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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Mynydd y Ffynnon Project: Background.

1.1.1 The area termed the Mynydd y Ffynnon survey area occupies part of a large block of upland in the heart of the Cambrian Mountains in central Wales between the Castell valley on the north, the Ystwyth Valley on the south, the Rheidol Valley on the west and the Wye Valley to the east (see Project Design: The Archaeology and Historic Landscapes of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Area, prepared by Archaeoleg Cambria Archaeology and the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, 1997). The area is bisected by the Ceredigion/Powys county border.

1.1.2 The 'Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area' was defined by the above named rivers and the A44 trunk road, which links Aberystwyth with east Wales. The area is characterised by a landscape of open moorland and forestry plantations, rising to a maximum height of 573m OD, and is a land block that falls within the Cambrian Mountains ESA. ADAS and Forest Enterprise, as large landowners and land agents in the region, developed a joint project for Mynydd y Ffynnon which is termed 'a new Welsh upland vision for the restoration of upland ecosystems' and is defined as:

*"a pilot scheme for the uplands aimed at restoring indigenous upland habitats and their wildlife conservation whilst ensuring that there are true economic returns for forestry and agriculture and hence the rural economy of the same area."*

1.1.3 Between 1996 and 2001, Cambria Archaeology (The Dyfed Archaeological Trust) and the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) have conducted a series of joint archaeological surveys within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area. The various stages of this work were funded by ADAS, Forest Enterprise and the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments in Wales (RCAHMW).

1.1.4 The phases of the survey undertaken prior to 2000-2001 were carried out in the following order;

**PHASE 1:** In 1996, Phase 1 of the project, focused on an Archaeological Survey Area on ADAS owned land in the centre of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area. A detailed desk-top survey of the landscape history of the wider Landscape Study Area was carried out at the same time (Sambrook & Silvester, 1997).

**PHASE 2:** As a continuation of the 1996 study, a programme of detailed survey of blocks of upland and valley floor on privately owned land along the Castell, Rheidol and Ystwyth valleys. This work was carried out during the early summer of 1997, providing valuable contextual, distributional and site-specific information for the Mynydd y Ffynnon project and assisting considerably in building a picture of past land-use and activity in the area between the Wye and the Ystwyth (Silvester, 1997; Sambrook & Darke, 1997).

**PHASE 3:** Was carried out during the autumn of 1997 and was a detailed survey and assessment of known archaeological sites within the Forest Enterprise owned, afforested portions of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Study Area (Sambrook, Harkinson & Thomas, 1997).

**PHASE 4:** In the spring of 1998, ADAS owned land outside the Phase 1 survey area was surveyed. There was also limited prospecting for new archaeological sites in select areas of Forest Enterprise owned land. An element of the forest survey of the Phase 4 work was funded by the FE in order that the Phase 3 and FE related Phase 4 project results could be reported as *The Mynydd y Ffynnon Archaeological Assessment* as part of FE's wider *Welsh Heritage Assets* project.

**PHASE 5:** The fifth phase of work was purely desktop based and designed to produce two concluding reports on management issues surrounding sites on ADAS and FE land;

i) A synthesis of previous work relating to sites located on both ADAS and FE land within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study area, providing descriptions and management recommendations for all such sites (Sambrook, 1999)

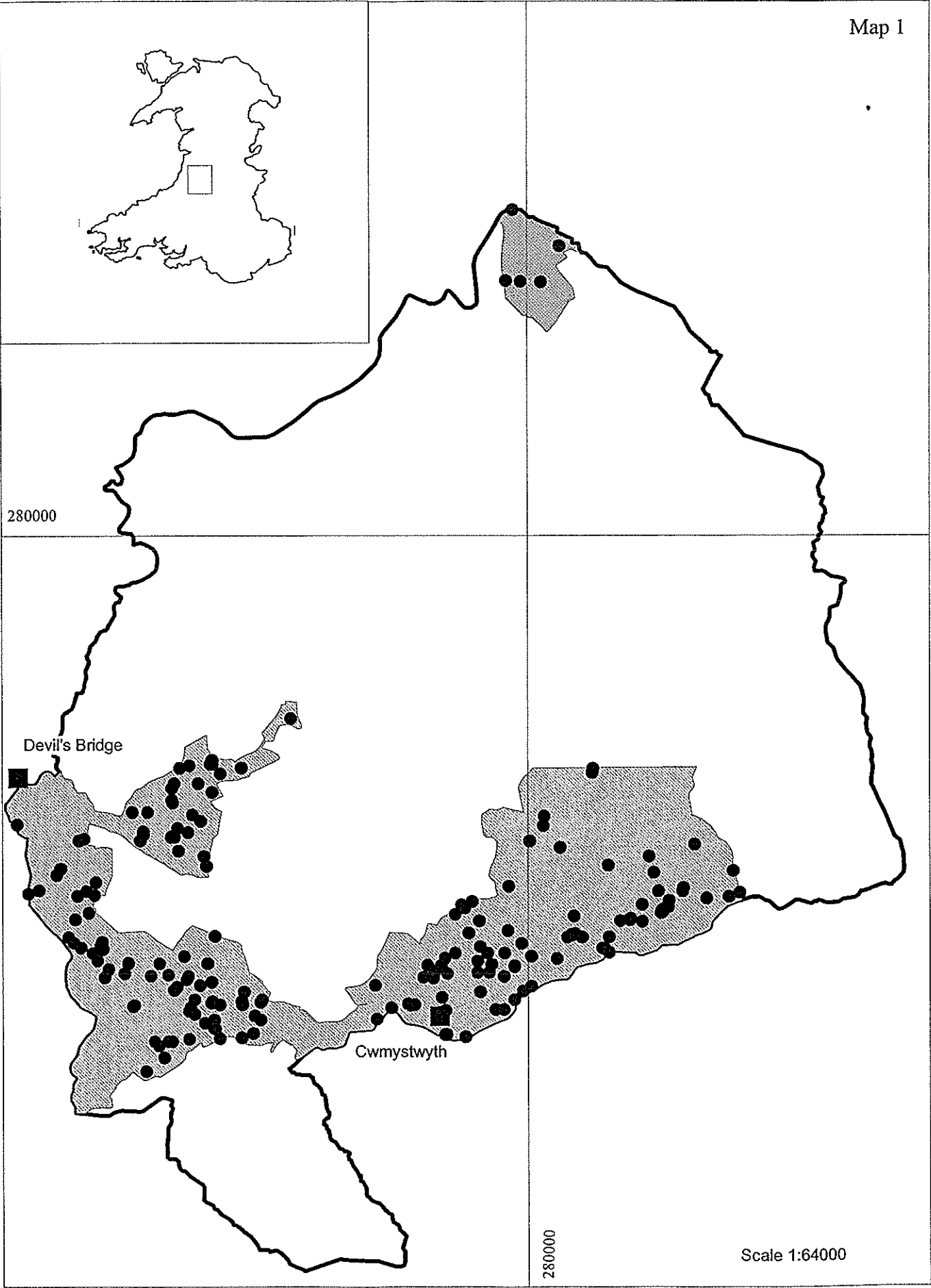
ii) A report funded as part of the Forest Enterprise Welsh Heritage Assets Project and concerned only with those sites located on FE land within the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study area (Hall, Sambrook & Thomas, 1998)

## **1.2 Methodology**

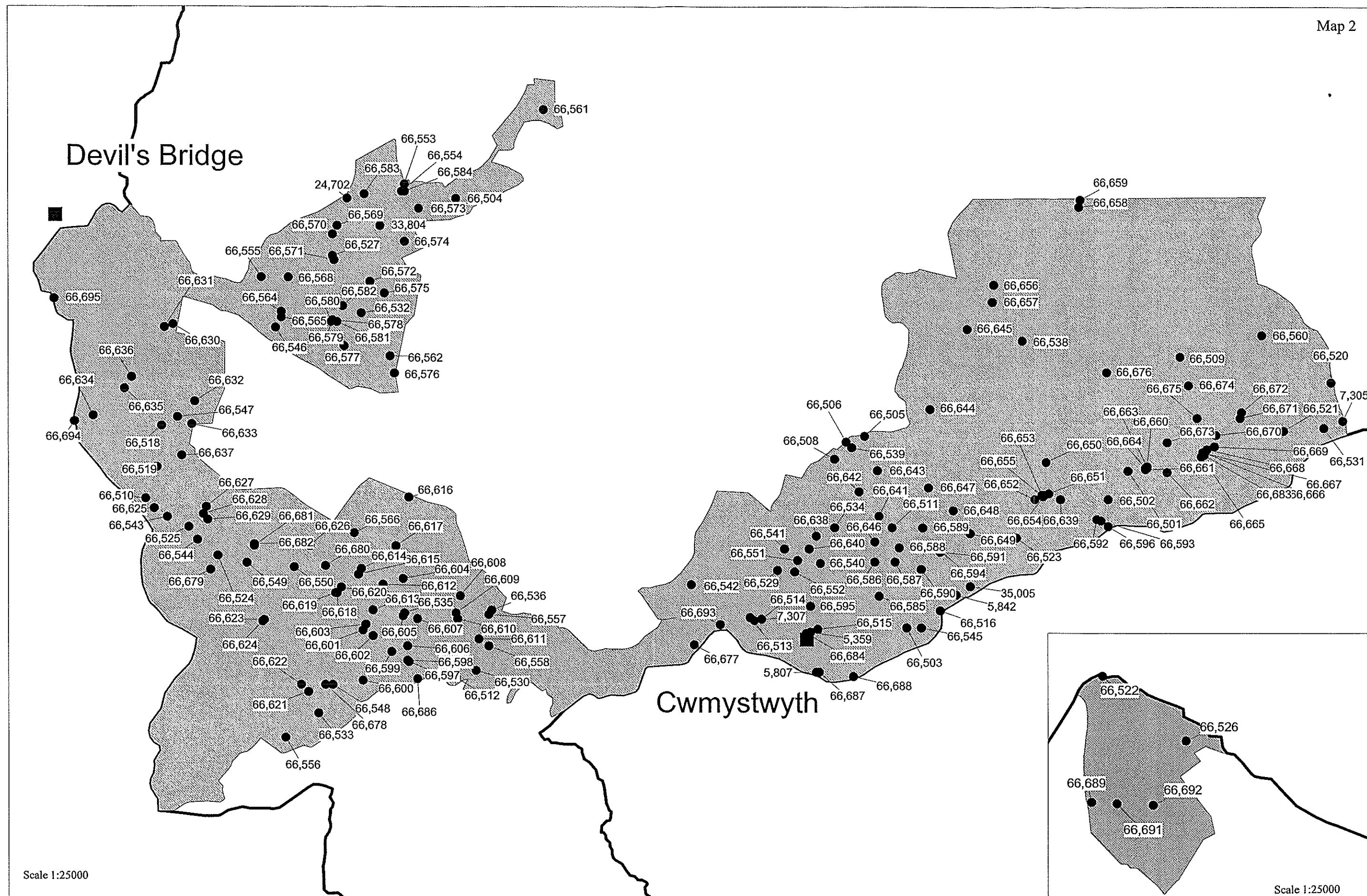
**1.2.1** This report presents the results of the sixth phase of the Mynydd y Ffynnon project. Undertaken during the winter of 2000-2001, this final phase of fieldwork was funded by the RCAHMW as part of the wider Uplands Initiative strategy. It was designed to complete the field survey of the entire land block of the 'Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area.'

