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## **TIR GOFAL FARM VISIT REPORT**

This report is intended to provide a statement on the condition and recommended management of all known archaeological and historical sites and features on this farm at the time it was visited by Cambria Archaeology. This information will be used to inform the Tir Gofal Management Agreement for the farm.

The report structure is as follows:

- explanation of archaeological site status and management categories used in the gazetteer.
- a brief statement on the historical background to the farm which enables the reader to put the specific sites into context.
- the main body of the report is a gazetteer of sites previously known or identified during the visit. The gazetteer identifies sites by their Primary Record Number (PRN) which is the reference number used in the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR). It also locates them by National Grid Reference (NGR).
- list of sources consulted during the research for this project.
- explanation of colour coding used on the map.
- site location maps identifying by PRN the location of each site in the gazetteer.
- photographs of specific sites are included where the author considers it useful in order to identify a site or stress a particular management issue.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE STATUS**

### **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 historic elements of the landscape.

### **HGP - Register of Historic Gardens & Parks.**

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## **TIR GOFAL SITE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY**

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).

## **Description of Edwinsford Farm, PRN 41457**

Edwinsford Home Farm is beautifully situated in a bend of the Afon Cothi about 5 km to the north of Talley. The holding is made up of rolling parkland and wooded slopes that line the valley side. It is situated between c101 and 250m O.D. and covers an area of about 135ha.

The holding is dominated by the crumbling ruin of Edwinsford Mansion house which lies to the south of the farm on the opposite side of the river. The earliest part of this was built c.1635 to replace the earlier house of Rhydodon. It was later extended to the north and remodelled on several occasions over the course of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. At one time, the crest of the roof and the ornamental grounds of the house were adorned with leaden statuettes. According to Baker-Jones (1968), the house was occupied for its entire history by members of the Williams family, several of whom were prominent politicians in Carmarthenshire.

Most of the buildings that make up the home farm were established by the time of an Ordnance Survey in 1811 and are thought to be of early to mid-eighteenth century date (see Cadw Listings description, 1966). They include a farmhouse, a range of farm buildings and workers' accommodation.. The remainder, including a walled garden and gardener's cottage (c.1811-12), a coach house and a later nineteenth century stable block were constructed during the nineteenth century. All of the original buildings and the walled garden are registered as Grade II Listed buildings

With the exception of a few pasture fields, the land that makes up the estate is covered by woodland and is now predominantly used for rearing pheasants. Some of this woodland has obviously been planted with 'exotic' species and contains evidence of former carriage drives and pathways around the park. The area also includes several estate lodges, none of which belong to the current owner, and the farmstead of Llethr Llwyd which is now lived in by a gamekeeper.

## **Management Recommendations**

The farm is a feature of the parkland landscape rather than being an agricultural entity in itself. Whilst most of its buildings are protected from major alteration or damage, some of them are in need of repair. The history of the park itself has never been thoroughly investigated and requires more comprehensive survey work to identify features in its layout and design.

<b>PRN</b> 5109	<b>Site name</b> COTHI BRIDGE	<b>NGR</b> SN63183463
<b>Site type</b> BRIDGE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b> LB2

**Description**

An elegant, single span stone bridge, built by the Edward's brothers whose father was the architect of the famous Pontypridd bridge (plate 1). Dressed, coursed stone construction with a slate built arch and stone parapets. An inscription stone on the bridge dates it to 1773 and claims it to be "the sole property of the family of Edwinsford". A carved and moulded stone at the southern end of the parapet has obviously been reused. It has been suggested that it was originally the pedestal on which the c.1710 sundial stood.

**Recommendations**

The bridge is in a stable condition and is designated as a Grade II Listed building. It is therefore protected from significant damage or modification. It should be maintained in its current condition.

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<b>PRN</b> 6943	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOUSE;RHYDODYN	<b>NGR</b> SN63123457
<b>Site type</b> MANSION	<b>Period</b> Mediaeval;Post Med	<b>Site Status</b> LB2

**Description**

The ruin of Edwinsford mansion house is situated to the south of a bend in the Afon Cothi (plate 2). It has a rambling appearance and a complex history of construction. The oldest part of the house was built c.1635 and was known at this time as Edwinsford Uchaf. It is square in plan with a huge central chimney and a high, pyramidal stone clad roof. The central portion of the current house was built about thirty years later and was apparently remodeled during the eighteenth century. The centrally positioned porch was remodeled c. 1842 and a large drawing room was added to the east of the house in 1863 on the site of an earlier chapel. The grounds that surround the mansion are now completely overgrown but a late nineteenth century photograph shows that an ornamental stone stairway once led down to the riverside. This apparently survives beneath the undergrowth although it was not visible at the time of the farm visit.

