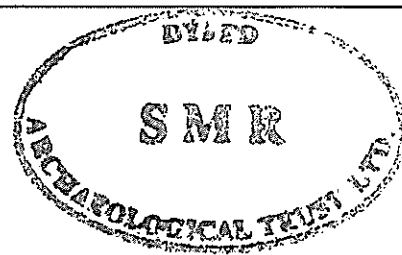


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# **Tir Gofal Farm Visit Report**

## **Blossom Farm**

### **W/12/1079**

ACA Project Record 39486

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**Tir Gofal Application Number** W/12/1079

**Address** Blossom Farm

**NGR** SN4637

**TG Project Officer** Lynne Farquhar, Aberystwyth

**Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology Project Record Number** 39486

**Visit Officer** Nigel Page

**Visit Date** 06/09/00

## **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.**

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### **HL - Landscapes of Exceptional and Great Historic Interest.**

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### **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 Blossom Farm, New Inn, PRN 40654**

Blossom Farm occupies 40.5 acres (16.3 ha) of 18th century enclosed land just south of the village of New Inn on the A485 Carmarthen - Lampeter road. The regular, straight-sided fields and straight tracks, which are characteristic of 18th and 19th century enclosed land, are depicted on the original Ordnance Survey Surveyors' drawings of 1811-12. It is probable that the enclosure was undertaken by the Blaenblodau estate. By the time the Llanfihangel-ar-Arth tithe map was produced in 1841 the present field pattern (PRN 40655) was well established, although, at the time some of the fields were still subdivided into smaller fields. Over the next fifty or so years several boundaries were removed and the present layout was in place by 1891 when the Ordnance Survey 1st edition 1:10560 map (Carms. Sheet XV.SW) was published. The 1st edition map also showed the enclosed fields interspersed with narrow shelter belts of woodland. Although the landscape was created during the 18th century, Blossom Farm is a modern creation combining land that has in the past been held by three different properties, Mile Stone, the Bumper Inn and Blaenblodau. The farm itself consists of a modern bungalow and outbuildings.

### **Management Recommendations**

The present farm management regime is sympathetic to the historic character of the farm and its planned landscape. All boundaries should be retained and some repair of banks and hedges may be desirable.

<i>PRN</i>	40654	<i>Site name</i>	BLOSSOM FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN47003688
<i>Site type</i>	FARM	<i>Period</i>	Post Med; Modern	<i>Site Status</i>	

**Description**

See description at front of report.

**Recommendations**

See management recommendations at front of report.

<i>Management Category</i>	C	<i>Visited by</i>	NAP	<i>Visited On</i>	06/09/00
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<i>PRN</i>	40655	<i>Site name</i>	BLOSSOM FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN46904770
<i>Site type</i>	FIELD SYSTEM	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

**Description**

18th century enclosure probably associated with the Blaenblodau estate. The enclosed area covers approximately 100-120 acres and it appears to have been established in a single process. The fields are regular, straight-sided and bounded by earth banks topped with mature hedge plants and trees. The layout included several purpose built tracks which were bounded on either side by the field boundary banks. Sections of one of the tracks has the remnants of pitched stone facing on the banks. Stone facings were also noted on several field boundary banks either side of gateways and entrances.

**Recommendations**

The farm lies within an 18th century planned landscape. Therefore, it is important to retain as many elements which make up that landscape as possible. The current farm operations are sympathetic to the historic fabric of the landscape and the existing regime should be maintained. No boundaries should be removed. It may be desirable to repair some of the banks and to restore the hedges.

<i>Management Category</i>	C	<i>Visited by</i>	NAP	<i>Visited On</i>	06/09/00
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<i>PRN</i>	40656	<i>Site name</i>	BLOSSOM FARM	<i>NGR</i>	SN46793646
<i>Site type</i>	COTTAGE	<i>Period</i>	Post Med	<i>Site Status</i>	

**Description**

Cottage shown on OS 1st edition map (1891). The cottage lay within a small triangular enclosure. The enclosure survives, but there is no above ground evidence for the cottage. The enclosure is made up of earth banks, c.1-1.5m high x 2-3m wide. A low platform in the middle of the enclosure may have been the site of the cottage. There is a pond to the southwest of the enclosure.

**Recommendations**

The cottage site should be maintained in its present condition. Plans to clear the pond to the west of the site will have no significant archaeological implications.

