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NGR SN34814790

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Visit Date 15/03/00

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 Red Banding	<i>Registered Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest 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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Description of Broniwan Farm

Broniwan is a farm of 44 acres (18ha) located on the west facing slopes above Nant Coll and the village of Rhydlewys. It drops from a high point of c.150m at Capel Twrgwyn to c.100m OD along the edge of Nant Coll. The present farm consists of a house and yard area surrounded by a small number of fields with a separated parcel of three fields a short distance to the north. There have been some significant changes to Broniwan since the tithe map of 1834; some fields around Capel Twrgwyn have been disposed of and land from two other holdings, Twrgwyn and Cribin Clottas (PRN 39371), acquired. An 1787 map of land belonging to Cribin Clottas (PRN 39371) shows that the field pattern was already established by the mid- to late-18th century, and it names Broniwan as a neighbouring farm. On the tithe map the house and yard area is shown to consist of two large rectangular buildings, one aligned northwest-southeast (PRN 39374) and the other northeast-southwest, and two smaller buildings. The later 19th century saw extensive remodelling of the yard area with a new house built (PRN 39375) on its present site to replace the northeast-southwest building, the extension of building PRN 39374 and the removal of the smaller buildings. Further changes had taken place by 1907, the pigsty (PRN 39376) had been constructed, a small building on the south edge of the yard was also present and the house had been extended. There are some modern farm buildings in the yard today, but the late-19th century layout is still identifiable. The boundaries across the farm are a mix of earth banks, earth banks topped by mature trees and earth banks with pitched stone facing. There are some interesting examples of dry-stone work around the farm, in one instance a boundary wall was constructed from regularly spaced upright slabs with the interstices filled with laid stones. Another, more unusual, example is in a wall that leads from the house to the yard where a short length (c.2.5m) of it is made up from thin slivers (possibly offcuts from building stones) of stone laid so that their ends face outwards in a style similar to the Roman technique Opus Reticulatum. This section of wall was designed to be decorative and it was probably constructed when the yard was reorganized in the later 19th century.

Management Recommendations for the farm

The current owners have plans to develop parts of the farm for educational uses and the historic fabric of the farm should be incorporated into any education material produced and into any trails or walks that are created. There are no plans at present to remove boundaries or to radically alter any of the surviving buildings. The present management regime is sympathetic to the historic fabric and character of the farm and to ensure this situation is maintained archaeological advice should be sought when developing the educational activities of the farm.

PRN 39371	Site name CRIBIN CLOTTAS	NGR SN35064729
Site type FARMSTEAD	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

A small farmstead, first recorded in 1787, consisting of a single building and several fields. The building was almost certainly of the long-hut type with animals and people housed in the same building. The farmstead survived into the mid 19th century, it was called Cribben on the tithe map of 1834, but it had disappeared by the 1870s when the surveys for the 1st edition OS maps were undertaken. Aerial photographs taken in the 1950s show that the site of the building had been levelled and ploughed and there are no surviving above ground remains of the house. A short length of track flanked by stone-faced banks leads south from the house site.

Recommendations

There is no surviving above ground structure, but the possibility of below ground remains must be considered. Therefore, it is recommended that an area around the site be defined and excluded from further ploughing

Management Category D	Visited by NAP	Visited On 15/03/00
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PRN 39372	Site name BRONIWAN FARM	NGR SN34904750
Site type EARTHWORK	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

A series of low grass covered banks which may be the remains of small enclosures or old garden plots. They comprise a grubbed out boundary (shown on the tithe map - 1834) running northwest-southeast with two banks extending at 90 degrees from its southwest side. The northernmost of these two banks curved south and the two may originally have formed a small enclosure. Other, larger enclosures may be evident to the north.

Recommendations

It is not possible to date the earthworks with any degree of accuracy, but they may be medieval, although a post-medieval date is more likely. They are a prominent feature of the farm and it is recommended that their extent is defined and a buffer zone implemented to protect them from any destructive processes

Management Category D	Visited by NAP	Visited On 15/03/00
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PRN 39373	Site name BRONIWAN FARM	NGR SN34934759
Site type FARM	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

See Description of the farm.