**Recommendations**

The mansion is in a ruinous and unstable condition and has been deemed to be beyond repair for some years. It should be left to decay and kept clear of dumping and rubbish. The owner would like to use the stone roofing tiles to re-roof the cowhouse on the home farm. This is a productive use of what is otherwise a crumbling ruin and has apparently been approved by CADW. The area alongside the river should be cleared of undergrowth to establish whether any garden features survive here.

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<b>PRN</b> 12745	<b>Site name</b> RHYD ODIN	<b>NGR</b> SN632347
<b>Site type</b> FORD	<b>Period</b> Mediaeval	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Site of a ford, first marked on the 1st edition OS map of 1886 and possibly the inspiration for the name of Edwinsford Estate itself. At the time that the farm was visited, the river was extremely full. The banks to either side of the river at this point were substantially lower but given the shifting nature of the river course it is hard to establish whether these hollows were formed as a result of its use as a ford. A nearby pile of red sandstone rubble suggests that the area has been used as a dumping ground during the twentieth century.

**Recommendations**

The area should be kept free of rubbish and building material. The banks should not be disturbed.

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<b>PRN</b> 25582	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD	<b>NGR</b> SN6234
<b>Site type</b> PARK	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Seventeenth century estate of Edwinsford, including a mansion house (PRN 6943), home farm (PRN 41457), carriage drive (PRN 41456), woodland plantation (PRN 42090), walled garden (PRN 41458), fishponds (PRN 41466) and cottage (PRN 41467). See farm description at front of report and individual site descriptions for more details.

#### **Recommendations**

See individual site recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41456	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD PARK	<b>NGR</b> SN63243446
<b>Site type</b> DRIVE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

A terraced, c.4m wide carriage drive runs southwards from Edwinsford mansion house through an area of planted woodland (plate 3). It formerly continued in a circuit around Moelfre hill (to the south) and returned towards the mansion from the east. The surface of the drive is roughly gravelled in places but is now overgrown with reeds and extremely wet. Its route is lined with mature English and ornamental oaks and the woodland alongside it (PRN 42090) was designated as an area of parkland on the 2nd Edition OS map of 1906. More recent trackways have been cut through this woodland and somewhat detract from the original driveway. The drive itself has also now been blocked and re-routed at its southern end where it formerly left the woodland and circuited the hillside. Historic maps suggest that the drive was lined with an avenue of oaks for its entire length although it was not possible to walk the complete circuit in the course of the farm visit.

#### **Recommendations**

The carriage drive is an important surviving element of Edwinsford Park and should be protected. It should be cleared of reeds and young trees and drained to prevent further erosion. Whilst the section of it to the south of the mansion house is the best preserved, the maintenance and reinstatement of the entire length of the carriage drive around Moelfre Hill should be considered as a longer-term strategy.

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<b>PRN</b> 41457	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63133472
<b>Site type</b> FARMSTEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Edwinsford Home Farm includes a farmhouse, cowhouse, stables, dairy and walled garden which were built in various stages over the course of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The earliest elements of the complex are probably the cowhouse (PRN 41460) and dairy (PRN 41462) to the south of it which are recorded on an engraving of c.1776. The cowhouse was remodeled when a farmhouse was built on its eastern end in 1882 to form an L-shaped arrangement. A new stable block was built to the north in 1802, but is now privately owned. A coach house (PRN 41444), gardeners cottage (PRN 41463) and walled garden (PRN 41458) were built to the west of the farmhouse in the early nineteenth century (c.1811-12) and a more recent stable block (PRN 41459) was added to the north of the cowhouse in the late nineteenth century. (See individual site descriptions for more details.)

#### **Recommendations**

The cowhouse, dairy, farmhouse and walled garden are protected from significant development or modification by their status as Grade II Listed Buildings. However, the walled garden in particular has deteriorated considerably in condition since its listing description and the cowhouse also needs repair work. With the exception of the stable block, the remaining buildings have been modernised and are in excellent repair. See individual site recommendations for more details.