<i>Management Category</i>	D	<i>Visited by</i>	NAP	<i>Visited On</i>	06/09/00
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**Map**

Ordnance Survey, 1891, Ordnance Survey 1st ed 1:10560, Carmarthen sheet XV.SW

**TIR GOFAL SITE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY**

As used in accompanying site gazetteer.

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**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>

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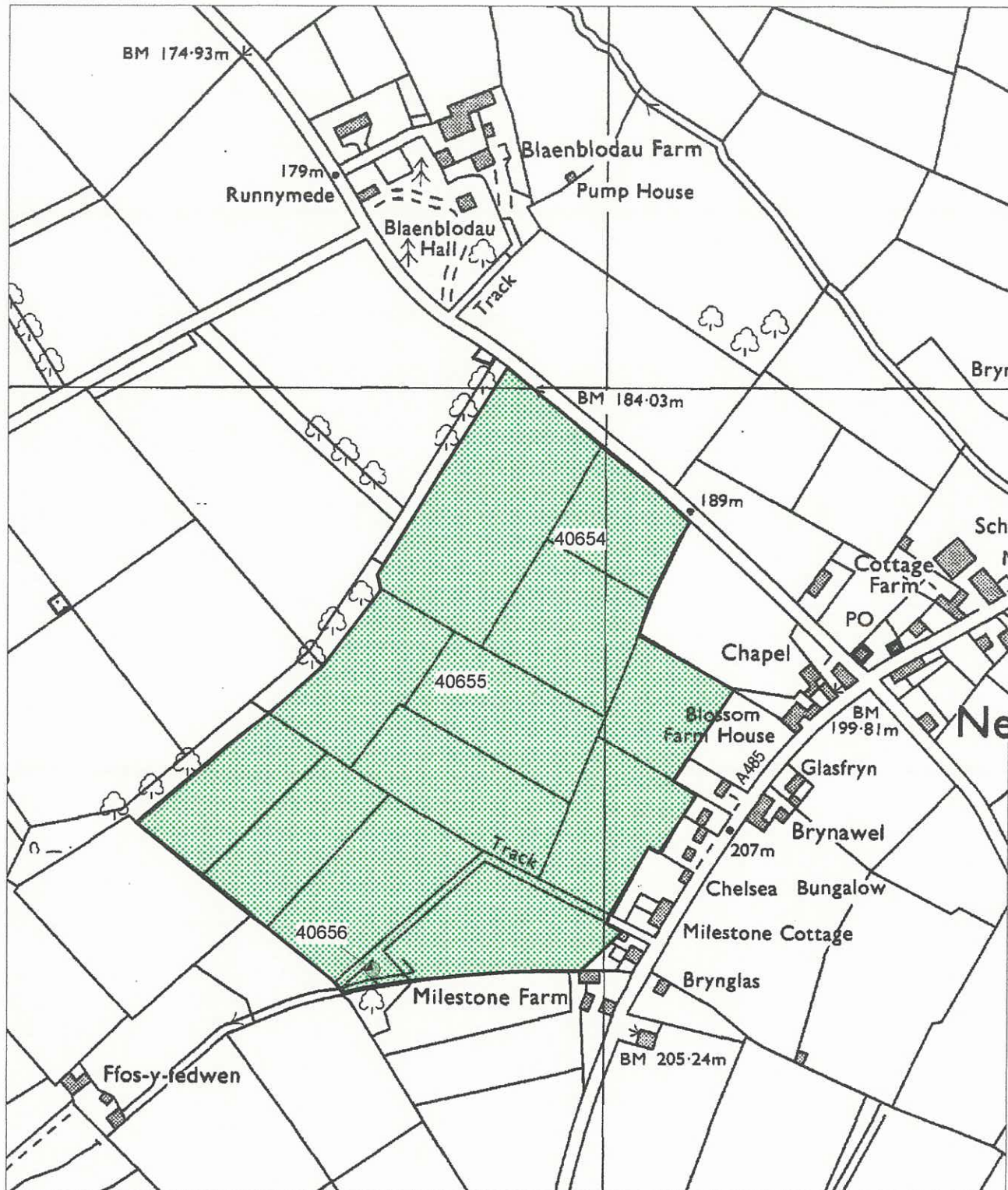






Plate 1: PRN 40656 - View of site of former late 19<sup>th</sup> century cottage.