Recommendations

See farm management recommendations.

Management Category C	Visited by NAP	Visited On 15/03/00
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<i>PRN</i>	39374	<i>Site name</i>	BRONIWAN FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN34934759
<i>Site type</i>	COWSHED	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

Description

Stone-built two-storey cowhouse with 1st floor storage area terraced into the sloping hillside. The ground floor cowhouse is entered from the southwest and contains five double stalls arranged along the back wall. The storage area is entered from the north. A date stone above the entry to the cowhouse has an inscription T E 1774. This building appears to have been extended sometime between publication of the Troed yr Aur parish tithe map and the OS 1st edition map of 1891. The openings in the southwest wall consist of two doorways, one blocked, and a window on the ground floor and three windows on the first floor. All the openings have segmental arch heads in yellow brick, which suggests a date consistent with the extension of the building during the third quarter of the 19th century. There is a line of pigeon roost holes near the top of the southwest wall, the holes are separated by red bricks.

Recommendations

This building is undergoing long-term restoration and so far the work has been sympathetic to the historic character of the building.

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<i>PRN</i>	39375	<i>Site name</i>	BRONIWAN FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN34934759
<i>Site type</i>	FARMHOUSE	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

Description

Two-storey stone built house with slate gable roof. The house was constructed on a rock-cut terrace dug into the hill slope in 1876 during a reorganization of the yard. .

Recommendations

The house is currently occupied and in good condition. No specific management is required, although any alterations should retain the character of the house.

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<i>PRN</i>	39376	<i>Site name</i>	BRONIWAN FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN34934759
<i>Site type</i>	PIGSTY	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

Description

Two-storey pigsty with 1st floor hen-house. The structure is stone-built with brick quoins on the corners and around the openings and a slate gable roof. It contains three 'in-and-out' sties, each consisting of a sleeping section, c.2m x 2m, and a yard of similar dimensions. A passage along the rear of the sleeping sections is reached via a door in the northwest gable wall. The rear of the sleeping sections are made up of large upright slabs of slate held in place by a wooden rail. Slate slabs were also used to cap the walls of the yards. Entry to the hen-house was through a door in the northeast wall, two small hen entries were also present in this wall. This building was constructed sometime between 1891 and 1906, it appeared on the 2nd edition OS map, but not on the 1st edition published in 1891.

Recommendations

The combination of pigsty with a 1st floor hen-house is unusual, but not rare, and this example is in reasonable condition, despite the southeast gable wall having been rebuilt in modern blocks. The building should be maintained in its present condition, and if there are any future plans to renovate it a survey of the existing structure should be carried out prior to the works beginning.

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<i>PRN</i>	39377	<i>Site name</i>	BRONIWAN FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN35034771
<i>Site type</i>	QUARRY	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

Description

Small quarry alongside the road. The quarry is now overgrown,

Recommendations

Maintain in its present condition.

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<i>PRN</i>	39457	<i>Site name</i>	BRONIWAN FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN34814790
<i>Site type</i>	PROJECT RECORD	<i>Period</i>		<i>Site Status</i>	

Description

Recommendations

<i>Management Category</i>		<i>Visited by</i>	NAP	<i>Visited On</i>	15/03/00
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Map

Unknown, 1787 Rhydlweis Vicinity Cribin Clottas in the Parish of Troed yr Aur, NLW vol 39 pp48-49