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<b>PRN</b> 41458	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63133479
<b>Site type</b> WALLED GARDEN	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b> LB2

#### *Description*

Walled garden to the north of the Home Farm on the Edwinsford Estate. It is attached to a 'Garden Cottage' on its southern side and was presumably built at about the same time (c.1811-12). It is surrounded by c.3m high random rubble walls which enclose an area of c.2.2ha. The main gateway to the southwest is adorned with tall piers of dressed rubble with raised table and coping, which are rebated to accommodate the gates. The gates themselves do not survive. A further entrance is located to the rear of Garden Cottage through a low, timber planked and studded door which is similarly flanked with tall piers of dressed rubble with stone ball finials and is headed with stone voussoirs. The area within the garden has been extensively cleared in recent years and part of it is now used for rearing pheasants. The remainder is still overgrown and littered with piles of rubble. Remnants of the formal box-hedging and orchard survive on the eastern side of the garden. A derelict single storey rubble building that at one time stood in the northeast corner of the garden was overgrown and completely inaccessible at the time of the visit.

#### *Recommendations*

The wall is in a reasonable condition alongside the Garden Cottage (plate 4), but elsewhere is overgrown with ivy and has apparently deteriorated considerably in condition since the Listed Buildings description was made. Only one of the stone piers that flank the main gateway now survives and the wall is breached on its southern side to the east of Garden Cottage. The walls should be cleared of ivy and consolidated to prevent their further deterioration. The internal area should be cleared of vegetation, taking care to retain the plantations from the original garden in the area to the east. The site of the former garden building should be cleared of vegetation so that its condition can be determined.

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<b>PRN</b> 41459	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63163472
<b>Site type</b> STABLES	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### *Description*

A single storey, late nineteenth century stable block lies to the north of the farmhouse and cowhouse at Edwinsford Home Farm and defines the northern side of the farmyard. It was first recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1886 and was the last element of the Home Farm to be built. It is of random rubble construction with a gabled slate roof. The stables were accessed by eight double-width openings in the southern wall which are headed with a single chamfered wall plate that runs for the entire length of the building. A kerb of the original cobbling skirts the length of the southern wall of the stable block. The interior was not examined. The stable block appears to be an extension of an earlier, single storey building to the west which abuts the walled garden and has a sloping slate roof. The latter has a stack and may have been a smithy. It has been completely renovated and all of the openings have been replaced.

#### *Recommendations*

The stable block is now used for storage and is in a reasonable condition. It should be maintained in its current condition and the cobbling and any other original features within it should be retained.

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<b>PRN</b> 41460	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63163469
<b>Site type</b> COW HOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b> LB2

#### **Description**

Eighteenth century cowhouse defining the southern side of the farmyard at Edwinsford Home Farm (orientation east-west). It was first recorded on an engraving of c.1776 and was remodelled in 1822 when a farmhouse (PRN 41461) was added on its eastern end to form an L-shaped plan.

It is a one and a half storey, random rubble construction with a stone tiled roof (replaced with asbestos to the north) which is hipped to the angle between it and the two storey farmhouse to the east. Accessed via eight equally spaced openings in the south-facing wall, three planked doorways headed with stone voussoirs and an arched cart entry in the north-facing wall, and a single-width planked doorway in the western gable wall. The openings to the south and north are headed with cambered stone voussoirs. That on the gable end is headed with brick voussoirs and has a single loop overhead. The three openings at the eastern end of the southern wall were modified and incorporated into the farmhouse that was built onto its eastern end in 1822. Two hipped dormer windows with slated sides were added above the converted part of the cowhouse at this time. The easternmost doorway in the northern wall has also been incorporated into the later farmhouse and is now accessed via a twentieth century porch.

#### **Recommendations**

The cowhouse is protected from significant alteration or damage by its status as a Grade II Listed Building. However, the stonework along its northern wall is unstable in places and is overgrown with ivy. The owner would like to re-roof the northern side of the cowhouse roof with stone tiles. He has received permission from CADW to use fallen tiles from the ruined mansion house for this purpose and would like to carry out this work as part of his Tir Gofal agreement. This would improve both the appearance and condition of the building. The ivy should be cleared and the walls consolidated to prevent their further deterioration.

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<b>PRN</b> 41461	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63183470
<b>Site type</b> FARMHOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b> LB2

#### **Description**

A two-storey farmhouse (orientation north-south) forms the eastern side of the farmyard at Edwinsford Home Farm (plate 6). It was built in 1822 as an extension to the one and a half story cowhouse (PRN 41460) to the west to form an L-shaped plan. The cowhouse was remodelled at the same time and its eastern end was incorporated into the farmhouse. The farmhouse is of random rubble construction with a gabled stone-tiled roof which is hipped up to the angle with the cowhouse at its southern end. It is accessed by an open rubble porch at the inner corner with the cowhouse. A further entrance is provided to the south via a twentieth century door through one of the original entrances to the cowhouse. The stack at the northern gable end is of rubble construction with stone tabling. The original openings have cambered stone voussoired heads and stone sills. Most of the original fittings have been replaced. The interior was not inspected.