**1.2.2** This involved the survey of approximately 12km<sup>2</sup> of private farmland which had not been included in the previous phases of work along the northern side of the upper Ystwyth valley. This was carried out by a two man team. Where appropriate, 30m transects were walked, but in practice the nature of the local landscape usually devalues this approach. Nevertheless, the objective of achieving thorough coverage of the study area was achieved.

Map 1







## 2. Results.

### 2.1 Recording and reporting.

2.1.1 Each new site identified by the field survey has been given a unique Primary Reference Number (PRN) and its details entered into the regional Sites & Monuments Record (SMR) databases maintained by Cambria Archaeology.

2.1.2 The content of the site gazetteer is based on the information presented to the RCAHMW in a Fox-pro project database. The project database includes extra information regarding many of the sites in the survey area than appear in this report. The database structure follows the RCAHMW's own specifications. Some recommendations for amendments to the Glossary of Terms issued by the RCAHMW for use with this project are presented below.

2.1.3 The project archive will be presented to the RCAHMW separate to this report and includes digital and slide photographs and field notes and maps.

Table 1: Numbers of Sites included in this report.

LOCATION	Previously Recorded	Previously recorded by Mynydd y Ffynnon Project (AP survey)	Newly Recorded	Total
TOTAL	44	25	127	196

### 2.2 Recommendations for OS Mapping.

The following sites should be considered to be of sufficient importance to appear on future Ordnance Survey maps:

NPRN	Name	Type
66535	Graig Ddu	DRS
66536	Nant Grafanglach	DRS
66550	Pen Cefndyrys	DRS
66555	Mynwent Fach	"Llan"
66596	Abernant	Farmstead;DRS
66597	Graig Ddu	Enclosure
66599	Graig Ddu	DRS
66603	Eglwys Llanfrech	Ring Barrow
66609	Nant Crafanglach	Pillow Mound
66610	Nant Crafanglach	Pillow Mound
66639	Pant Morcell	Ring Barrow
66640	Glog	Cairn
66644	Cefn Pantygwartheg	Cairn
66664	Blaen Nant Stwc	DRS
66683	Graig Wen	DRS
66688	Pentre Office	Crushing Mill Complex



## **2.2 Glossary Recommendations**

The following glossary terms were used in the project database which do not appear in the recommended glossary provided by the RCAHMW:

- ROOT VEGETABLE STORE
- PLATFORM
- PEAT DRYING PLATFORM
- SHELTER
- SUNKEN SHELTER

Each of these terms are important in the context of upland survey work in south-west and mid-Wales and their addition to the approved glossary is considered essential. They are included in the Uplands Glossary prepared by Cambria Archaeology for the RCAHMW during 2000.

### 3. Summary

The Mynydd y Ffynnon 2000-2001 Survey was undertaken during the winter of 2000-2001. It was the sixth and final phase of archaeological survey in the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area.

The fieldwork was funded by the RCAHMW as part of the wider Uplands Initiative strategy and designed to complete the field survey of the entire land block of the Mynydd y Ffynnon Landscape Study Area. Approximately 12km<sup>2</sup> of private farmland was surveyed by a two man team along the northern side of the upper Ystwyth valley.

Each stage of the Mynydd y Ffynnon survey has added valuable information to expand our understanding of the settlement and land-use history of the district. The fieldwork component of the project in particular has added information which could not possibly be gleaned from other sources.

A picture emerges of mediaeval and post-mediaeval settlement across the whole area, focused particularly on sheltered river and stream valleys and associated mostly with the use of the mountain pastures for pastoral farming. During 2000-2001, a number of well preserved and highly significant Deserted Rural Settlement sites were recorded for the first time, and other known sites re-evaluated.

It is important to draw attention to the cluster of deserted settlements and ancillary features located on the land of Cae'r Meirch and Dolygors farms, north of Hafod and west of Pwllpeiran (e.g. NPRNs 66535, 66536, 66547, 66550, 66597, 66599, 66620, 66623.) They may be associated with the mediaeval monastic grange of Cwmystwyth or indeed with the division of the land following the Dissolution. A significant upland deserted settlement was also identified at Graig Wen, Cwmystwyth (NPRN 66683), which may be a genuine mediaeval *hafod* site.

In the Tai Newyddion and Cwmystwyth areas a significant number (12) of peat drying platforms were recognised and recorded for the first time, indicating the degree of importance and scale of peat cutting activity on the moorland above the valley.

The search for and exploitation of metal ores has also contributed greatly to the archaeological resource of the area, with metal mine sites and associated features such as water leats and trial workings commonly encountered. The heart of the 2000-2001 study area includes the historic Cwmystwyth lead mine and the nearby workings on Copa Hill, some of which of known Bronze Age date. However, the project design excluded the survey of mining features within the Cwmystwyth/Copa Hill mining area. The complexity and scale of these sites requires a specific series of projects in future to do justice to such an important focus of mining activity. A small number of associated features including a trial level and a hushing pond and leat outside the main mine area were however recorded by the survey (NPRNs 66591, 66594, 66674).

Prior to the 2000-2001 survey, little identifiable trace remains of earlier historic and prehistoric activity was known in the district. This phase of the project has succeeded in making significant additions to the handful of bronze age cairns previously known to be found on higher ground. Three ring barrows, six cairns, a possible burnt mound and a possible hut circle (NPRN 66673) were found, distributed widely across the study area.

Such is the value of the results of the series of Mynydd y Ffynnon archaeological survey, both to local and regional archaeology, it is anticipated that the material gathered between 1996-2001 will form the basis of a contribution to an academic publication in the future.

# Site Gazetteer

NPRN 5359 NAME PENTRE BRIWNANT  
NGR SN78937407 PRN 7196 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Building

Small miners cottage. The last occupied building at the heart of the old village of Pentre Briwnant. Recently restored as a holiday cottage and a small extension has been added to the western gable.

NPRN 5807 NAME PENTRE MILL;MILL COTTAGE  
NGR SN78977379 PRN 7194 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DWELLING;MILL

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

The early history of this mill is unresearched but its identification as Pentre Mill on the parish tithe survey and its location near the historic settlement of Pentre Briwnant suggest that it probably has at least early post-mediaeval origins. It was not a working mill by the late 19th century and has not been occupied by at least several decades before the end of the 20th century, indeed it had become completely ruined by the end of that century. The mill cottage and its associated buildings are now completely ruinous and have either collapsed or been demolished. The largest building within the complex is now a rectilinear mound of stone with many of the roof timbers mixed in with the rubble. A smaller building to the west has largely disappeared, with only the western gable wall standing to c.2m in height. There is no trace of a third building shown on the parish tithe map, which stood a few metres to the east of the main building. It is worth noting that the level garden/yard area between the buildings and the Ystwyth to the south is evidently in part built up ground. The riverbank in front of the garden has been strengthened by revetting with large stone slabs. It is also clear that there was a subterranean tailrace running from the now infilled wheelpit across to the riverbank. A substantial earthwork leat, which is actually stone cut for the first 50m or so of its course, taps into the Ystwyth about 300m upstream. The leat is cut by late 19th century mining features, indicating that the mill was defunct by that time.

NPRN 5842 NAME NEVILL PLACE  
NGR SN79947433 PRN 23460 SITE STATUS SAM  
TYPE COTTAGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Former miners terraced cottages.

NPRN 7305 NAME BLAENCWM  
NGR SN82637555 PRN 19907 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CHAPEL

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Site of small Methodist chapel. The chapel was demolished in the later 20th century after being closed. A modern bungalow was built on the site.

