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INTRODUCTION

This report is intended to provide a statement on the condition and recommended management of all known archaeological and historical sites and features on the 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.

Method Statement

The farm visit consisted of two phases.

Phase 1 was a rapid search of all readily available documentary, cartographic and published sources to try to understand the historical development of the farm and the wider landscape and to identify new sites of archaeological interest. The searches undertaken for this visit include information held in the regional Sites and Monuments Record, the relevant County Records Office and the National Library of Wales. New sites, or areas of interest were plotted onto a GIS-based map for use in the field and for the final report.

Phase 2 was a site visit to assess the extent, character and current condition of the archaeological and historical sites identified during the research phase, although because of constraints, recording is rapid, usually photographs and site notes, and some of the sites may not have been visited. The information gained during the visit has been used to assign the farm and its individual sites to a management category, which have determined the management recommendations for each site.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FARM

The farm holding of Pantyffynnon (PRN 43649) consists of two distinct parcels of land which lie on the north west facing slope of Bettws mountain, below the open hill. The holdings lie either side of the Old Cawdor Colliery tramway (PRN 30742), which now forms part of the farm drive. The piece of land on the west side of the old tramway consists of four fields, given over to pasture and is quite waterlogged and marshy in places. The existing field divisions are mostly post and wire although evidence of earlier field boundaries exist in the form of low stone and earth banks. The current field boundaries are largely recognisable on the tithe survey of 1848, with the exception of the overlaying of the Cawdor colliery tramway in the later 19th century. The farm appears named on the early OS surveyors drawing of 1811/12, however the buildings and boundaries are indistinct. The tithe survey of 1848 records the farm as owned by Henry Edwards and Jenkin Hughes and tenanted by William Edwards. The fields at this time were all given over to pasture and some meadow. The 1st and 2nd edition OS do show the footprint of the buildings as corresponding to those visible today. The stable to the south west of the farmhouse although partially rebuilt in breeze block demonstrates some early characteristics (PRN 43652). Other buildings to the south of the farm house appear to be modern in origin. In common with the neighbouring farm of Crud yr Awel (PRN 43647), Pantyffynnon also demonstrates evidence of mine workings to the rear of the farmhouse and at the foot of the scarp to Bettws mountain. The 2nd edition OS map of 1906 identifies the position of an old coal shaft to the south east of the farm house which appears to be visible as a linear depression in the bank (PRN 43651). This area is currently used for pasture, although gorse is beginning to encroach extensively over the bank and is beginning to obscure the mine working features.

MAIN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The farm boundaries, although diminished to low stone banks in some places and mature hedge lines elsewhere, are a significant characteristic of the holding and should be retained as visible landscape features.

Archaeological sites on the holding which require action are detailed below, for other management recommendations see the gazetteer of individual sites.

PRN 43651 - The bank to the south of the farm is gradually becoming engulfed by gorse, and would benefit from some clearance of vegetation, to expose some of the mine working features and help their identification.

A public footpath follows a track which runs through the old mine workings from Crud yr Awel and continues south west to the site of the old Cawdor Colliery (PRN 30622). This may provide an opportunity for presenting to the public the mining history which characterises the area, and could take the form of an interpretation board beside the footpath and/or educational visits.

See gazetteer for detailed management recommendations.

KEY TO MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES

Category	Importance	Colour on map	Detail
Category A	Sites and Monuments of National Importance	Blue	Scheduled Ancient Monuments Grade 1 and 2* Listed Buildings
		Red	Other Sites and Monuments of National Importance Other Buildings Of National Importance
		Red Toning	Registered Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest
		Red Banding	Registered Landscapes of Historic Interest
Category B	Sites and Monuments of Regional Importance	Amber	Sites and Monuments of Regional Importance Grade 2 Listed Buildings and Other Buildings of Regional Importance
Category C	Sites and Monuments of Local Importance	Green	Sites and Features of Local Importance Buildings of Local Importance
Category D	Sites and Monuments of Unknown Importance	Brown	Sites and Features needing further investigation includings damaged sites or sites with no physical definition

SITE AND AREA DESIGNATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in the gazetteer to refer to site and area status designations.

SAM Scheduled Ancient Monument

SAMs are notified under Section 1 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. The schedule of SAMs is maintained and administered by Cadw.

LB1, LB2* and LB2 Listed Buildings

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. Local Authorities are statutory consultees for listed buildings.