#### **Recommendations**

The farmhouse is in an excellent condition and is currently occupied by the owners. It is protected from significant damage or alteration by its status as a Grade II Listed Building. No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41462	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63173467
<b>Site type</b> DAIRY	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b> LB2

#### **Description**

The dairy house was one of two original buildings at Edwinsford Home Farm that were recorded on an engraving in c.1776 (plate 7). It was probably constructed in the early eighteenth century and was modified and repaired in 1822 when the farmhouse was built to the north of it. It comprises of a N-S oriented main section to the front and a rear wing which projects to the west. It is a two storey building of whitewashed random rubble construction with a stone tiled roof. A dressed stone bell-cote with a rounded head stands on the southern gable roof and contains a bell dated to 1743. This reputedly originates from the chapel that once stood to the north of the mansion house. A rubble stack is located to the south of the rear wing. It is accessed from the north through a stone voussoired opening which is hidden by a more recent porch. The openings vary in style and date, but are mainly headed with stone voussoirs and have stone sills.

#### **Recommendations**

The dairy is now a residence and is in excellent condition. It is protected from major damage or alteration by its status as a Grade II Listed Building. No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41463	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63113271
<b>Site type</b> COTTAGE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Garden Cottage lies to the north west of the Home farm at Edwinsford and was built in 1811-12 along with the walled garden (PRN 41458) its north. It is a two-storey structure with a gabled slate roof and has been fully rendered and modernised.

#### **Recommendations**

The house has been modernised, rendered and re-roofed and is in excellent condition. It is now occupied by a tenant. No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41464	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN63113471
<b>Site type</b> COACH HOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

A former coach-house, now known as 'The Mews' lies to the south of Garden Cottage to the west of Edwinsford Home Farm. Its date of construction is not clear although a building is shown here on the tithe survey of 1838. It is of random rubble construction with a gabled slate roof and consists of a three-storeyed main structure with a two story projection to the rear. The main part was entered at ground floor level by four large archways with stone voussoired heads in the southern wall. Three archways of a similar design access the wing to the rear. Access to the upper floors is provided via a stone staircase which is set into the main part of the building and entered through a doorway at the western end of the south facing wall. The upper floors probably provided accommodation for the farm workers. The openings at first floor level are headed with cambered stone voussoirs. The building has now been renovated and re-roofed and the original fittings have been replaced.

#### **Recommendations**

The Mews is now a dwelling and is in an excellent condition. The conversion has been made in a way which is sympathetic to the design and construction materials of the original building.

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<i>PRN</i> 41465	<i>Site name</i> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<i>NGR</i> SN63193470
<i>Site type</i> SUNDIAL	<i>Period</i> Post Med	<i>Site Status</i> LB2

**Description**

A sundial stands immediately to the east of the Home Farm at Edwinsford (plate 8). It was erected in 1899 for Sir James and Lady Madeline Williams Drummond of Edwinsford mansion and formerly stood in the front garden of the mansion to the south of the river. It is an upright stone sundial with a triple stepped circular base and a moulded square pedestal, upon which is mounted a four-sided stone sundial with an obelisk head. The panelled sides to the pedestal are carved and inscribed with raised lettering includes its date of construction and heraldic shields.

**Recommendations**

The sundial is protected from major damage or alteration by its status as a Grade II Listed Monument. It should be maintained in its current condition.

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<i>PRN</i> 41466	<i>Site name</i> EDWINSFORD HOME FARM	<i>NGR</i> SN63243469
<i>Site type</i> FISHPOND	<i>Period</i> Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>

**Description**

The site of former fishponds associated with the original mansion house at Edwinsford lies just to the north of the Afon Cothi on the eastern edge of the estate. The area is defined on its eastern and southern sides by a low, c.1.2m high rubble and mortar wall, with square stone pillars which stand to a height of 1.6m. A broad earthen bank c.5m wide by 1m high runs alongside the inner side of the wall to the south and defines the edge of the hollowed out interior. The interior is extremely overgrown with dense vegetation. The area is recorded on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey as a 'Tennis Court' but is documented (Baker-Jones, 1968) to have been occupied by fishponds which were drained in 1861.

**Recommendations**

The area is extremely overgrown and the owner would like to clear it and reinstate a pond. This should be carried out with reference to documentation of the earlier fishponds and if possible, the ponds should be dug in accordance with this original design. The surrounding wall is breached to the south where it is crossed by a footpath. The breach should be repaired and any loose stonework should be consolidated.