Tithe Map, 1834 Troed yr Aur parish tithe map and apportionment, -

Ordnance Survey, 1906 OS 2nd edition 1:10560, sheet Cards.XXXIX.NW

Aerial Photograph

Meridian Airmaps, 1955 SN22NE frames 18073-18075, -

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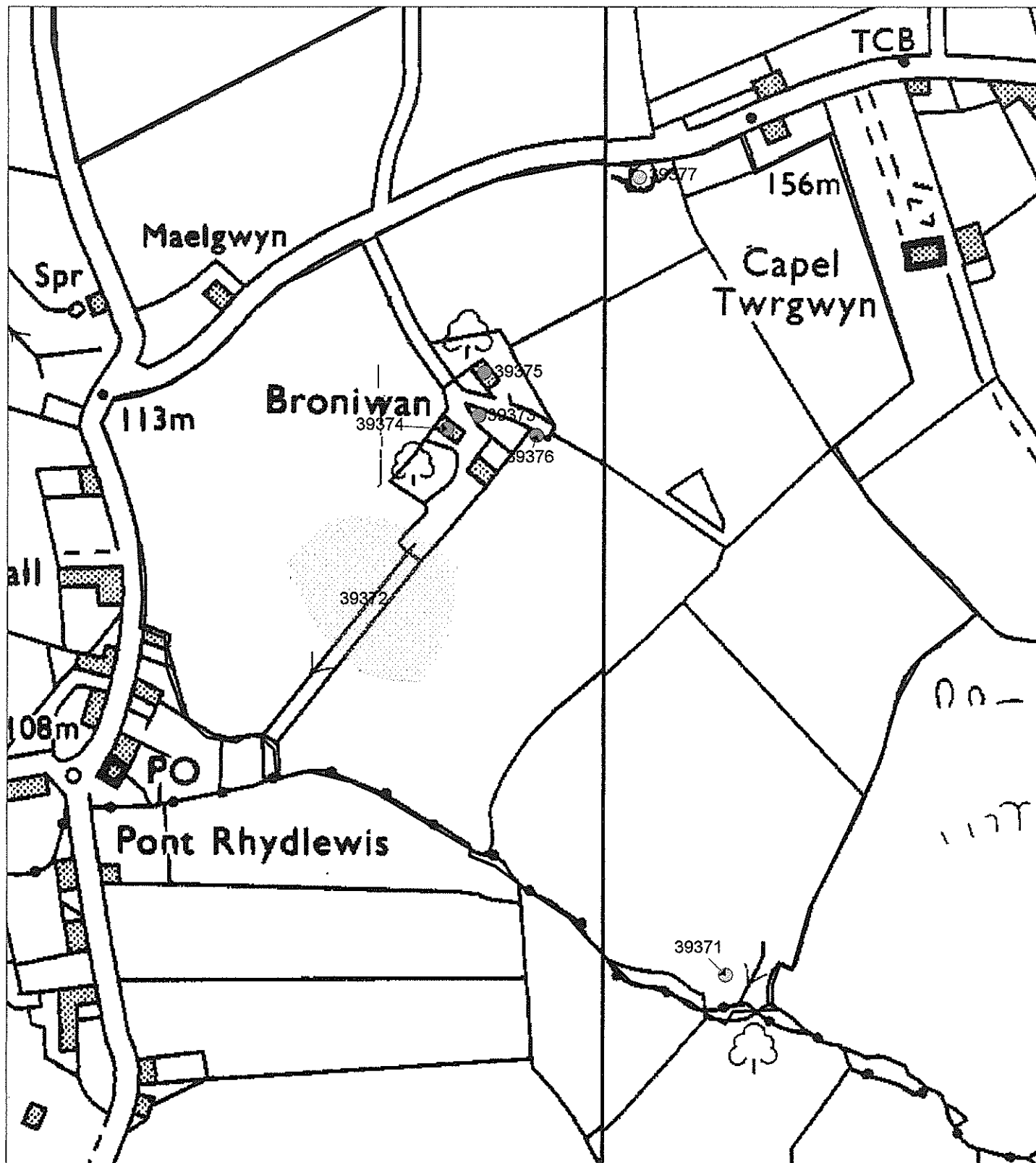




Plate 1: PRN 39371 - part of the lane leading to the site of the former farmstead Cribin Clottas



Plate 2: PRN 39376 - pigsty with hen house above



Plate 3: PRN 39374 - cowhouse, 18th century with later windows added



Plate 4: PRN 39373 - unusual decorative drystone wall