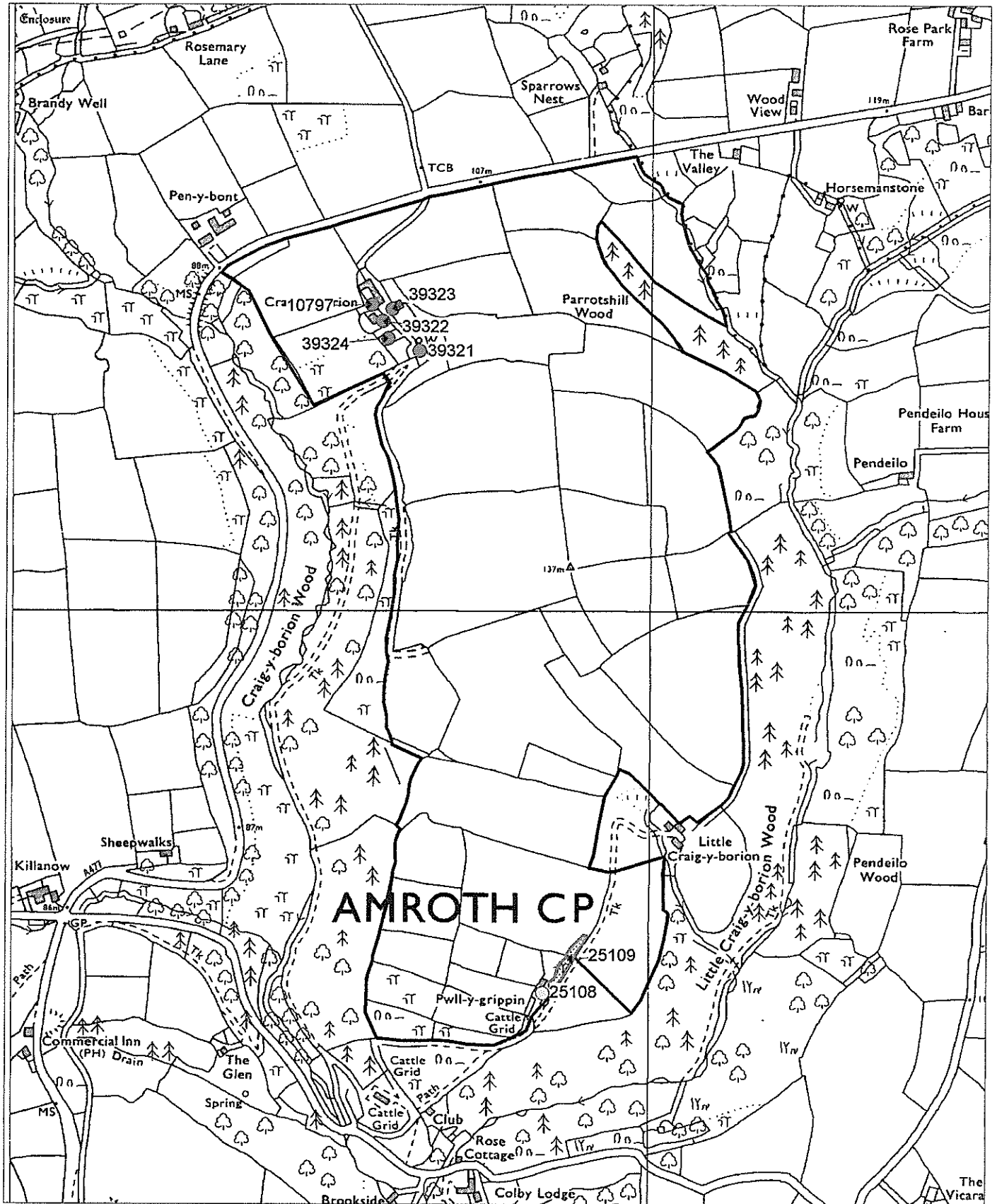




Plate 1: PRN 25109 - a low stone wall constructed across the bottom of possible ore workings



Plate 2: PRN 39322 - worker's cottage in corner of terraced orchard.