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<b>PRN</b> 41467	<b>Site name</b> EDWINSFORD PARK	<b>NGR</b> SN61023390
<b>Site type</b> COTTAGE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

The deserted ruins of Cwm Cottage lie in woodland to the north of the Afon Cothi about 2km to the south west of Edwinsford mansion (plate 9). It was first recorded on the 1st edition OS survey of 1886. Two storey rubble construction with a gabled roof and two equal-sized rooms at ground floor level. There is no evidence of the original roofing material. It has a south facing aspect and was entered by two opposing, centrally positioned doors in the northern and southern walls. The surviving windows are located to either side of the door in the southern wall and are square headed with timber lintels. One of these has been blocked up with breeze-blocks. The upper floor does not survive. The gable walls stand to roof height but the side walls are unstable and considerably lower. The interior is overgrown and rubble-filled but the remains of the fireplaces are visible in either gable wall. A small outbuilding is marked on late nineteenth century maps to the north of the house but was inaccessible at the time of the visit.

**Recommendations**

The owner would eventually like to renovate this building to provide holiday accommodation. The renovation should be carried out using materials which are compatible with those of the original building and if possible, the original openings should be retained. In the meantime the walls should be consolidated to prevent further deterioration. The area around the cottage should be cleared of intrusive vegetation.

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<b>PRN</b> 41468	<b>Site name</b> LLETHR LLWYD	<b>NGR</b> SN61373414
<b>Site type</b> FARMSTEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

The farm of Llethr Llwyd lies on south facing slopes to the north of the Afon Cothi, about 2km to the west of Edwinsford Mansion. It was first recorded on the tithe survey of 1838 when a single range of buildings stood on the site of the current farmhouse and cowhouse. It consists of a house (PRN 41469), barn, cowhouse/stable-block (PRN 41460), brewhouse (PRN 41470) and pigsty (PRN 41471). The barn has recently been converted and is privately owned. The remaining buildings have all undergone modification. (See individual site descriptions for further details).

**Recommendations**

The farm is in good condition and now accommodates a gamekeeper and his family.

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<b>PRN</b> 41469	<b>Site name</b> LLETHR LLWYD	<b>NGR</b> SN61383413
<b>Site type</b> FARMHOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Two storey random rubble and mortar farmhouse with a gabled slate roof. A farmhouse was first recorded here on the tithe survey of 1838, although the current house has obviously been modified. The openings are square headed with timber lintels at first floor level, and brick and slate voussoirs at ground floor level. The building has been re-pointed and modernized. The interior was not examined.

**Recommendations**

The farmhouse is in a good condition and is occupied by a gamekeeper.

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<b>PRN</b> 41470	<b>Site name</b> LLETHR LLWYD	<b>NGR</b> SN61403413
<b>Site type</b> FARM BUILDING	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

One and a half storey random rubble farm building with a gabled slate roof to the east of the farmhouse at Llethr Llwyd. Orientation east west. It is one of the original farm buildings that was recorded on the tithe survey of 1838. The openings have been modified but are headed with original cambered stone voussoirs. Its original purpose is hard to determine, although more recently it has been used as a stable.

**Recommendations**

The building is in good working condition and should be maintained in its current condition. Any alterations should be made in a way that is sympathetic to the design and materials of the original building.

<b>Management Category</b> C	<b>Visited by</b> AJC	<b>Visited On</b> 02/10/00
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<b>PRN</b> 41471	<b>Site name</b> LLETHR LLWYD	<b>NGR</b> SN61403415
<b>Site type</b> BREW HOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Tiny, single-storey whitewashed rubble brewhouse with a gabled slate roof. Situated to the northeast of the farmhouse at Llethr Llwyd farm and first recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1886. A small, brick stack stands against the eastern gable wall. The original openings have been modified.

**Recommendations**

The brewhouse is in a reasonable condition and should be retained as part of the nineteenth century farm complex. Any alterations should be made in a way that is sympathetic to the design and materials of the original building.

<b>Management Category</b> C	<b>Visited by</b> AJC	<b>Visited On</b> 02/10/00
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<b>PRN</b> 41472	<b>Site name</b> LLETHR LLWYD	<b>NGR</b> SN61423415
<b>Site type</b> PIGSTY	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Single storey pigsty (orientation east-west) to the northeast of the farmhouse at Llethr Llwyd Farm on the Edwinsford Estate. First recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1886. It has been extensively modified using breeze blocks, but appears to have consisted of covered stalls to the north and open pens to the south all of which were constructed with rubble.

