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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 Moelgolomen Farm, PRN 42051**

Moelgolomen Farm is beautifully situated in the dramatic landscape of north Ceredigion and includes woodland, pastureland and open mountain slopes. It is made up of two separate but adjacent pieces of land that line Nant Perfedd, about 6km to the east of Talybont and covers an area of c.301ha. The area has a long and dense history of settlement, the earliest of which is evidenced by various Bronze Age monuments which lie just outside the boundaries of the holding. The land within the holding is characterised by a nineteenth century landscape of small irregular enclosures with area of improved grazing and rougher, bracken covered ground on the steeper slopes. Numerous deserted settlements provide evidence of the density of nineteenth century occupation. There are also extensive remains of mid-nineteenth century lead mining, most of which it seems was expensively unsuccessful.

The earliest recorded evidence of the occupation of the holding is provided by the tithe map of Llanbadarn Parish in 1845. This shows much of the land that is now occupied by Moelgolomen Farm to have designated as common land. The rest was divided between five farmsteads, including the now deserted (or converted) farms of Llwyn-bedw, Tynewydd, Treboeth and Neuadd bryn glas. Later nineteenth century maps, record the gradual decline of this dense community of farms as one by one they were deserted. Llwyn-bedw was deserted by the time of the first edition OS map in 1887. By the time of the 2nd edition OS map in 1906, Tre-boeth farm had also been deserted. Neuadd-bryn glas and Ty-newydd were occupied until at least the mid-nineteenth century but these too had been abandoned for some time when the current owners took over the current holding.

The land which lines Nant Perfedd, immediately around Moelgolomen Farm is characterised by small, irregular enclosure fields, defined by hedged earth and stone banks. Immediately upslope from these fields on the slopes of Moelgolomen and Banc Ty-newydd, the fields are larger and are generally defined by low earthen banks. The northern extent of the farm on the slopes of Llechwydd Tan-y-foel is occupied by stands of deciduous woodland. The boundary that divides the fields of Banc Ty-Newydd and the open mountainous pasture upon Pen Craig-y-pistyll is more substantial and faced with laid stone, perhaps to emphasise the division between 'owned' and 'common' land. This entire structure of land division was already established by the time of the tithe survey in 1845.

The area to the east and north of Moelgolomen is scattered with evidence of mid eighteenth century lead mining. According to Bick (1988), "The Metal Mining Company of Wales sank a shaft ten fathoms deep in 1850 and one ton of ore was raised". A waterwheel alongside the river and drawing machine were constructed later, but these efforts seem to have been completely fruitless and in Bick's opinion, the "splendid oreslide, wheelpit and crusher house...appear to have seen no ore at all". In addition the main concentration of mine buildings, shafts and levels, immediately to the east of the farm, the valley to the north of Moelgolomen and the hillslopes to the east, show further, more disparate evidence for mining which is less well documented and deserves further investigation.

## **Management Recommendations**

The varied and densely occupied nineteenth century landscape that is represented at Moelgolomen Farm is of considerable archaeological interest and deserves protection. The current owners are both interested in and sympathetic to the management of the archaeology on the farm.

<b>PRN</b> 8577	<b>Site name</b> HAFAN RAILWAY	<b>NGR</b> SN69758830
<b>Site type</b> TRAMWAY	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Terraced tramway leading to Hafan lead mine, running from east to west along the northern edge of Moelgolomen Farm. The section examined was cut c.1m deep into the hillslope and was c.3m wide.

**Recommendations**

The tramway is in a stable condition but is overgrown with grass and bracken and occasional young trees. It should be kept clear of intrusive vegetation.

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<b>PRN</b> 9131	<b>Site name</b> TY-NEWYDD MINE;MOEL GOLOMEN	<b>NGR</b> SN698872
<b>Site type</b> METAL MINE-LEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Extensive area of nineteenth century lead mining, including the remains of a crushing house (PRN 41900), wheelpit (PRN 41899), oreslide (PRN 41901), shafts (PRN 41902), levels (PRN 41897), magazine (PRN 41903), a system of leats (PRN 41904) and other associated buildings (PRN 41905), to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. The output of the mine was trivial. Only one ton of ore was raised and the oreslide, wheelpit and crusher house were apparently unused. The mine workings that lay immediately alongside and to the north of the river were not visited. See individual site descriptions for more details.