NPRN 7307 NAME CWMYSTWYTH METHODIST CHAPEL

NGR SN78547415 PRN 19766 SITE STATUS

TYPE CHAPEL

PERIOD Post Med FORM Building

This is the third Methodist chapel in the village and remains in use, the first two being in the old Pentre Briwnant village core.

NPRN 24702 NAME BRIDGE MILL

NGR SN757771 PRN 5477 SITE STATUS

TYPE MILL?

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Documents

Nothing seen at this NGR. NGR appears to be wrong.

NPRN 33804 NAME BODCOLL MINE;SOUTH WALES MINE;GERTRUDE;BOD

NGR SN75937691 PRN 5476 SITE STATUS

TYPE LEAD MINE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

19th century lead mine. Lead ore output-400 tons

NPRN 35005 NAME OLD PLACE

NGR SN80047439 PRN 23226 SITE STATUS

TYPE DWELLING?;BUILDING

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Former mine building.

NPRN 66501 NAME COPA HILL

NGR SN81147520 PRN 2071 SITE STATUS

TYPE FINDS

PERIOD Roman FORM Finds

Record of a pounding stone and quern stone, perhaps used during mining operations, of Roman date found at Copa Hill.

NPRN 66502 NAME CRAIG Y DDALFA

NGR SN810750 PRN 2901 SITE STATUS

TYPE FINDS

PERIOD Roman FORM Finds

Record of the find of a pounder stone which may be of Roman date.

NPRN 66503 NAME CWM YSTWYTH MINE WEST;BRIWNANT;PENTRE BR  
NGR SN796741 PRN 8342 SITE STATUS CTL  
TYPE LEAD MINE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex

Minor lead mine between Cwmysywyth Mine and Pentre Briwnant village. A series of spoil tips, levels and at least one open shaft survive. Not a successful venture. Lead ore output-50 tons

NPRN 66504 NAME ABERHIRNANT;ABER RHUDDNANT  
NGR SN76467710 PRN 9150 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Named as Aber Hirnant by parish tithe survey. The settlement core of this farmstead is represented by a ruinous building, presumed to be the farmhouse, of which the walls still stand fairly intact and close to original height. Immediately to the east of this building can be seen ruined walling which may represent an enclosure, garden plot or even the site of an outbuilding. Some 20m to the south-west, on the edge of a minor stream, is an earthwork garden plot which appears to contain evidence for lazy bed cultivation. Not visited but viewed from forest road on opposite side of valley.

NPRN 66505 NAME PANT-Y-FFYNNON  
NGR SN79317544 PRN 9359 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Ruined miners cottage. Probably late 18th century in origin. Abandoned in early 20th century.

NPRN 66506 NAME TYN-Y-LON  
NGR SN79187540 PRN 9360 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Ruined miners cottage. Probably late 18th century in origin, abandoned in the early 20th century.

NPRN 66508 NAME CNWC-Y-BARCUD  
NGR SN79107528 PRN 9361 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Ruined miners cottage. Probably 18th century in origin, abandoned in early 20th century.



NPRN 66509 NAME ESGAIR MAIN GWYNION

NGR SN815760 PRN 13606 SITE STATUS

TYPE COMMON LAND

PERIOD Med;Post Med FORM Topog

Extensive common north of the Ystwyth valley. Particularly rough and boggy to the north and west, with rather better areas of pasture available to the east and south.

NPRN 66510 NAME CYRNAU BACH

NGR SN743750 PRN 13669 SITE STATUS

TYPE COMMON LAND

PERIOD Med;Post Med FORM Topog

Area of common land. Some portions are very wet and seem to have been subject to attempts at drainage in the past.

NPRN 66511 NAME GLOG

NGR SN795748 PRN 13673 SITE STATUS

TYPE COMMON LAND

PERIOD Med;Post Med FORM Topog

Block of common north-east of Cwmystwyth village which includes the upper portions of the prominent Glog hill.

NPRN 66512 NAME PANT Y MAWN

NGR SN76467375 PRN 19749 SITE STATUS

TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Minor roadside quarry.

NPRN 66513 NAME CWMYSTWYTH SCHOOL

NGR SN78517417 PRN 19767 SITE STATUS

TYPE SCHOOL

PERIOD Post Med FORM Building

Former village school. Now converted into a private house.

NPRN 66514 NAME PONT NANT-CAE-GLAS

NGR SN78597416 PRN 19768 SITE STATUS

TYPE BRIDGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Substantial stone bridge which carries the Devils Bridge road over the deeply cut Nant Cae Glas stream in Cwmystwyth village.

NPRN 66515 NAME PENTRE BRIWNANT SCHOOL

NGR SN78987409 PRN 19769 SITE STATUS

TYPE CHAPEL;SCHOOL

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Former chapel turned in to a denominational school (Calvinistic Methodist), the roofless shell of which is now maintained as a walled garden by the occupants of the adjacent dwelling. A plaque commemorating the history of the three Methodist chapels of Cwmystwyth village is fixed to the outside of the wall facing the road. This is the second of those chapels and was converted into a school in the early 20th century.

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NPRN 66516 NAME BWLCH GWYNT

NGR SN79837422 PRN 19772 SITE STATUS

TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Minor quarry shown as a working quarry on 1906 1:10560 OS map.

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NPRN 66518 NAME BRIGNANT ISAF

NGR SN74417551 PRN 19822 SITE STATUS

TYPE AQUEDUCT

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Site of an aqueduct apparently associated with leat NPRN 66635.

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NPRN 66519 NAME RHOS CYRNAU

NGR SN74387522 PRN 19823 SITE STATUS

TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Minor quarry. Disused.

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NPRN 66520 NAME FFRWD YR YDFRAN

NGR SN82557582 PRN 19903 SITE STATUS

TYPE AQUEDUCT

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Site of aqueduct across a mountain stream which was part of a major leat carrying water to Cwmystwyth lead mine.

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<u>NPRN</u>	66521	<u>NAME</u>	UNKNOWN	
<u>NGR</u>	SN82227548	<u>PRN</u>	19908	<u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	AQUEDUCT			
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct	
	Site of an aqueduct that carried a major leat to the Cwmystwyth lead mine.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66522	<u>NAME</u>	PONT EISTEDDFA-GURIG	
<u>NGR</u>	SN79828405	<u>PRN</u>	19942	<u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	BRIDGE			
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct	
	Road bridge which is crossed by the Aberystwyth-Llangurig road.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66523	<u>NAME</u>	NANT Y GWAITH	
<u>NGR</u>	SN80367473	<u>PRN</u>	19981	<u>SITE STATUS</u> SAM
<u>TYPE</u>	AQUEDUCT			
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct	
	Site of aqueduct on a leat which supplied the Cwmystwyth lead mine.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66524	<u>NAME</u>	CYRNAU BACH UCHAF	
<u>NGR</u>	SN748746	<u>PRN</u>	24588	<u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	FARMSTEAD?			
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork	
	Deserted Rural Settlement which includes a longhouse, three potato clamps and a large rectilinear enclosure which may include slight traces of cultivation. 100m to west is a probable area of cultivation and a shelter which may be associated with this settlement.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66525	<u>NAME</u>	NANT ARTHUR UCHAF	
<u>NGR</u>	SN746748	<u>PRN</u>	24589	<u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	HAFOD?;FARMSTEAD?			
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork	
	Identification uncertain. Nothing seen at this NGR in field. Wrong NGR?			
<u>NPRN</u>	66526	<u>NAME</u>	HIRGOED DDU	
<u>NGR</u>	SN804836	<u>PRN</u>	25869	<u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	LEAD MINE			
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork	
	Two minor trial workings with small spoil tips.			

NPRN 66527 NAME BODCOLL WEST  
NGR SN756767 PRN 25912 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Documents

West Bodcoll is named by Absalom Francis in 1874 but it is not identifiable in the field. Presumably it is close to the main Bodcoll mine and represented by some of the mining features within that wider complex.

NPRN 66529 NAME TY'N Y GLOG;CWMYSTWYTH WEST;TAINEWYDDION  
NGR SN787745 PRN 25920 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Minor lead mine site. Lead ore output-25 tons

NPRN 66530 NAME CHAMBER'S CROSS CUT  
NGR SN766738 PRN 25929 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Not examined in the 1996 survey. KM, DAT, 1996 Nothing seen at his NGR during 2001 visit. Visibility was poor at the time of visit however and there was snow on the ground.

NPRN 66531 NAME BLAENCWM WEST  
NGR SN825755 PRN 25935 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Minor lead mine site.

NPRN 66532 NAME GWAR-RHOS  
NGR SN758763 PRN 25988 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Clouston describes a mine site in forestry but this old level is on Bodcoll farm. This may be the site of the West Bodcoll mine named by Francis Absalom in 1874 (NPRN 66527).