**Recommendations**

The building should be maintained in its current condition. Any alterations should be made in a way that is sympathetic to the design and materials of the original building.

<b>Management Category</b> C	<b>Visited by</b> AJC	<b>Visited On</b> 02/10/00
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PRN	42089	Site name	EDWINSFORD MANSION	NGR	SN63123450
	<i>duplicate → 42375</i>				
Site type	OUTBUILDING	Period	Post Med	Site Status	

#### Description

The ruined remains of several detached outbuildings stand in woodland to the south of the mansion house. They are accessed by a narrow (c.3m wide) terraced trackway which branches from the main driveway. The trackway is faced with laid stone on its terraced side and a stone stairway leads from it to a rectangular reservoir at its western end. The buildings are all of random rubble and mortar construction with gabled roofs. Little remains of the original roofing although it appears that both stone and slate tiles were used. Most of the buildings stand to gable height although they are rapidly deteriorating in condition. The entire area is overgrown with young trees. The original purpose of the buildings is hard to determine but they are thought to have provided accommodation for estate workers and were reused during the second world war.

#### Recommendations

The trackway is in good condition but is becoming overgrown and the stonework along its southern side is unstable in places. The condition of the buildings is rapidly deteriorating and it is probable that they, like the mansion house are beyond repair. However, it would be valuable to carry out further documentary research to investigate their former use and origin and ensure that their history as part of the estate is recorded. In the meantime, the area should be left undisturbed and kept clear of rubbish.

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PRN	42090	Site name	EDWINSFORD PARK	NGR	SN63243446
	<i>duplicate → 42376</i>				
Site type	PLANTATION	Period	Post Med	Site Status	

#### Description

Area of woodland to the south of Edwinsford mansion house through which the original carriage drive (PRN 41456) runs. Recorded on the 2nd edition OS map of 1906 as plantation. It is planted with yews and rhododendron and may contain other parkland species and features.

#### Recommendations

The plantation is an important surviving element of Edwinsford Park and deserves to be protected. The woodland in this area is now overgrown with ashes and birches. More detailed documentary and survey investigation is required to determine its original design and reveal any parkland features.

Management Category	B	Visited by	AJC	Visited On	02/10/00
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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.

<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.

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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.