**Recommendations**

The lead mining remains are of regional significance and deserve to be protected. According to the owner, they were surveyed in some detail fairly recently although the results of this work are not accessible. The features to the north of the river were not visited but the condition of the entire site should be monitored. The area to the south of the river is designated under Tir Gofal as a 'public area'. Its management is therefore of great concern and the owner is worried that the unstable remains and open shafts will be of danger to visitors. In view of its interesting history and detailed documentation, the site would be ideal for the installation of an interpretation board. A scheme of fencing should also be considered to limit the possible dangers of visitors having access to the unstable buildings and open shafts. See individual site recommendations for more details.

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<b>PRN</b> 9419	<b>Site name</b> PEN GRAIG-Y-PISTYLL	<b>NGR</b> SN71668615
<b>Site type</b> HAFOD?	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Ruined drystone building, towards the summit of Pen Craig-y-pistyll to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Formerly recorded as a possible hafod or lluest. Lies close to a nineteenth century drovers route. It was inaccessible at the time of the visit.

**Recommendations**

Although the site could not be visited, the owner recalled that the walls of the sheepfold were in a reasonable condition. They should be maintained in their current state. Damage due to grazing with cattle should be monitored.

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<b>PRN</b> 25967	<b>Site name</b> CWM-TY-NANT	<b>NGR</b> SN696884
<b>Site type</b> METAL MINE-LEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Former lead mining shaft on the northern edge of Moelgolomen Farm, first recorded on the 1st edition OS map of 1887 when it was described as an 'Old Shaft'. It has subsequently been infilled and is now marked by an area of disturbed vegetation, c.20m in diameter.

**Recommendations**

The shaft is infilled and is probably stable. However, given its proximity to public highway it would be advisable to fence off this area or erect a warning notice to advise of the potential dangers of the infilled shaft.

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<b>PRN</b> 25969	<b>Site name</b> LLYN CRAIGYPISTYLL NORTH	<b>NGR</b> SN71938592
<b>Site type</b> METAL MINE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Lead mine, identified by RPS Clouston in a report to Dyfed County Council from an unknown source. Has never been located on the ground and was inaccessible at the time of the farm visit.

**Recommendations**

No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41897	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69818723
<b>Site type</b> LEVEL	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Run-in level, c. 3m by 5m by 2m forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Now infilled with rubble and grassed over.

**Recommendations**

The level is in an stable condition and its exposed surfaces are largely grassed over. It is infilled with rubble but its base could be unstable. In view of the owners plans to promote public access to this area, a scheme of fencing should be devised to create an exclusion zone in the area immediately around the it.

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<b>PRN</b> 41898	<b>Site name</b> LLWYN BEDW FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69208743
<b>Site type</b> DWELLING	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Ruined footings of a single-storey house and outbuilding, set within a triangular, stone-banked enclosure on the western side of Moelgolomen farm. Drystone, random rubble construction. The footings of the house (c.5m by 8m) stand to a maximum height of c. 2m. None of the original openings or fittings survive and the interior is infilled with rubble. The footings of the outbuilding to the north of it (c.5m by 5m) stand to a height of 0.5m. A raised garden area lies to the west of the buildings. The house was approached from the west by a short drive which led from the road that ran to the south of it (see plate1).

**Recommendations**

The ruins should be left undisturbed. No stone should be removed from the area and any intrusive vegetation should be cleared.

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<b>PRN</b> 41899	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69878718
<b>Site type</b> WHEELPIT	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Wheel pit, attached to a crushing house (PRN 41902), forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Rubble and lime construction, c. 2m by 10m by 5m deep, tapering slightly to the south west. The walls are in a highly unstable condition and are overgrown with vegetation. The interior is infilled with rubble. The outline of a small, 1.5m square bob-pit lies to the southwest and is in a stable condition (see plate 2).

**Recommendations**

The walls of the wheel pit are overgrown and in an unstable and dangerous condition. They require consolidation to prevent their immanent collapse. In view of the owners plans to promote public access to this area, a scheme of fencing should be devised to create an exclusion zone in the area immediately around it.