<u>NPRN</u>	66533	<u>NAME</u>	CAE'R MEIRCH
<u>NGR</u>	SN755735	<u>PRN</u>	25993 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	LEAD MINE		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
Not examined in the 1996 survey. KM, DAT, 1996 Only a few minor surface disturbances indicate any mining activity in the vicinity.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66534	<u>NAME</u>	GWNDWN-GWYN
<u>NGR</u>	SN791748	<u>PRN</u>	25997 <u>SITE STATUS</u> CTL
<u>TYPE</u>	LEAD MINE		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
No buildings observed by 2001 visit. A spoilt tip and some rubble which may originate from buildings is scattered around.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66535	<u>NAME</u>	GRAIG DDU
<u>NGR</u>	SN761742	<u>PRN</u>	27901 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	DRS;FARMSTEAD		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Complex
The DRS complex includes an impressive longhouse defined by prominent earth and stone wall bases. Appended to the longhouse is an enclosure defined by a substantial earth bank, which is actually part of a substantial boundary bank which runs across the Cae'r Meirch farm holding and appears to be a significant historic boundary. There is a small pond in the lower part of the enclosure which may originally have been created to water animals. To the south-west, upslope, is a discrete area of ridge and furrow cultivation and a small shelter which may be associated with the DRS here.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66536	<u>NAME</u>	NANT CRAFANGLACH
<u>NGR</u>	SN76717422	<u>PRN</u>	27941 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	DRS;FARMSTEAD		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
A complex of at least 4 earthwork enclosures and a possible building platform on the N side of the Nant Grafanglach stream. The platform measures 9m x 5m and is within the lowest enclosure, right on the stream bank. A fifth enclosure appears to lie on the S side of the stream, possible including lazy bed cultivation.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66538	<u>NAME</u>	LLYN UCHAF
<u>NGR</u>	SN80407611	<u>PRN</u>	33170 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	DAM		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct
Dam of reservoir created to supply water to Cwmystwyth lead mine. Now breached. Section through dam shows it to have been an earth bank with stone revetting on external sides.			

NPRN 66539 NAME NANT CWTA  
NGR SN79227536 PRN 33173 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FOLD  
PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct  
Small paddock or fold shown on 2nd edition 1:10560 OS map.

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NPRN 66540 NAME GLOG  
NGR SN79007455 PRN 33177 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork  
Minor mine working. Trial workings?

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NPRN 66541 NAME PENYCWM  
NGR SN78757465 PRN 33178 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin  
Ruined drystone cottage. Occupied on 1906 map. Now roofless.

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NPRN 66542 NAME ALLT GRON  
NGR SN78107440 PRN 33180 SITE STATUS  
TYPE MINE WORKINGS  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork  
Identified by CPAT from AP's in 1996. What appear to be two linear cuts, probably trial trenches can be seen in field corner.

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NPRN 66543 NAME NANT ARTHUR  
NGR SN74457487 PRN 33184 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CULTIVATION RIDGES  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork  
Identified by CPAT from AP's in 1996. Probably an element of settlement PRN 24589. There are cultivation ridges visible in the field both south and north of this NGR.

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NPRN 66544                      NAME CYRNAU BACH  
NGR SN74667471              PRN 33185      SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE  
PERIOD Post Med                      FORM Ruin

Identified by CPAT in 1996 from AP's. Probably the same site as NPRN 66524. A small ruined cottage. Central doorway in S facing lateral wall with a window either side. Roofless. Only internal feature of note is the exceptionally well preserved scar of the chimney flue in the E gable wall, now minus its wickerwork chimney hood of course. There is a small garden plot to the front and west of the cottage, mature beech trees growing on the garden boundary may have originally been planted for hedging.

NPRN 66545                      NAME BWLCHGWYNT  
NGR SN797741              PRN 33197      SITE STATUS  
TYPE DWELLING  
PERIOD Post Med                      FORM Building

Was Cwmystwyth Mine Captain's house in late 19th century.

NPRN 66546                      NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN752762              PRN 33200      SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD  
PERIOD Post Med                      FORM Complex

Working farmstead east of Devils Bridge.

NPRN 66547                      NAME BRIGNANT ISAF  
NGR SN74527557              PRN 33201      SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med                      FORM Complex

Deserted farmstead of probable early post-mediaeval or mediaeval origin. "Prignant" was a possession of Strata Florida's Cwmystwyth Grange in the early 16th century. Survives as a single building on a E-W long axis. The building is divided into a dwelling and a byre. There is a llaethdy or dairy built along the outside of the N wall. The building is of clay bonded drystone walling and remains roofless but largely intact. Gables and lateral walls survive to original height. Surviving roof and lintel timbers are machine cut and seem therefore to date to the latter half of the 19th century. This suggests a relatively recent rebuild of an earlier building. There are garden plots around the building and 2, possibly 3, potato clamps can be seen on slope just N of the house. A small fowl or pig pen lies 10m SW of W gable wall, in ruinous condition and measuring c.3m square.

NPRN 66548 NAME CAE MEIRCH  
NGR SN756737 PRN 33204 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex  
 19th century farmstead complex. Farmhouse empty and semi-derelict. Outbuildings remain in use but are also semi-derelict.

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NPRN 66549 NAME PEN CEFNDYRYS  
NGR SN75007455 PRN 33216 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS;FARMSTEAD  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM Complex  
 Nothing seen at this location in field. May be a mis-identification for nearby deserted settlements sites NPRN 66524 and NPRN 66550.

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NPRN 66550 NAME PEN CEFNDYRYS  
NGR SN75337452 PRN 33217 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Complex  
 Identified by CPAT in 1996 from AP's. Visited in December 2000 and found to be a well preserved DRS complex, including a dwelling, cultivation plots and a small ancillary shelter (NPRN 66626). The long hut has upstanding grassy wall bases, over 0.5m high, and measures overall 11m WNW-ESE x 7m. Its entrance is on the WSW side. To the SE of the longhut is an area of partly enclosed cultivation across the floor of this upland valley, the cultivation being generally surrounded by boggy land.

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NPRN 66551 NAME TY'N Y LLECHWEDD  
NGR SN78847457 PRN 33218 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin  
 Ruined cottage. There is a rectangular garden plot to the west of the building. Several potato clamps seen on slope to south of house. Shown as being deserted on 2nd edition 1:10560 OS map of 1906.

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NPRN 66552 NAME FRON-HAULOG  
NGR SN78827449 PRN 33219 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin  
 Ruined cottage within the late 18th/19th century Tai Newyddion settlement. A garden plot is attached to the cottage and a number of potato clamps are seen on the bank above the house.

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NPRN 66553 NAME LLANEITHYR  
NGR SN76107720 PRN 33255 SITE STATUS  
TYPE MONASTIC ESTABLISHMENT?;CHURCH?

PERIOD Early Med?;Med? FORM Place-name

Based on place-names (see NPRN 66554-5), there are strong indications that Llaneithyr was the focus of mediaeval ecclesiastical activity. The most graphic illustration of this is the partial survival of a circular field called Mynwent Fach (Little cemetery) NPRN 66555.

NPRN 66554 NAME CAE FFYNNON SAINT  
NGR SN76087715 PRN 33256 SITE STATUS  
TYPE HOLY WELL?

PERIOD Early Med?;Med? FORM Place-name

Field name on Llaneithyr farm in 19th century. Named on parish tithe map. Translates as Saints Well Field - clearly indicative of ecclesiastical associations.

NPRN 66555 NAME MYNWENT FACH  
NGR SN75107655 PRN 33257 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CEMETERY?

PERIOD Early Med?;Med? FORM Place-name

This field was named as Cae'r Fynwent Fach on parish tithe map and it was evidently once a sub-circular enclosure, potentially a Dark Age Llan (note that the farm on the opposite side of the river valley was known as Llaneithyr). 20th century land management has resulted in the loss of the boundary enclosing the southern side of the field but the line of this boundary is still visible in the field as a gully and slight bank. The eastern and northern sides of the enclosure are defined by a break in slope which is increasingly steep to the southern end, with a large amount of loose stone present. There are occasional large, flat stone slabs present around the field perimeter and these were described by landowner as being thought of as old gravestones - the tradition of this being a burial ground is known locally. There is no trace of any building within the former enclosure, although the land has been ploughed for at least 160 years.

NPRN 66556 NAME LLEDWENNU  
NGR SN75277333 PRN 33553 SITE STATUS  
TYPE BOUNDARY BANK

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Earth bank, 0.4m high, roughly faced with stone. KM, DAT, 1996

NPRN 66557 NAME ALLT DAFARN  
NGR SN76697419 PRN 33620 SITE STATUS  
TYPE BOUNDARY BANK

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Earth bank 0.8m high. This bank seems to pre-date the wall DAT PRN 33621 - the wall seems to be built across the bank. KM DAT 1996 This bank may well be associated with a series of other banks and deserted settlement sites on Cae'r Meirch farm (eg settlements NPRN 66535 & NPRN 66536), being part of a much wider field system.

NPRN 66558 NAME ALLT DAFARN  
NGR SN76697397 PRN 33622 SITE STATUS  
TYPE BOUNDARY BANK

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Earth and stone built bank, 0.5m high. Now topped with a wire fence. KM DAT 1996

NPRN 66560 NAME ESGAIR WEN  
NGR SN82077615 PRN 35174 SITE STATUS  
TYPE STANDING STONE

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

End set stone slab, 0.5m high x 0.4m N-S x 0.08m, on poorly defined broad ridge. Natural outcrops of stone present nearby demonstrate that the natural bedding is almost vertical, but this stone is not quite aligned with the bedrock. Aligned N-S. Could be a BA monolith or perhaps more likely a boundary marker. RH CPAT 13/11/97

NPRN 66561 NAME ABERDEUDDWR  
NGR SN77077772 PRN 35268 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Although outside the FC boundary, this site is included here because of its postulated relationship with a field system on the slope to the east (DAT PRN 35273 below). Aberdeuddwr is shown on the early 19th century 1inch: 1 mile OS map of the area but had disappeared by the time of the 1st edition 1:10560 series surveyed in the 1870's. It was probably a farmstead and a series of mounds and depressions visible from the adjacent forest road are all that remains to show its site.