Plate 2: PRN 40655 - Embanked trackway, part of 18<sup>th</sup> century enclosures



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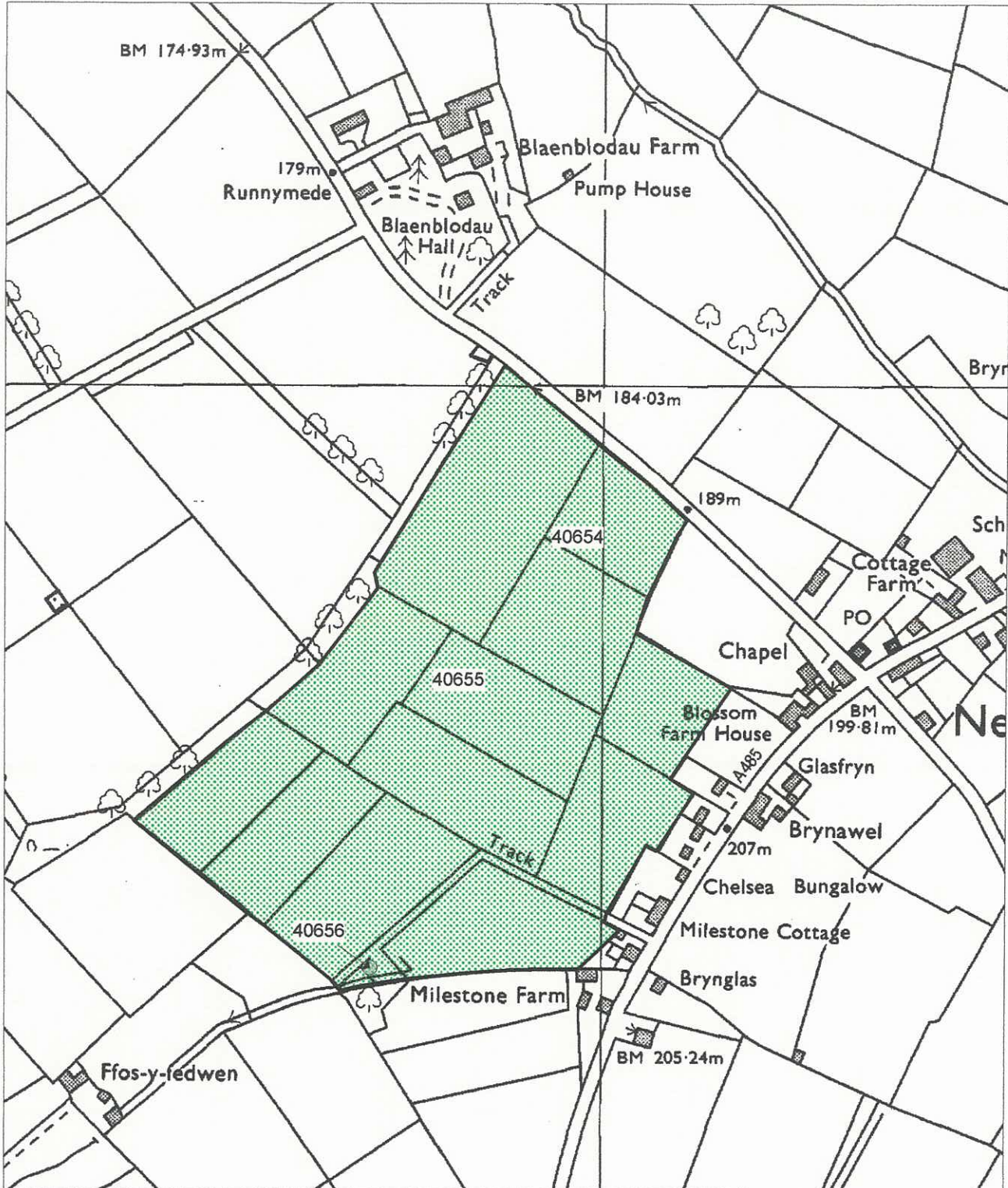






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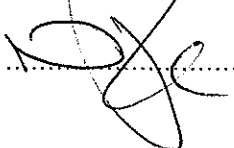
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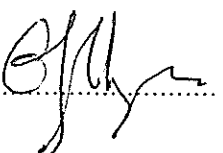
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Position Project Manager

Signature  Date 10/10/2000

This report has been checked and approved by Gwilym Hughes on behalf of Cambria Archaeology, Dyfed Archaeological Trust Ltd.

Position Director

Signature  - Date 10/10/2000

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