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<b>PRN</b> 41900	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69878718
<b>Site type</b> CRUSHER HOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Ruined crusher house, associated with wheelpit and bob-pit (PRN 41899), forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Rubble and lime construction the stone quoins have been robbed. Walls stand to a height of c. 5m but are unstable. A fine arched opening in the north western wall survives, but the original entrance has somewhat collapsed. The walls are overgrown and the interior is infilled with rubble and overgrown with nettles and young trees. A quarried platform, c. 5m by 3m by 0.5m high lies to the north west and is in a stable condition (see plate 3).

**Recommendations**

The walls of the engine house are now overgrown and unstable and are in a dangerous condition. They require consolidation to prevent their immanent collapse. The condition of the building has obviously deteriorated since a survey by R. Protheroe-Jones in 1993. In view of the owners plans to promote public access to this area, a scheme of fencing should be devised to create an exclusion zone in the area immediately around the it.

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<b>PRN</b> 41901	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69878718
<b>Site type</b> ORESLIDE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Semi-hexagonal oreslide of rubble and lime construction, forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. It was apparently unused during the lifetime of the mine. The stonework to the south and west is in excellent condition and stands to a height of 2m. The area around the entrance to the north east is slightly unstable (see plate 4).

**Recommendations**

The ore slide is in a reasonable condition and should be maintained in its current state. Its north eastern wall is slightly unstable and should be consolidated to prevent further deterioration.

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<b>PRN</b> 41902	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69828719
<b>Site type</b> MINESHAFT	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Three, open rockcut mineshafts with associated tips, forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. The southernmost of these is associated with a rubble and lime constructed platform, with a narrow channel running through it, possibly related to some sort of lift for hauling material from the shaft. The interiors were not examined, although they are thought to have been cut to a depth of c.40m (see plate 5).

**Recommendations**

The rims of the mine shafts are overgrown with trees. The fences that surround them are in poor repair and should be replaced. The trees around them should be cleared. In view of the owners plans to promote public access to this area, a warning notice should be installed to highlight the dangers of these shafts.

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<b>PRN</b> 41903	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69918715
<b>Site type</b> MAGAZINE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Footings of a small, c. 2m by 3m magazine forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Rubble and lime construction. Wall footings stand to a height of 0.6m. The interior is infilled with rubble. Approached by a narrow, terraced pathway from the west.

**Recommendations**

The footings of the magazine are unstable but are not dangerous. Any loose stones should be left in-situ. The terraced pathway that leads towards it from the crushing machine should be kept clear of intrusive vegetation.

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<b>PRN</b> 41904	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69898716
<b>Site type</b> LEAT	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

System of leats, running into the wheelpit (PRN 41899) and crushing house (PRN 41900), forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. The channels are infilled, grassed over and wet in places. They survive to a depth of 0.4m.

**Recommendations**

The leats are now grassed over and in a stable condition. Further survey work could provide a useful record of their form and layout.

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<b>PRN</b> 41905	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69818723
<b>Site type</b> MINE BUILDING	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Small, (c.5m by 3m), ruined mine building on a terraced platform, forming part of an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Rubble and lime construction, wall footings stand to a max. height of 0.6m. Possible dwelling associated with the mine.

**Recommendations**

The mine building is in a ruinous state and its walls are unstable. Any loose stones should be left in-situ. The wall footings are not of danger to visitors.

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<b>PRN</b> 41906	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN70078638
<b>Site type</b> SHEEPFOLD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Small, semi-circular sheepfold to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Defined by a stone and earth bank to the east and a nineteenth century field boundary to the west. Accessed through narrow entrances to the north and south. That to the north is defined by a single gatepost. The semi-circular bank to the east, is c. 1.5m wide and stands to a height of c. 0.5m. The field boundary that forms its western edge is c.0.8m high and faced with laid stone. The stratigraphy of these elements is difficult to determine, but since there is no evidence that the enclosure ever continued into the field to the west, it can be assumed that the semi-circular wall postdates the field boundary, although the latter may have been modified at a later date. The interior contains some loose stones.

**Recommendations**

The banks that define the sheepfold are in a reasonable condition and should be maintained in their current state. Damage due to grazing with cattle should be monitored.

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<b>PRN</b> 41907	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69888786
<b>Site type</b> SHEEPFOLD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Rectangular sheepfold c. 6m by 8m, to the north of Moelgolomen Farm. Defined by drystone walls to the north, south and west and an exposed rock face to the east. Drystone walls, stand to a height of c. 0.6m. Accessed by narrow entrances to the north and south, marked by single gateposts. The interior is slightly overgrown with bracken.