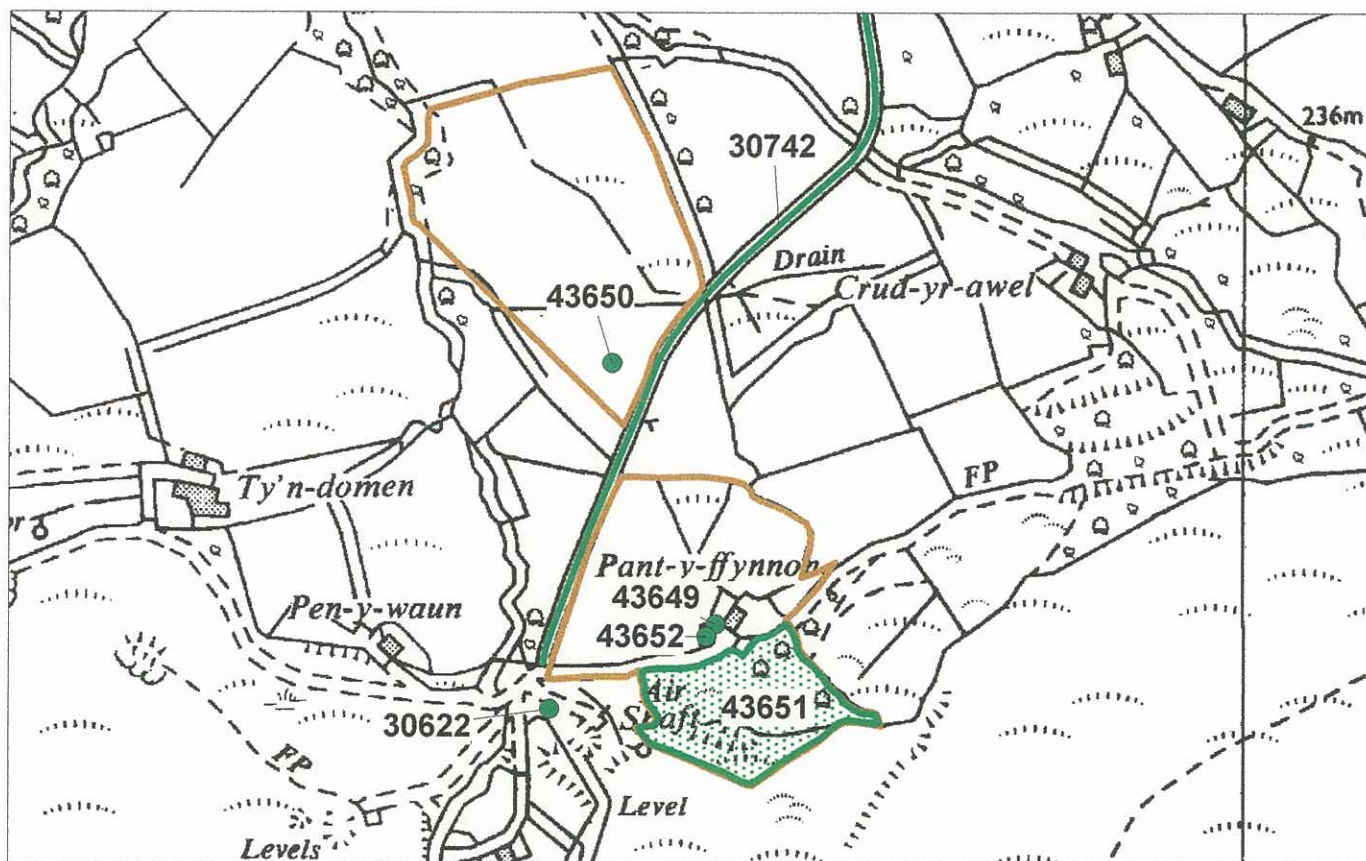
HLW Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales

Defined by the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales, Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales: Part 2.1 Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest; Part 2.2 Landscapes of Special Historic Interest. The register is advisory only and has no statutory powers. The register was compiled by Cadw in partnership with the Countryside Council for Wales and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

HGP Register of Historic Gardens and Parks

Defined by the Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales, Part 1 Parks and Gardens. The register is advisory only and has no statutory powers. The register was compiled by Cadw in partnership with the Countryside Council for Wales and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

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GAZETTEER OF SITES AND MONUMENTS