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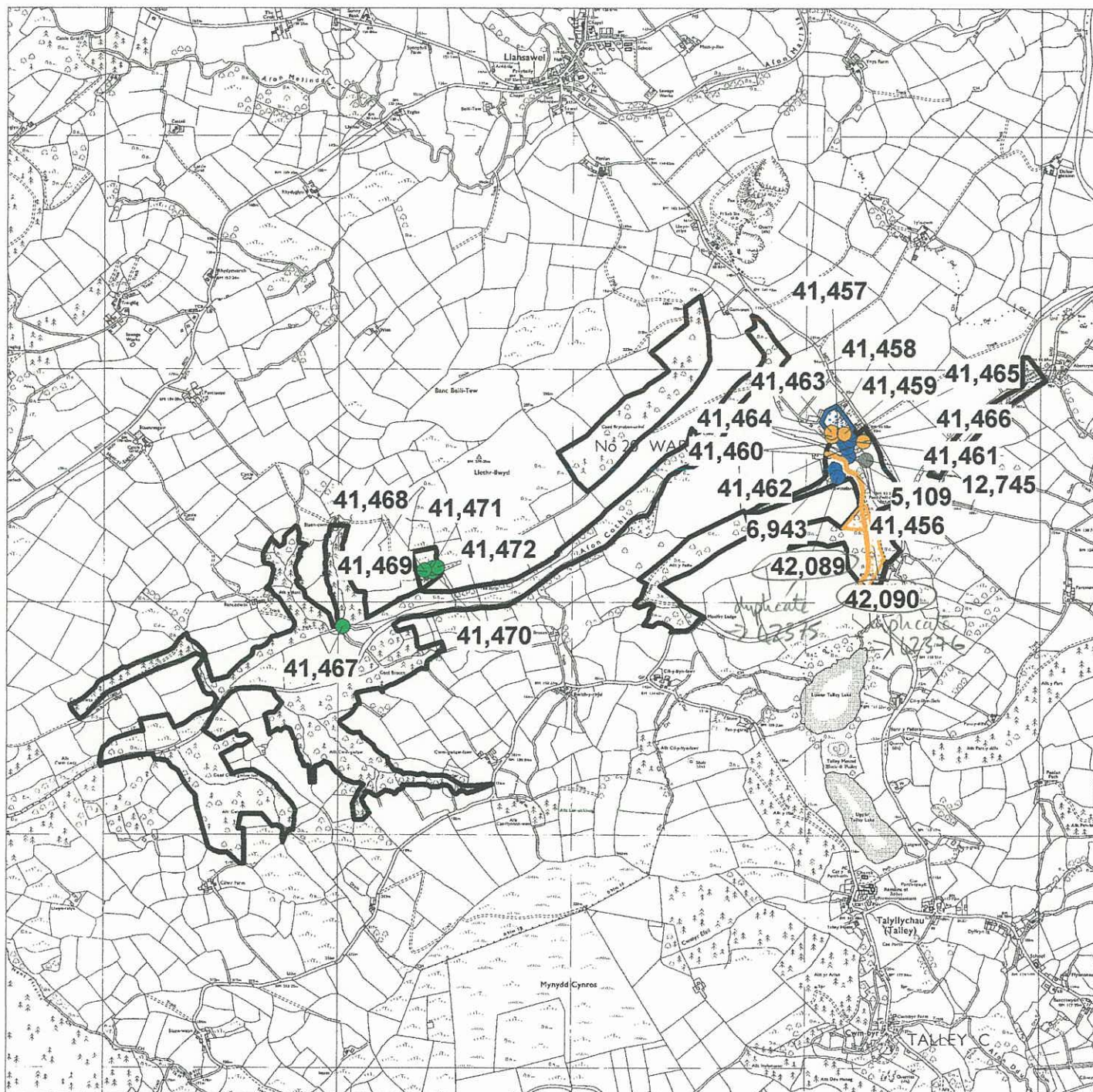
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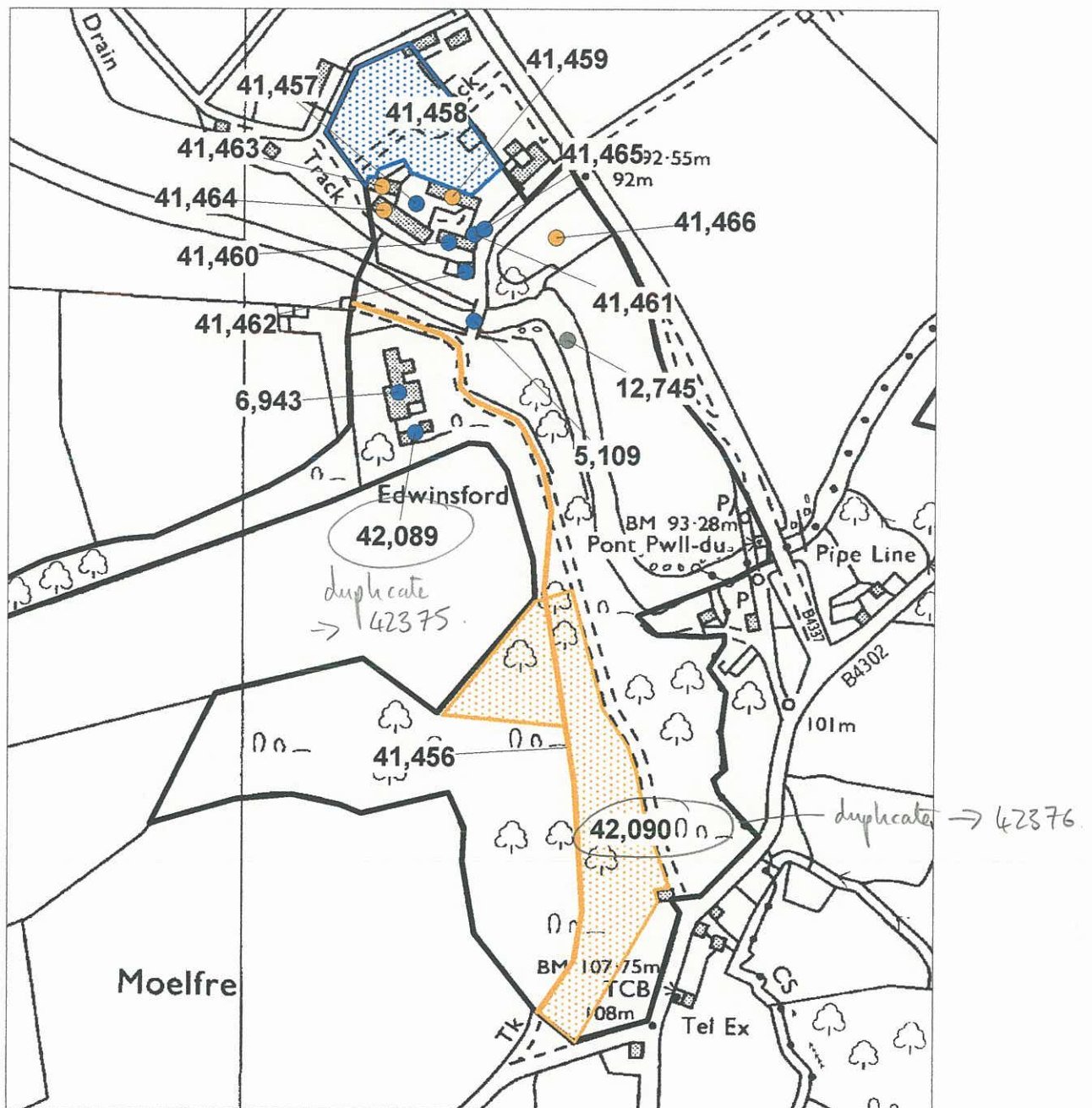