**Recommendations**

The banks that define the sheepfold are in a reasonable condition and should be maintained in their current state. The interior should be kept clear of intrusive vegetation. Damage due to grazing with cattle should be monitored.

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<b>PRN</b> 41908	<b>Site name</b> <del>NEWYDD-PANT-GLAS-FARM</del> NEWYDD BRYN GLAS	<b>NGR</b> SN69878648
<b>Site type</b> DWELLING	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Ruinous, two-storey dwelling and adjoining outbuilding to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Orientation east-west. Dressed rubble construction with a gabled slate roof. Openings are headed with brick voussoirs and have stone sills. The original brick-built oven in the north western corner and stacks on both gable walls survive. The walls stand to roof height except at the eastern end which has recently collapsed and all are becoming unstable. The footings of the outbuilding to the east stand to a height of 0.6m. The buildings stand in a low, earthen banked enclosure which is bisected by a trackway that lies to the south of the dwelling. A squareish garden area lies to the north east of the house. The building was reputedly originally occupied by a blacksmith who brutally murdered his wife and daughter. It was later an inn alongside a known drovers route, and more recently still became the farmhouse for Newydd Pant Glas Farm (PRN 42108). It was first recorded on the tithe survey of 1845, on which it was depicted as an L-shaped arrangement of buildings (see plate 6).

#### **Recommendations**

The interesting history of this building and its survival to roof height make it of regional importance. Its management should be prioritised over that of the other deserted buildings on the holding. The upstanding walls of the building are in a reasonable condition but due to the fairly recent collapse of the roof, their survival is threatened. The upper part of the eastern wall has fallen fairly recently and its condition is rapidly deteriorating. The interior is rubble filled and overgrown with nettles. The owner would like to reroof the building and consolidate the walls. This would secure the survival of the building for the immediate future until sufficient funds are available to restore it more fully. The history of its occupation and its location immediately adjacent to a public footpath would make an ideal site for the installation of an interpretation board. The adjoining building to the east is in a more ruinous condition. It should be maintained as a stable ruin and any loose stones should be left in-situ.

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<b>PRN</b> 41909	<b>Site name</b> TREBOETH FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69618677
<b>Site type</b> RUINED FARMSTEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Ruined nineteenth century cottage c. 8m by 4m, first recorded on the tithe survey of 1845 as Treboeth Cottage. Drystone construction with dressed stone quoins. Orientation east-west. No openings survive but it was probably accessed from an entrance in the southern wall. No roofing material survives. Footings stand to a max. height of c.2m although most of the walls are considerably lower and are unstable. The footings of a detached, c. 5m by 3m outbuilding lie to the south east. Both buildings stand within a rectangular enclosure defined by low, earthen banks (c. 0.5m high). They are approached by a terraced driveway from the north east.

#### **Recommendations**

The cottage is in a ruinous state and its walls are unstable. It should be maintained as a stable ruin and any loose stone should be left in-situ.

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<b>PRN</b> 41910	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69518747
<b>Site type</b> FARMHOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

#### **Description**

Substantial late nineteenth century (1860) farmhouse, built upon a terraced platform to the north east of the farmyard at Moelgolomen Farm (PRN 42051). Dressed rubble construction with stone quoins and a gabled slate roof. All openings are headed with stone voussoirs. A substantial stack stands at the western gable end.

#### **Recommendations**

The farmhouse is occupied by the owner and is in good condition. No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41911	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69528742
<b>Site type</b> FARMHOUSE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Ruined remains of the original two-storey farmhouse of Moelgolomen Farm. First recorded in this position on the tithe survey of 1845. Random rubble and lime construction with cobbled stone floor. Orientation east-west. The southern and western walls have been completely removed. The northern and eastern walls stand to a max. height of 2m. The entrances do not survive, but the blocked in remains of other openings are square headed with timber lintels. The wall tops are overgrown and the eastern wall has almost completely collapsed. The remains of a later 'lean-to' extension to the house survive in the garden to the north.

**Recommendations**

The remains of the original farmhouse are in a ruinous state and the surviving walls are unstable. The area is now used for storing silage. The vestige of the building should be retained as an integral feature of the original farmstead. The walls should be kept clear of intrusive vegetation and consolidated to prevent their collapse. The remains of the cobbled floor and any loose stones should be left in-situ.