PRN 18492 **Site name** PANT-Y-FFYNNON **NGR** SN67651150
Site type WELL? **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

The evidence for this site is based on place name association. There is no map evidence to confirm the existence of a well near the farm itself, however the owners believe that a heap of stone in one of the lower fields (PRN 43650) may be the remains of a blocked well.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Category D **Visited by** AMP **Visited On** 18/10/01

PRN 30622 **Site name** CAWDOR NO.1 COLLIERY;BLAENGRENIG MINE **NGR** SN675114
Site type COALMINE **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

The Cawdor No.1 Colliery was disused by 1907, but a small licensed mine now works the same site. None of the late 19th century colliery buildings appear to survive, but a range of modern structures, predominantly built of corrugated iron and concrete, now occupy the site. Coal is carried from the mine by lorry, the road following the bed of the 19th century tramway that linked the original mine with the railway at Cwmamman, 2km to the north.(P.Sambrook, 1995)

Recommendations

This site does not fall within the farm holding. No management recommendations apply.

Management Category * **Visited by** AMP **Visited On** 18/10/01

PRN 30742 **Site name** CAWDOR NO.1 TRAMWAY **NGR** SN67531150
Site type TRAMROAD **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

2km long tramroad which linked the Cawdor No.1 Colliery with the railway at Glanamau. Working during last quarter of 19th century. Now partly a public footpath and a public road.(P.Sambrook, 1995). Forms part of the farm driveway to Crud yr Awel, Pantyffynnon, Pen y Waun, Ynys y Frwynen. It now takes the shape of a roughly surfaced single lane track which follows the contour of the hillside, climbing gradually to the site of the Old Cawdor Colliery (plate 1).

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Management Category C **Visited by** AMP **Visited On** 18/10/01

PRN 43650 **Site name** PANTYFFYNNON **NGR** SN67581171
Site type WELL? **Period** Post Med **Site Status**

Description

A roughly circular heap of stone c.3.5 m in diameter and approximately c.0.30 m high, situated in a field below the Cawdor tramway. The owners believe this may be the blocking of a well, however this is unconfirmed by historic mapping. Alternatively it may be a clearance cairn (plate 2).

Recommendations

This stone feature should be maintained in its current condition.

Management Category C **Visited by** AMP **Visited On** 18/10/01

PRN 43651	Site name PANTYFFYNNON	NGR SN67701150
Site type MINE WORKINGS	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

To the rear of the farmhouse at the foot of the scarp to Bettws mountain are some remains of mine workings. The 2nd edition OS map of 1906 identifies the position of an old coal shaft to the south east of the farm house which appears to be visible as a linear depression which cuts into the bank (plate 3). To the south west are also a series of quarry like features which cut into the bank. This area is currently used for pasture, although gorse is beginning to encroach extensively over the bank and is beginning to obscure the mine working features.

Recommendations

The bank to the south of the farm is gradually becoming engulfed by gorse, and would benefit from some clearance of vegetation, to expose some of the mine working features and help their identification. A public footpath follows a track that runs through the old mine workings from Crud yr Awel and continues south west to the site of the old Cawdor Colliery (PRN 30622). This may provide an opportunity for presenting to the public the mining history which characterises the area, and could take the form of an interpretation board beside the footpath and or educational visits.

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PRN 43652	Site name PANTYFFYNNON	NGR SN67651153
Site type BUILDING	Period Post Med	Site Status

Description

A low one storey building with single pitch corrugated iron roof. It is largely constructed in rubble stone walling on the north, west and south elevations although it has been repaired and extended in breeze block (plate 4). On the north and west walls are low doorways and a small ground floor hatch in the west wall have all been blocked with stone. A stub of wall to the south indicates that the building had a further extension which may correspond to the footprint shown on the 2nd edition (1906) OS map; the first map to clearly mark the position of this building. The building is currently in use as a stable, and the available evidence would suggest that it was originally a building for housing livestock.

Recommendations

The building is currently in good condition. It would be desirable, if any alterations to the building were being considered, that these avoid damaging the historic fabric.

Management Category C	Visited by AMP	Visited On 18/10/01
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Plate 1 – the old Cawdor Colliery tramway (PRN 30742)



Plate 2 – the site of a possible well or clearance cairn (PRN 43650)



Plate 3 – the remains of mine workings to the south east of the farm (PRN 43651)



Plate 4 – the farm building to the west of the farmhouse (PRN 43652)

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