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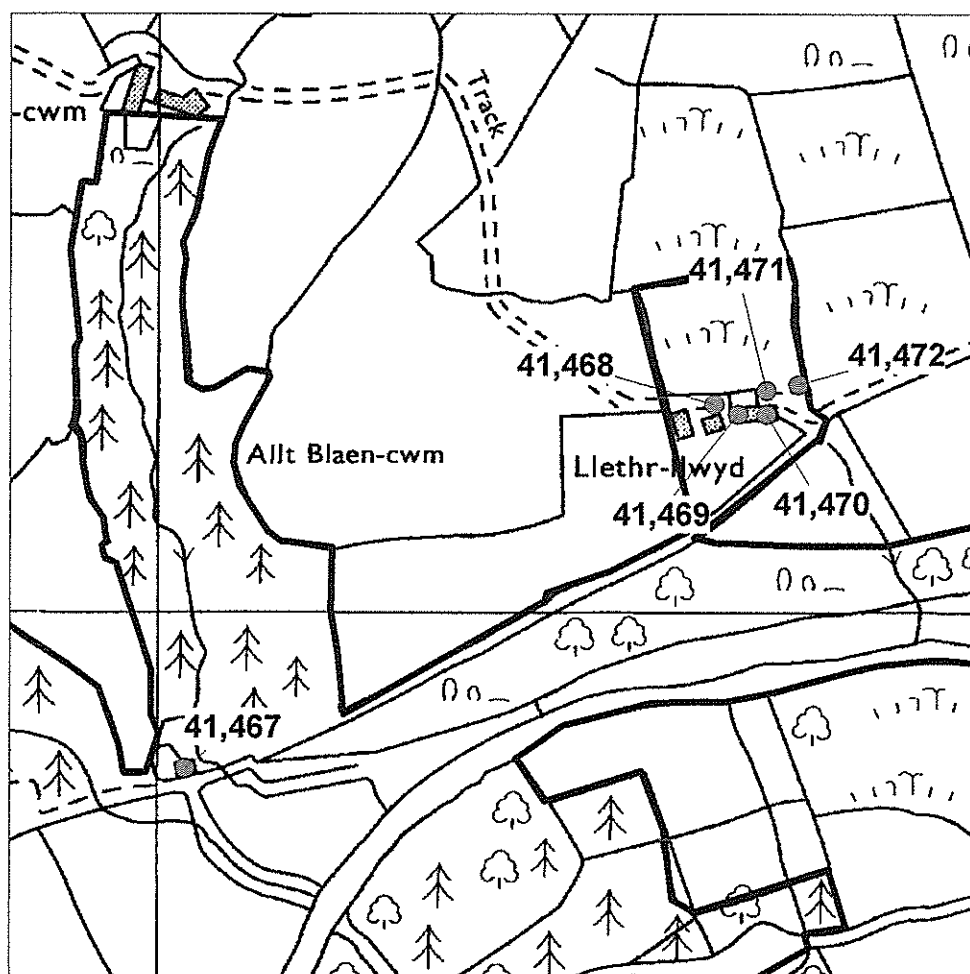
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## Plates



Plate 1 - Cothi bridge (PRN 5109).



Plate 2 - Edwinsford mansion house (PRN 6943).





Plate 3 - the beech-lined carriage drive (PRN 41456).



Plate 4 - the walled garden (PRN 41458).





Plate 5 - the cow house from the rear (PRN 41460).



Plate 6 - the farmhouse (PRN 41461).





Plate 7- the dairy (PRN 41462).



Plate 8 - the sundial (PRN 41465).

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