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<b>PRN</b> 41912	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69498741
<b>Site type</b> BARN	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Two storey, rubble barn, with a gabled slate roof. First recorded on the 1st edition 1:2500 OS map of 1883. Orientation north-south. Accessed at ground floor level by two double width doorways and a one and a half width doorway in the eastern wall and a single width doorway in the western wall. Ventilated by three, symmetrically arranged ventilation loops along the western wall. The style of openings varies and some have obviously been modified: the doors at the southern end of the building are headed with brick voussoirs, the double doors are square headed with timber lintels and the ventilation loops are constructed with dressed stone blocks. The openings at first floor level run directly under the eaves and have slate sills. The fittings for a waterwheel (PRN 41914) survive in the southern wall of the building. Access to the first floor was via a stone stairway against the northern gable wall which has now been incorporated into the later stables (PRN 41913) (see plate 7).

**Recommendations**

The barn is in a reasonable condition although the owner is worried about recent cracks which have appeared in the stonework at the southern end of the western wall. It is now used for storage purposes. The building should be maintained in its current state and any unstable sections of wall should be consolidated. The owner would like to replace the doors and windows. This should be carried out using fittings of a design that is sympathetic to the original character of the building.

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<b>PRN</b> 41913	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69498742
<b>Site type</b> STABLE(?)	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Later nineteenth century stable block (?) attached to the northern end of the barn (PRN 41912) on Moelgolomen Farm (PRN 42051). One and a half storey, rubble construction with dressed stone quoins and a gabled slate roof. Orientation north-south. Accessed via two single width doorways in the eastern wall and a single doorway in the western wall. All openings are headed with brick voussoirs.

**Recommendations**

The stable block is in a reasonable condition and should be maintained in its current state. It is now used for storage purposes. The owner would like to replace the doors and windows. This should be carried out using fittings of a design that is sympathetic to the original character of the building.

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<b>PRN</b> 41914	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69498742
<b>Site type</b> WATERWHEEL	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Site of a former waterwheel, marked by a small rectangular wheel pit and iron fittings in the southern gable wall of the barn (PRN 41912) at Moelgolomen Farm. The wheel pit has been partially infilled with concrete and is now used as a sheep dip.

**Recommendations**

If possible, the fittings for the threshing machine that survive within the building should be retained.

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<b>PRN</b> 41915	<b>Site name</b> TY-NEWYDD FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69278706
<b>Site type</b> FARMSTEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Former farmstead of Ty-newydd, originally made up of a farmhouse and several outbuildings and first recorded on a tithe survey in 1845. The only surviving building appears to have been a cowhouse and has been completely restored.

**Recommendations**

The surviving building is in an excellent condition and is now used for holiday accommodation. No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 41916	<b>Site name</b> HAFAN RAILWAY	<b>NGR</b> SN69758830
<b>Site type</b> BRIDGE	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Rubble-built bridge crossing a narrow stream along the route of the Hafan Mine tramway (PRN 8577). The (c.1.5m) section that spans the stream has collapsed but the supports stand to a height of 2m and a width of 4m.

**Recommendations**

The bridge supports survive in a reasonable condition but are becoming overgrown with vegetation. The vegetation should be cleared and the stonework should be maintained in a stable condition.

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<b>PRN</b> 41917	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69908655
<b>Site type</b> MINING	<b>Period</b>	<b>Site Status</b>

**Description**

Evidence of mineral extraction made up of distinct hollows and spoil heaps that run downslope from north to south and clearly follow a seam. They lie to the east of Moelgolomen Farm and a far larger area of mining (PRN 9131). It now forms a field boundary and has probably been used as such for many years.

**Recommendations**

The hollows and spoil heaps of the extraction workings are grassed over and in a stable condition. The spoil heaps should not be leveled nor the hollows infilled. Further survey work should be carried out in order to identify any other evidence for mineral extraction on the holding which would provide a context for the existing knowledge of the mining history of this area.