NPRN 66562 NAME HAFOD PLANTATIONS  
NGR SN7676 PRN 35275 SITE STATUS  
TYPE BOUNDARY BANK  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Many of the boundaries of these early forest plantations, which all date to the period in which Thomas Johnes was active, can still be traced within the modern plantations. They fall into two categories of boundary; stone walls or earth banks, much as described by 19th century descriptions of Johnes' plantations. Within several of these old plantations, stands of mature beeches are to be found, almost certainly survivors and descendants of the original plantation.

NPRN 66563 NAME COPA HILL  
NGR SN807745 PRN 35581 SITE STATUS SAM  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD BA FORM Complex

NPRN 66564 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75247631 PRN 42114 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
Artificial platform, possibly a building platform. Measures 5m x 5m.

NPRN 66565 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75247627 PRN 42115 SITE STATUS  
TYPE UNKNOWN  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
Small sub-circular scoop into slope close to farmhouse at Bodcoll. Possibly the site of a kiln or small shelter. Measures less than 4m in diameter.

NPRN 66566 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75757476 PRN 42116 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAT  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
Earthwork remains of a length of an old leat course which in part runs parallel with the access road to Bodcoll farm. May be associated with a drystone sheepfold and sheepwash still used by the farm.

NPRN 66568 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75297655 PRN 42118 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CHARCOAL BURNING SITE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct  
Possible charcoal burning platform in small wooded area, terraced into moderate slope. 4m in diameter.

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NPRN 66569 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75637691 PRN 42119 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT?  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
Possible dwelling site represented by a rectilinear mound at the foot of a slope. The mound is at most 7m x 7m in dimension, and less than 1m high. It may be a pillow mound, but the sheltered, terraced location in which it is located is more suggestive of a dwelling site. A piece of possibly mediaeval pottery was picked out of a molehill alongside the feature.

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NPRN 66570 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75607685 PRN 42120 SITE STATUS  
TYPE ROOT VEGETABLE STORE?  
PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct  
A series of 3 linear cuts in hillside, 3m, 5m and 5m in length and each up to 2m wide overall (including spoil cast to each side). Thought to be potato storage clamps, perhaps associated with the possible dwelling NPRN 66569.

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NPRN 66571 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75617667 PRN 42121 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER;LONG HUT?  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
Shelter or small long hut on a sheltered natural terrace. Measures 6m x 4m overall. Grassy site with some reed growth. Some drystone walling visible in structure.

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NPRN 66572 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75867652 PRN 42122 SITE STATUS  
TYPE TRIAL MINE  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork  
Series of 5 small trial excavation pits associated with metal mining activity.

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NPRN 66573 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN76207703 PRN 42123 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Bare platform terraced into hillslope, measures 12m x 6m. Possibly a building platform.

NPRN 66574 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN76107680 PRN 42124 SITE STATUS  
TYPE TRIAL MINE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Series of small trial excavation pits associated with metal mining activity.

NPRN 66575 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75967644 PRN 42125 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SUNKEN SHELTER?

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Structure partly cut into surface on a natural, west facing terrace. 14m long E-W x a maximum 6m wide overall. The internal measurement is no more than 2m wide on the floor of the cut, with earth banks cast up either side. The internal height from floor to top of the banks is c.1.5m. The west end of the structure is left open, and at that end it can be seen that the structure stands on a slight, man-made platform. Thought to be a sunken storage shelter, but no accompanying settlement site was noted (although there is evidence of cultivation some 100m to the NE on the same terrace). The structure is grassed over and there is some reed growth inside the cut.

NPRN 66576 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN76037588 PRN 42126 SITE STATUS  
TYPE ENCLOSURE

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Faintly visible earthwork enclosure. Parallelogram-shaped, measuring 20m NW/SE x 14m. Defined by bank with ditch on outside and entrance probably on NE side. Disturbed ground on NE (upslope) side may mark associated features.

NPRN 66577 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75687607 PRN 42127 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Possible platform, 10m x 6m.

NPRN 66578 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75607625 PRN 42128 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONGHOUSE

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Longhouse on platform terraced into hillslope. Long axis parallel to contour being 16m N-S x 7m. There are two cells to the structure, the S cell measuring 10m x 7m and the smaller N cell 6m x 7m. The N cell floor is at least 0.5m higher than that to the S. A number of grassy mounds lie close to the longhouse (NPRNs 66579,66580,66581).

NPRN 66579 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75607625 PRN 42129 SITE STATUS  
TYPE MIDDEN?

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Low, grassy mound, 4m in diameter, which lies close to the NE corner of longhouse NPRN 66578. Possibly a midden?

NPRN 66580 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75597624 PRN 42130 SITE STATUS  
TYPE UNKNOWN

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Low, grassy mound, 6m in diameter, which lies 10m SW of longhouse NPRN 66578.

NPRN 66581 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75637624 PRN 42131 SITE STATUS  
TYPE UNKNOWN

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Low, grassy mound, 5m in diameter, which lies 30m SWW of longhouse NPRN 66578. Faint traces of an earthwork bank can be seen running N off this mound.

NPRN 66582 NAME BODCOLL  
NGR SN75677635 PRN 42132 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CAIRN?

PERIOD BA? FORM Earthwork

Low, grassy mound, 10m in diameter. Evidence of a short portion of a broad earth bank can be seen 10m W of this cairn, running to the E - association unknown.

NPRN 66583 NAME UNKNOWN  
NGR SN75827713 PRN 42133 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS

PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex

A deserted settlement site which is completely overgrown and obscured by gorse. The foundations of drystone walls, of both enclosure boundaries and possible buildings, can be seen within the thicket.

NPRN 66584 NAME LLANEITHYR  
NGR SN76107715 PRN 42134 SITE STATUS  
TYPE STANDING STONE

PERIOD Unknown FORM O.Struct

Situated in a small enclosed field to the south-east of the now ruined Llaneithyr farmhouse, stands a standing stone of unknown significance. The stone is set on a low, linear mound which runs E-W and is c.10m long x 0.5m high. The stone may be a recent folly, but it is covered with lichen and looks established. The possibility also exists that it may be in some way associated with the obvious ecclesiastical origins of Llaneithyr itself.

NPRN 66585 NAME GLOG  
NGR SN79417432 PRN 42135 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Probable platform of unknown purpose and date, in lee of small hillock. Measures 9m E-W x 4m.

NPRN 66586 NAME GLOG  
NGR SN79387456 PRN 42136 SITE STATUS  
TYPE MINE WORKINGS

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Linear cut across Glog hill, almost 400m long x up to 2m wide which thought likely to be associated with mining activity at Cwmystwyth or West Cwmystwyth mines searching for new ore bearing strata. The line of the cut seems to proceed southwards, downslope, towards the West Cwmystwyth mine site.

NPRN 66587 NAME GLOG  
NGR SN79527456 PRN 42137 SITE STATUS  
TYPE UNKNOWN

PERIOD Unknown FORM O.Struct

Alignment of stone blocks running NE off boundary wall for 4m. 3 large blocks run SW-NE, a fourth forms L-shape. May be remains of hut or fold destroyed to build wall.

NPRN 66588 NAME NANT Y GWNDWN-GWYN

NGR SN79557466 PRN 42138 SITE STATUS

TYPE DRS

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Complex

Possible DRS complex. All that was visible was a sunken shelter cut into slope, an L-shaped earth bank which may be one side of an enclosure, and possibly the site of another structure with a stone component, elements of which could be seen within an area of dense reed growth - the reeds obscured any detail.

NPRN 66589 NAME NANT GWNDWN-GWYN

NGR SN79717480 PRN 42139 SITE STATUS

TYPE DRS

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Terraced platform measuring 8m x 5m with the earthwork outline of a building measuring 7 x 4m visible on it. Walls bases of the building c. 1m wide and less than 0.2m high. A drainage hood and gully are visible on the upper end of the platform. This DRS faces SWW and is on ground markedly better as pasture than much of the surrounding mountain ground - suggesting that the site was carefully selected for settlement, and/or that it was improved during the period of settlement.

NPRN 66590 NAME CRAIG Y DDALFA

NGR SN79707451 PRN 42140 SITE STATUS

TYPE LONG HUT

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Ruin

Rectilinear long hut, defined by wall base comprising large stone blocks. Measures 11m SW-NE x 5m. In exposed location at the top of a steep slope overlooking the Ystwyth valley.

NPRN 66591 NAME GRAIG Y DDALFA

NGR SN79837463 PRN 42141 SITE STATUS

TYPE RESERVOIR

PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct

A small former reservoir or pond, which is a 15m x 11m depression, defined by a curving earth dam on its southern side. The dam is c.12m long and up to 1m high. No longer holds water, but may well have served as a hushing pond - there is evidence of hushing having taken place on slopes below to south. Appears to have been fed by a leat approaching from the north (PRN 42144).

NPRN 66592 NAME NANT YR ONNEN  
NGR SN80927486 PRN 42142 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS

PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex

Nant yr Onnen is shown on the parish tithe map of 1847 but not on the earlier OS Original Surveyors Drawing, surveyed c.1815. Ruinous fragments of the house and a possible ancillary building are visible at the edge of the Nant yr Onnen stream, apparently part of the site has been lost due to landslip caused by stream erosion. Immediately to the west are the lazy bed garden plots which were originally associated with Abernant, another deserted settlement which is located 100m downslope. Abernant had been abandoned by 1847 and it seems that Nant yr Onnen took advantage of the garden plots previously associated with that settlement.