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PRN 41918 Site name NEWYDD PANT GLAS FARM-  
NEUADD BRYN GLAS NGR SN69848644  
Site type FARM BUILDINGS Period Post Med Site Status

**Description**

A range of three outbuildings (two attached and one separate) to the south of the earlier house (PRN 41908) at Newydd Pant Glas Farm (PRN 42108). Orientation east-west. Drystone rubble construction, no roofing material survives. The walls stand to a maximum height of c.2.5m although they are considerably lower in places. The openings have been modified and most are rapidly crumbling. The interiors are overgrown and infilled with rubble. A small, stone and earth banked enclosure (animal pen?) is attached to the western end, the banks of which stand to a height of 0.4m and have been breached in several places. The buildings were first recorded on the 1st Edition OS map of 1891 and probably related to the later use of the site as a farm.

Neuadd Bryn

**Recommendations**

The outbuildings are in a ruinous condition. Their walls are unstable but are some distance from the footpath that passes to the north of them and are not of great danger to passing walkers. They should be maintained as a stable ruin and any loose stone should be left in-situ. The enclosure should be kept clear of vegetation.

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PRN 41919 Site name MOELGOLOMEN FARM NGR SN69518747  
Site type PIGSTY Period Post Med Site Status

**Description**

Single storey, detached rubble pigsty with a sloping roof to the north of the farmyard at Moelgolomen Farm (PRN 42051). First recorded on the 1st edition 1:2500 map of 1887.

**Recommendations**

The pigsty is in an unstable condition. It is now covered over with tarpaulin and is awaiting repair. The owner would like to reroof it with slate. This would secure its survival for future use as an agricultural building.

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PRN 41920 Site name MOELGOLOMEN FARM NGR SN69908655  
Site type GARDEN Period Site Status

**Description**

Site of garden recorded on the tithe survey of 1845. No evidence remains of it.

**Recommendations**

No specific management recommendations.

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PRN 41921 Site name NGR SN71158591  
Site type CAIRN Period Prehistoric Site Status

**Description**

Site of cairn marked on the 1st edition OS map of 1887. The site was inaccessible at the time of the farm visit.

**Recommendations**

Any piles of stone in this area should be left in-situ.

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<b>PRN</b> 41922	<b>Site name</b>	<b>NGR</b> SN71218580	
<b>Site type</b> BOUNDARY POSTS	<b>Period</b>	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Site of a pair of posts, marked on the 1st edition OS map of 1887, leading onto the common land of Pen Craig-y-pistyll. The site was inaccessible at the time of the visit.

**Recommendations**

No specific management recommendations. The post should be left in-situ.

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<b>PRN</b> 41923	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69458749	
<b>Site type</b> FIELD NAME	<b>Period</b>	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

The name 'Caer Odyn' of the field immediately to the west of the current farmhouse at Moelgolomen Farm suggests that a kiln may formerly have been situated in the area. No evidence remains of it on the ground.

**Recommendations**

No specific management recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 42051	<b>Site name</b> MOELGOLOMEN FARM	<b>NGR</b> SN69498741	
<b>Site type</b> FARMSTEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Farmstead consisting of a house (PRN 41910), deserted house (PRN 41911), barn (PRN 41912), cowhouse (PRN 41913), waterwheel (PRN 41914) and pigsty (PRN 41919). The farm was occupied at the time of the tithe survey in 1845 but is probably earlier in origin. See farm description and individual building descriptions for more details.

**Recommendations**

See farm description and individual building descriptions for more details.

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<b>PRN</b> 42108	<b>Site name</b> NEWYDD-PANT GLAS FARM <i>NEUADD BRYN</i>	<b>NGR</b> SN69848644	
<b>Site type</b> FARMSTEAD	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Ruined farmstead of *Neuadd* Bryn Glas to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Consists of a house and adjoining outbuilding (PRN 41908) and single range of outbuildings (PRN 41918) to the south. See individual descriptions for more details.

**Recommendations**

See individual site recommendations.

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<b>PRN</b> 42286	<b>Site name</b> TY NEWEDD MINE	<b>NGR</b> SN69818723	
<b>Site type</b> QUARRY	<b>Period</b> Post Med	<b>Site Status</b>	

**Description**

Small quarry lying uphill and to the south of the mine buildings (PRN 41899, 41900, 441901, 41903) amongst an extensive area of lead mining (PRN 9131) to the east of Moelgolomen Farm. Probably associated with the construction of the crusher house, wheel pit, oreslide and magazine.

**Recommendations**

The quarry is grassed over and in a stable condition. It should be maintained in its current state and kept clear of rubbish and vegetation.

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**Map**

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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 -</b>	<b>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.

**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.

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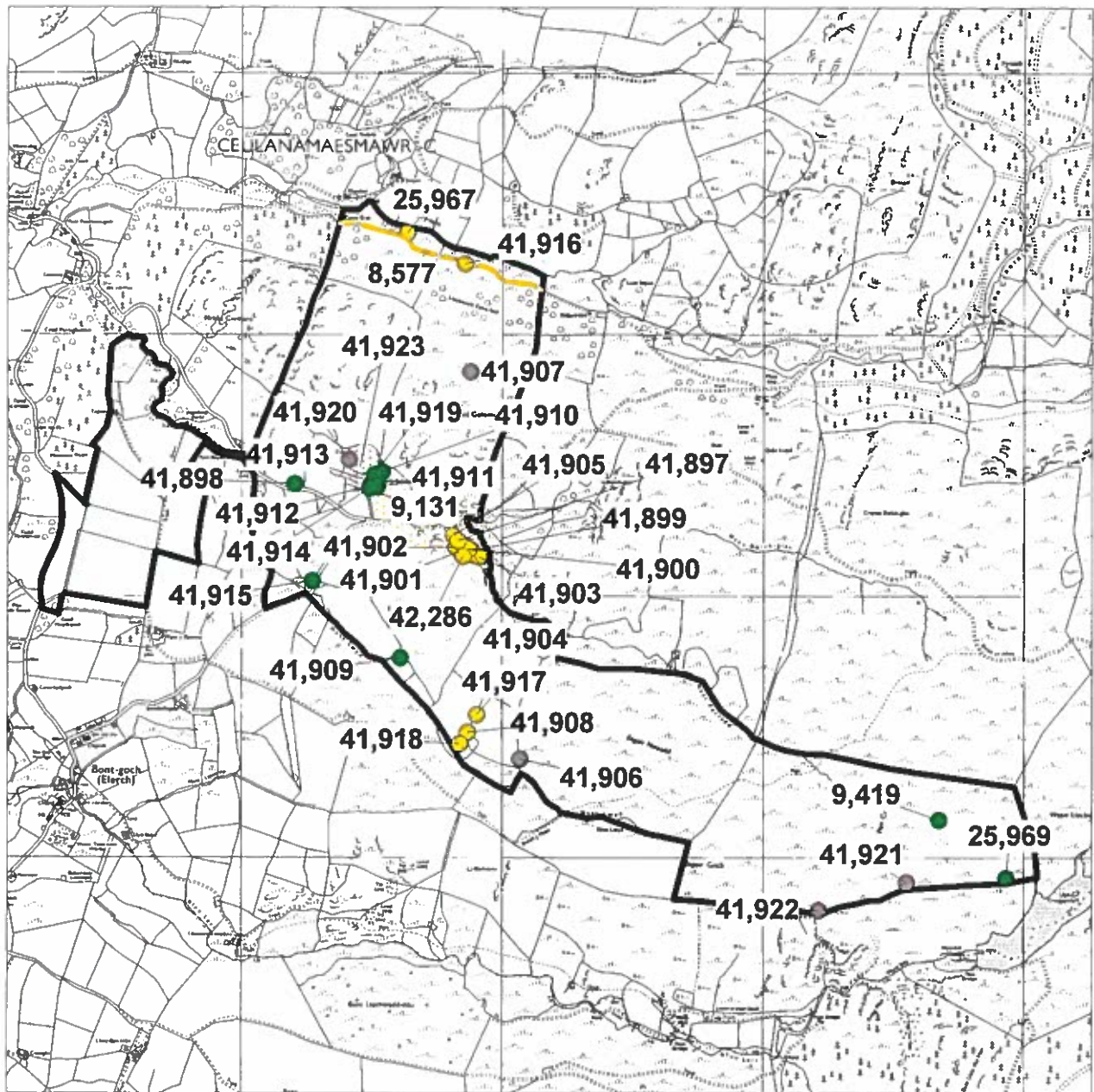