NPRN 66593 NAME ABERNANT;NANT YR ONNEN  
NGR SN80957485 PRN 42143 SITE STATUS  
TYPE GARDEN

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Two adjacent garden plots which include lazy bed cultivation. Shown on the Original OS Surveyors Drawings of c.1815 when attached to Abernant (NPRN 66596). By 1847, they were clearly associated with a later settlement called Nant yr Onnen, which was built right alongside the western side of the plots.

NPRN 66594 NAME GRAIG Y DDALFA  
NGR SN79837464 PRN 42144 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAT

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Leat that runs from a stream source north of Craig y Ddalfa and appears to feed the hushing pond NPRN 66594.

NPRN 66595 NAME GLOG  
NGR SN78937425 PRN 42145 SITE STATUS  
TYPE BUILDING

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Ruin

Small stone building, c. 3m x 3m. Walls stand up to 1.5m high and are bonded with lime mortar. Some cement used in construction or repair. Purpose unknown. Probably of recent date.

NPRN 66596                      NAME ABERNANT  
NGR SN81007481              PRN 42146      SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD  
PERIOD Post Med                      FORM Complex

Site of a deserted farmstead. The settlement is shown as occupied and named as Abernant on the early 19th century Ordnance Surveyors Original Surveyors Drawings. It is not shown on the parish tithe map 20 years later. Only the stone foundations of the farmhouse and associated enclosures now remain close to the banks of the Ystwyth. A cultivation plot on the slopes above the settlement are also shown on the Original Surveyors Drawing and were clearly garden plots for Abernant. These plots were re-used in the mid-19th century by a newly built settlement named Nantyrnnon (NPRN 66592)

NPRN 66597                      NAME GRAIG DDU  
NGR SN76137386              PRN 42147      SITE STATUS  
TYPE ENCLOSURE  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med?              FORM Earthwork

Oval earthwork enclosure measuring c.30m x 15 on a NW-SE long axis. Situated on a sheltered natural terrace overlooking the core of the Hafod estate to the SE. It is at the NE end of the terrace and it is significant that the presence of the enclosure has interrupted the natural drainage pattern of the terrace and a relatively large raised bog has formed against the SW side of the enclosure. This site is potentially associated with the mediaeval monastic grange of Cwmystwyth.

NPRN 66598                      NAME GRAIG DDU  
NGR SN76127387              PRN 42148      SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT?  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med?              FORM Earthwork

At the NE end of the enclosure NPRN 66598 is a definite cut into the foot of the slope with possible further ground disturbance adjacent on the NW side of the cut, suggestive that a long hut or long house may have been located here. Surface remains are inconclusive however.

NPRN 66599                      NAME GRAIG DDU  
NGR SN76017393              PRN 42149      SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med?              FORM Complex

Deserted Rural Settlement, comprising the earthwork remains of a substantial longhouse (13m x 6m) appended to which are two enclosures, one either side of the dwelling. The enclosure to the NW is subdivided into two, effectively giving three enclosures in total.

NPRN 66600 NAME GRAIG DDU  
NGR SN75817373 PRN 42150 SITE STATUS  
TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork  
 Small quarry measuring c.20m x 10m, spoil cast to SE.

NPRN 66601 NAME GRAIG DDU  
NGR SN75817408 PRN 42151 SITE STATUS  
TYPE STANDING STONE

PERIOD Unknown FORM O.Struct  
 A recumbent monolith measuring 6m long x up to 0.6m wide. Located on an otherwise stone free, grassy hill on level ground. May have originally stood as a boundary marker stone or possibly a funerary monument, but its date is unknown.

NPRN 66602 NAME GRAIG DDU  
NGR SN75887404 PRN 42152 SITE STATUS  
TYPE RING BARROW?

PERIOD BA? FORM O.Struct  
 An oval earthwork, measuring 6m x 3m, and denoted by a low earth bank. Inside the ring is a large central stone slab which does not appear to be bedrock.

NPRN 66603 NAME EGLWYS LLANFRECH  
NGR SN75837412 PRN 42153 SITE STATUS  
TYPE RING BARROW?

PERIOD BA? FORM O.Struct  
 An earthwork monument which physically appears to be a ring barrow or possibly disturbed round barrow. It is sub-circular and measures c.14m long, being slightly less in width. The earth bank has some stone work visible through the grass (the site was viewed under several centimetres of snow also) and stand over a metre high. A mound of grassed over spoil material seems to have been tipped inside the ring. There seems to have been some disturbance of the ground surface immediately to the south also. This site is known locally as Eglwys Llanfrech, and this ecclesiastical name may indicate an association with the mediaeval monastic grange of Cwmystwyth, but no explanation can be offered from present knowledge as to the true nature of the site.

NPRN 66604 NAME BLAEN NANT CRAFANGLACH

NGR SN76097444 PRN 42154 SITE STATUS

TYPE CULTIVATION RIDGES

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Small area of lazy bed cultivation at foot of slope, probably not associated with the more general ploughing of land on higher ground to the east which dates to the Second World War. May be associated with the DRS NPRN 66535 which has further evidence for cultivation adjacent to the dwelling.

NPRN 66605 NAME UNKNOWN

NGR SN76097418 PRN 42155 SITE STATUS

TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Sub-rectangular earthwork, 7m x 3m, defined by low wall bases, open on SE facing side. Presumably associated with DRS NPRN 66535 and a discrete area of cultivation which lies across the hillslope between this shelter and the dwelling of NPRN 66535.

NPRN 66606 NAME GRAIG DDU

NGR SN76127397 PRN 42156 SITE STATUS

TYPE QUARRY;PLATFORM

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Probably a small quarry working cut into the hillslope, but the resultant depression does have the characteristics of a building platform.

NPRN 66607 NAME GRAIG DDU

NGR SN76197416 PRN 42157 SITE STATUS

TYPE MINE WORKINGS

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Linear cut c.20m long x over 2m wide, broader and deeper to W. end. Probably either a mining or quarrying trial excavation or a small quarry pit. The whole area is dotted with minor quarry pits.

NPRN 66608 NAME GRAIG DDU

NGR SN76497432 PRN 42158 SITE STATUS

TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Minor quarry working in rock outcrop.



NPRN 66609 NAME NANT CRAFANGLACH  
NGR SN76467420 PRN 42159 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PILLOW MOUND

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Substantial pillow mound measuring 20m x 6m and standing over 1m high. Stands in the lee of a ridge top and on a natural saddle. A smaller mound lies nearby to the SE (NPRN 66610).

NPRN 66610 NAME NANT GRAFANGLACH  
NGR SN76477416 PRN 42160 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PILLOW MOUND

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Probable pillow mound, measuring 11m x 6m. Much denuded and less than 0.2m high. Precise dimensions not clear. A second, larger, pillow mound lies a short distance to the NW.

NPRN 66611 NAME NANT GRAFANGLACH  
NGR SN76627402 PRN 42161 SITE STATUS  
TYPE MINE WORKINGS

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Small trial trench or linear quarry pit.

NPRN 66612 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN75957440 PRN 42162 SITE STATUS  
TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Small quarry, only 5m diameter.

NPRN 66613 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN75887422 PRN 42163 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER?

PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Faint earthwork traces of the wall bases of a squarish shelter or fold, less than 0.3m high at most, defining a structure measuring approximately 5m in diameter. Located in sheltered NE facing hollow.

NPRN 66614 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN75807451 PRN 42164 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Long hut measuring 6m E-W x 3m. Stands in a sheltered E facing hollow, a small raised bog fills the hollow immediately to the E. Defined by earth wall bases on 2 sides, open in E side, W side cut into foot of slope.

NPRN 66615 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN75787447 PRN 42165 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Small, square, drystone shelter, built against a stone faced boundary bank. Structure is 3m x 3m and wall bases are now less than 0.5m high.

NPRN 66616 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN76137501 PRN 42166 SITE STATUS  
TYPE QUARRY

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Small quarry excavation.

NPRN 66617 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN76047467 PRN 42167 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Rectilinear long hut, measuring 7m x 4m. Similar in form to NPRN 66614.

NPRN 66618 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN75637434 PRN 42168 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SUNKEN SHELTER

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Well preserved sunken shelter. Earth banked, cut into slope, entrance at S end but in E facing side. The cut is up to 0.75m deep. Measures 16m N-S x 6m.

<u>NPRN</u>	66619	<u>NAME</u>	CRAIG LAN-LAS
<u>NGR</u>	SN75627434	<u>PRN</u>	42169 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	UNKNOWN		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct
10m W of NPRN 66618 is an apparent associated structure of indeterminate character. The feature appears to be sub-circular and c.5.5m in diameter, but thick reed growth obscures all detail. Possibly a pen or fold of some kind.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66620	<u>NAME</u>	CRAIG LAN-LAS
<u>NGR</u>	SN75667438	<u>PRN</u>	42170 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	PLATFORM		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
Site of a plough damaged platform. Still clearly visible however. A reed-filled drainage gully is clear, also a levelled platform which measures up to 20m E-W x 6m. On open W-facing terrace. Presumably the dwelling associated with sunken shelter and ancillary structure NPRN 66618-9.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66621	<u>NAME</u>	CAE'RMEIRCH
<u>NGR</u>	SN75437365	<u>PRN</u>	42171 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	UNKNOWN		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
Linear cut 11m x 2m x 1m deep on a SW-NE axis. Possibly a root vegetable storage clamp associated with Cae'r Meirch Farm.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66622	<u>NAME</u>	CAE'RMEIRCH
<u>NGR</u>	SN75387370	<u>PRN</u>	42172 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	UNKNOWN		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
Linear cut 10m x 2m x 1m deep on a SW-NE axis. Possibly a root vegetable storage clamp associated with Cae'r Meirch Farm.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66623	<u>NAME</u>	CEFN DYRYS
<u>NGR</u>	SN75127415	<u>PRN</u>	42173 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	DRS		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
A DRS complex which has been damaged by land improvement. Surface features are not distinct enough to make any attempt at describing the component features of the complex, but it is possible that archaeological evidence survives which would allow some interpretation of the site's characteristics. There appear to be one or more enclosures and possibly a long hut present here. Some surface stone is visible, derived from disturbed banks and walls. The complex sits on a NW facing mid-slope terrace. A trackway (NPRN 66624) clearly runs SW from the terrace.			