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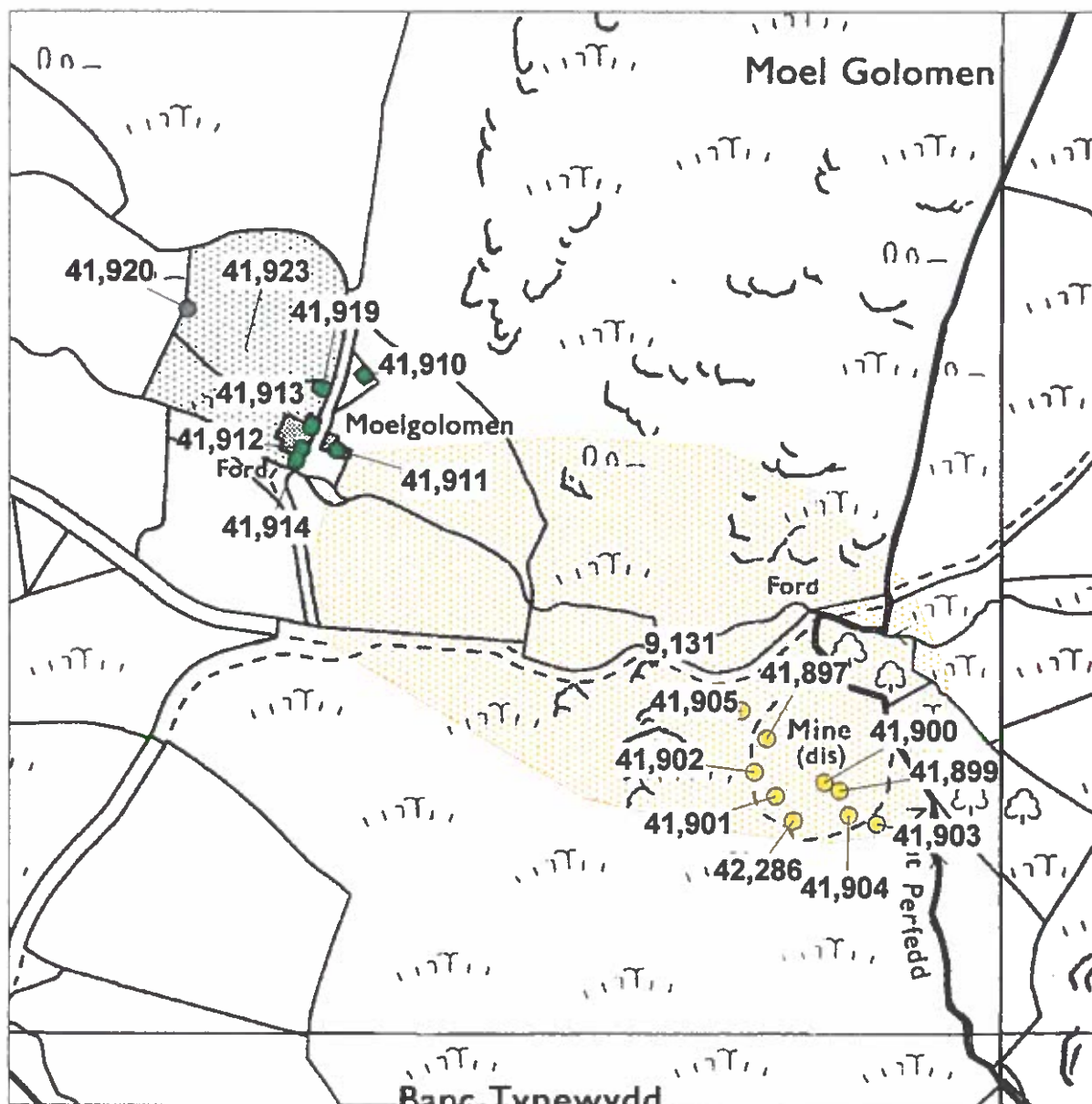
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## Plates



Plate 1 - PRN 41898, Llwyn Bedw Farm.



Plate 2 - PRN 41899, Ty Newedd Mine, Wheelpit.





Plate 3 - PRN 41900, Ty Newedd Mine, Crusher House.



Plate 4 - PRN 41901, Ty Newedd Mine, Ore slide.





Plate 5 - PRN 41902, Ty Newedd Mine, Mine shaft.



Plate 6 - PRN 41908, Newydd Pant Glas Farm.



Plate 7 - PRN 41912, Moelgolomen Farm, Barn.