NPRN 66624 NAME CEFN DYRYS  
NGR SN75117414 PRN 42174 SITE STATUS  
TYPE TRACKWAY

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

A trackway runs across the hillslope, running SSW away from the DRS PRN 42173 towards and into Cefn Dyrys plantation. Significantly, the trackway is overlain by, and therefore predates, the present field system boundary bank immediately to the SW of the DRS. This bank appears on the parish tithe map.

NPRN 66625 NAME NANT ARTHUR  
NGR SN74367493 PRN 42175 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Denuded long hut on improved pasture land and surrounded by evidence for cultivation of uncertain date and association. There is an earth-banked enclosure to SW which is also of uncertain association. The long hut measures 11m N-S x 7m and has low grassed-over wall bases.

NPRN 66626 NAME PEN CEFNDYRYS  
NGR SN75447467 PRN 42176 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Small shelter, 4.5m x 2.5m, sub-circular. At edge of boggy area. May be a pen associated with DRS NPRN 66550.

NPRN 66627 NAME BLAEN NANT ARTHUR  
NGR SN74727494 PRN 42177 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Small shelter, 5m x 4m. Low earth wall bases only visible. May be associated with nearby platform NPRN 66628 and long hut NPRN 66629.

NPRN 66628 NAME BLAEN NANT ARTHUR  
NGR SN74707489 PRN 42178 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Platform cut into slope at edge of boggy area at the source of the Nant Arthur stream. Measures 8m x 6m. May be associated with nearby shelter NPRN 66627 and long hut NPRN 66629.

<u>NPRN</u>	66629	<u>NAME</u>	BLAEN NANT ARTHUR
<u>NGR</u>	SN74737485	<u>PRN</u>	42179 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	LONG HUT		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Ruin
	Long hut which appears to have been recently disturbed and, particularly at its western end. Measures 14m E-W x 6m, with low earth and stone wall bases - less than 0.3 m high.		
<u>NPRN</u>	66630	<u>NAME</u>	BANC Y BONT
<u>NGR</u>	SN74497622	<u>PRN</u>	42180 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	PLATFORM		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
	Bare, cross contour platform, the levelled area of which measures 8m x 5.5m, but which measures 18m N-S from top to bottom. On moderate slope overlooking Devils Bridge to the N. A section of a possible enclosure boundary or boundary bank can be seen running N-S 10m to E of platform.		
<u>NPRN</u>	66631	<u>NAME</u>	BANC Y BONT
<u>NGR</u>	SN74437620	<u>PRN</u>	42181 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	PLATFORM		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Med?;Post Med?	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
	Bare platform, cut parallel with contour on moderate slope. 7m E-W x 5m, facing N. May be a recent feature, but may equally be associated with nearby platform NPRN 66630.		
<u>NPRN</u>	66632	<u>NAME</u>	BANC Y BONT
<u>NGR</u>	SN74647568	<u>PRN</u>	42182 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	MINE WORKINGS		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
	Linear, cross contour cut in moderate S facing slope. &m NW-SE x 5m, 0.5m deep and 1m wide internally. Function uncertain. Probably a trial cut associated with nearby Brignant Mine, or possibly a storage clamp associated with nearby Brignant Isaf settlement. A second cut of similar character lies 15m downslope to SW.		
<u>NPRN</u>	66633	<u>NAME</u>	RHOS CYRNAU
<u>NGR</u>	SN74627552	<u>PRN</u>	42183 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	BURNT MOUND?		
<u>PERIOD</u>	BA?	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct
	Grassy, oval mound. Small stones are exposed on top of the mound. Less than 0.5m high and 7m x 4m maximum length and width. Near edge of Rhos Cynau and close to Brignant stream. May be a burnt mound, but may equally be associated with land drainage or mining activity. Uncertain.		

NPRN 66634 NAME RHOS CYRNAU  
NGR SN73937558 PRN 42184 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT;SHELTER?

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

A small 2-celled shelter or long hut. Grassy wall bases, measures just 6m x 4m overall with the cells only 2m square internally. Certainly a structure of some kind, possibly a shelter associated with nearby ruined cottage NPRN 66694. Stands on level ground on bank of Brignant stream.

NPRN 66635 NAME RHOS CYRNAU  
NGR SN74157577 PRN 42185 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAT

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Faint trace of leat runs from site of former aqueduct NPRN 66518, north-westwards towards the former site of Tynewydd farmstead (NPRN 66636). It continues north-westwards in a better state of preservation from SN74157577 but was not followed further in the field due to bad weather conditions. Ultimate destination unknown.

NPRN 66636 NAME TYNEWYDD  
NGR SN74207585 PRN 42186 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD

PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex

Site of former farmstead of Tynewydd. Field now known as Cae Tynewydd, but no trace of the house was seen, apart possibly from a level area which may have been its building platform at the above NGR. Shown on parish tithe map, but origin unknown. Probably a C18th or early C19th encroachment onto Rhos Cymau.

NPRN 66637 NAME RHOS Y CYRNAU  
NGR SN74557530 PRN 42187 SITE STATUS  
TYPE MINE WORKINGS

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Two small scoops in hillside. Almost certainly trial pits associated with the nearby Brignant lead mine.

NPRN 66638 NAME GWNDWN GWYN  
NGR SN78977474 PRN 42188 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin

Probably a cottage belonging to the Tai Newyddion group of miners dwellings, although the fragmentary remains include evidence suggestive of this being reused as an agricultural or industrial building at a later stage in its history. The building complex is very ruinous, reduced to wall bases and rubble obscuring much detail.

NPRN 66639                      NAME PANT MORCELL  
NGR SN80677500              PRN 42189      SITE STATUS  
TYPE RING BARROW?;ROUND BARROW?  
PERIOD BA?                              FORM O.Struct

A ring- or round-barrow. There has been some disturbance of the monument which makes identification imprecise, but it appears to be a funerary monument of some kind. It has also been disturbed by the construction of a mine leat, which cuts through its eastern side. The mound is c. 0.3m high and c.7m in diameter. It is a grassy mound with some stone on the surface, mostly flat slabs.

NPRN 66640                      NAME GLOG  
NGR SN78927465              PRN 42190      SITE STATUS  
TYPE CAIRN  
PERIOD BA?                              FORM O.Struct

Possible cairn in the form of a sub-circular mound c.3m x 2.5m. A few large stones are scattered on surface and at least one edge set slab in centre of mound may be part of a cist. Possibly a clearance feature.

NPRN 66641                      NAME NANT GWNDWN  
NGR SN79417488              PRN 42191      SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE?  
PERIOD Post Med                              FORM Ruin

Foundations of a rectilinear building which may have been a cottage in the Tai Newyddion group, or an agricultural building of some kind. Only the wall bases survive, showing the outline of a building measuring 9m SEE-NWW x 4.5m. A small section of drystone walling survives in the N lateral wall, but the W end is robbed out. A mound of earth and stone is banked up around the E and N sides to a depth of 0.5m and this contains fragments of coal and broken crockery, which both suggest this to have been an 18th or 19th century dwelling and it does indeed appear on the 2nd edition 1:10560 map of the area. The building was built into the line of a boundary bank or wall which has now been largely robbed out to W but continues intermittently to S. 2001.02.15/DAT/RPS

NPRN 66642                      NAME LAN FAWR  
NGR SN79277505              PRN 42192      SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med?                              FORM O.Struct

Possible platform, terraced into moderate, west facing hillslope. Measures 11m x 6m and has no evidence of any structure upon it.

NPRN 66643 NAME PEN LAN-FAWR  
NGR SN794752 PRN 42193 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT CUTTING AREA

PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex

Area of peat cutting which includes a series of peat drying platforms and trackways which deserve more detailed study. Features of interest include a peat cutters trackway which zig-zags downslope from the worked area to end at SN79317513. A peat drying platform at SN79437523 and two more 20m to S. A peat drying platform at SN79457519 with another 10m to E and another 10m to SE. These platforms are levelled areas with low drystone walls to the downslope side and some revetment around the platform edges. They are c.5m x 3m in size.

NPRN 66644 NAME CEFN PANTYGWARTHEG  
NGR SN79767563 PRN 42194 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CAIRN

PERIOD BA FORM O.Struct

Hilltop cairn, c.8m in diameter. Appears to have a central cist. Within view of the more substantial Penygarn cairn to the north.

NPRN 66645 NAME RHOS PEN-Y-PARC  
NGR SN80027619 PRN 42195 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Probable peat drying platform defined by a 3m length of drystone walling in front of a level platform alongside an area of peat bog.

NPRN 66646 NAME NANT GWNDWN  
NGR SN79387470 PRN 42196 SITE STATUS  
TYPE BUILDING

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Concrete slab measuring 7m x 3m. Foundation for a timber or tin-sheet structure. Concrete plinths on the slab appear to have housed machinery. Almost certainly an early 20th century pump house for the water tank on the top of Glog hill. Water would have been extracted from Nant Gwndwn and pumped up the hill from here. The pipeline connecting the pumphouse and the water tank can be seen as a linear depression running uphill to the SW from here.

NPRN 66647 NAME DRUM LWYD  
NGR SN79757508 PRN 42197 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Peat drying platform measuring 4m x 2m. A second lies 10m to SW. On natural terrace facing south.



NPRN 66648 NAME DRUM LWYD  
NGR SN79927492 PRN 42198 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM  
PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct  
 Group of 4 peat drying platforms.

NPRN 66649 NAME NANT Y GWAITH  
NGR SN80047476 PRN 42199 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONGHOUSE  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Ruin

2-celled longhouse situated on a very restricted, sheltered natural terrace overlooking the Cwmystwyth lead mine site. Access is difficult and it may be that mining carried out since the longhouse was occupied has further isolated the terrace. Overall measurement 11m E-W x 5.2m. Low, grassy wall bases through which some stone slabs protrude. The upper end of the longhouse has an external drainage gully to keep water out of the structure. 10m to NE was a small and crude stone bridge - now only indicated by revetting either side of the stream bank. This may be related to later industrial activity.

NPRN 66650 NAME NANT WATCYN  
NGR SN80577526 PRN 42200 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CAIRN  
PERIOD BA FORM O.Struct

Small cairn, c. 3.5m in diameter and c.0.2m high. Disturbed. Located on a flat, natural terrace.

NPRN 66651 NAME NANT WATCYN  
NGR SN80597504 PRN 42201 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM?  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Probable peat drying platform. D-shaped, maximum dimensions c.4m x 4m. Southern, downslope side is stone revetted.

NPRN 66652 NAME NANT WATCYN  
NGR SN80497500 PRN 42202 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT?  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM Ruin

Ruined drystone building, 7m x 6m. Walls stand to c.1m high. Possibly a longhut. Access difficult. Viewed in poor light.

NPRN 66653 NAME NANT WATCYN  
NGR SN80547503 PRN 42203 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Ruin

Ruined, rectangular building. Drystone walls less than 1m high. Measures 6m x 3m.

NPRN 66654 NAME NANT WATCYN  
NGR SN80567503 PRN 42204 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM?

PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Platform measuring 5m N-S x 3.5m with low stone wall across southern, downslope end.

NPRN 66655 NAME NANT WATCYN  
NGR SN80557502 PRN 42205 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Complex

Deserted rural settlement which includes a long hut, a shelter and two peat drying platforms. On moderate slope either side of the Nant Watcyn stream in an area where access is difficult.

NPRN 66656 NAME BRYNGARW  
NGR SN80207650 PRN 42206 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Small platform in sheltered hollow. Measures 5m x 3m. Excellent viewpoint over lower ground to south. Possibly the site of a shepherds or peat cutters shelter. No structural remains on platform surface. May be a small area of peat cutting close by to SE.

NPRN 66657 NAME LLYN UCHAF  
NGR SN80197638 PRN 42207 SITE STATUS  
TYPE TRACKWAY

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Section of trackway. Stone revetted base. Runs through a natural saddle, but purpose, point of origin and destination are unknown. About 50m of its course is visible.

NPRN 66658 NAME BRYN GARW  
NGR SN80817711 PRN 42208 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CAIRN  
PERIOD BA? FORM O.Struct

Stone cairn at northern end of a small ridge. The visible portion of the cairn is about 2m in diameter but more stone appears to be obscured beneath moorland grass and heather. A large flat slab in centre may be part of a cist. There is little surface stone in the area and this is certainly a deliberately constructed feature. Within view of the large Penygarn Cairn which lies 1km to west.

NPRN 66659 NAME BRYNGARW  
NGR SN80827716 PRN 42209 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CAIRN  
PERIOD BA FORM O.Struct

Stone cairn. The visible portion of the cairn is about 2m in diameter but more stone appears to be obscured beneath moorland grass and heather. There is little surface stone in the area and this is certainly a deliberately constructed feature. Within view of the large Penygarn Cairn which lies 1km to west.

NPRN 66660 NAME BLAEN NANT STWC  
NGR SN81277522 PRN 42210 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONGHOUSE  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Ruin

Longhouse measures 12m N-S x 5m. Two compartments of equal dimensions, the floor level northernmost or upper compartment being slightly higher than the southernmost. This indicates that the lower compartment was probably the animal byre, the upper being the living area. At the southern end of the E lateral wall, there is a small D-shaped ancillary structure, built onto or immediately alongside the longhouse. The longhouse stood on a slight building platform, with a drainage gully cut around the upper end to prevent water flooding through the building. The building was at least partly stone built but all walls have been ruined, possibly deliberately pushed down. The longhouse stands on the banks of the Afon Stwc stream on a broad, slightly sloping terrace facing S-SW. There may be some cultivation ridges faintly visible 20m SW of the house.

NPRN 66661 NAME BLAEN NANT STWC  
NGR SN81267521 PRN 42211 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

This platform is just 5m to the SW of the longhouse at Blaen Nant Stwc. It measures 13m N-S x 5.5m. Some stones are present on the platform and the bases of lateral walls running N-S either side of the platform, about 4m apart. The N end is cut slightly into the slope, whilst the S end is a positive platform and its S edge is revetted. It would appear that this is the building platform of a structure which may have been ancillary to the longhut.

NPRN 66662 NAME BLAEN NANT STWC  
NGR SN81417519 PRN 42212 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

A small shelter, possibly a goose or fowl pen. Approx. 4m x 2m, this minor stone structure is now ruined and obscured by thick reed growth. Sheltered by rock outcrop on W side.

NPRN 66663 NAME BLAEN NANT STWC  
NGR SN81277523 PRN 42213 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SUNKEN SHELTER

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Linear cut 7m x 3m and less than 1m deep. Part of the Blaen Nant Stwc deserted rural settlement complex.

NPRN 66664 NAME BLAEN NANT STWC  
NGR SN81267522 PRN 42214 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Complex

Deserted rural settlement located close to the source of Nant Stwc, but in a relatively sheltered position in this mountain stream valley. Includes a longhouse, platform, shelter and sunken shelter. May also have traces of cultivation ridges to SW of structures, but this is not certain.

NPRN 66665 NAME GRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81657530 PRN 42215 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONGHOUSE

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Ruin

Ruined longhouse. Low, drystone wall bases show that the building had two cells. Overall measurement is 10m N-S x 5m. There are two small "cupboard" niches in the N gable end.

NPRN 66666 NAME GRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81677533 PRN 42216 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FOLD?

PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Ruined shelter or small fold measuring 4m square and defined by low, drystone wall bases.

NPRN 66667 NAME GRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81667533 PRN 42217 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SUNKEN SHELTER  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
 Sunken shelter measuring 11m x 4m. Drystone component.

NPRN 66668 NAME GRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81697535 PRN 42218 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SUNKEN SHELTER  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
 Large sunken shelter, measuring up to 25m x 5m in overall dimensions on a NNE-SSW long axis. One of the biggest known. Cut into ground surface on a natural terrace to a depth of over 1m at NNE end. The first 13m at the SSE end has a drystone revetment inside the cut which has become ruined and there appears to be an entrance in the ESE side of this drystone part of the structure. Whether the drystone component at one end implies that there was more than one phase of construction or use is unclear.

NPRN 66669 NAME GRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81747537 PRN 42219 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
 Small shelter built against a rock outcrop. Measures 3.5m x 3m with the SE end left open. Defined by low earth and stone wall banks.

NPRN 66670 NAME GRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81757545 PRN 42220 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONGHOUSE  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Ruin  
 Two-cell longhouse which defined by low stone wall bases. Measures 11m NW-SE x 6m overall. Appended to the SE gable is an unusual extension, possibly a sunken shelter, which is 7m long and which tapers in its internal width from 3m at the NW end to 1m at the SE end.

NPRN 66671 NAME CWM Y GORLAN  
NGR SN81927557 PRN 42221 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
 Alongside a prominent natural monolith at the top of a steep slope is an artificial platform, 3.5m square with a low revetted wall along its SW side. Almost certainly a peat drying platform.

NPRN 66672 NAME BRYN COPA  
NGR SN81937561 PRN 42222 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct

A levelled area measuring 9.5m N-S x 5m. Defined on 3 sides by lines of stone blocks, the S side being open and at the end of the narrow finger of land on which the feature is located. Purpose unknown, but this may be a building platform or a peat drying platform.

NPRN 66673 NAME BRYN COPA  
NGR SN81417540 PRN 42223 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PLATFORM

PERIOD BA? FORM O.Struct

A sub-circular platform cut into a south facing slope. c.5m in diameter. Possibly a hut platform.

NPRN 66674 NAME BRYN COPA  
NGR SN81567580 PRN 42224 SITE STATUS  
TYPE TRIAL MINE

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Small adit. A trial working with a small spoil tip of development rock present. No minerals observed.

NPRN 66675 NAME BRYN COPA  
NGR SN81627557 PRN 42225 SITE STATUS  
TYPE PEAT DRYING PLATFORM

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

An arrangement of stone slabs in an L-shape 3m x 2m. Situated on a prominent ridge and probably a peat drying platform. May be derived from a small cairn which has been rearranged.

NPRN 66676 NAME BRYN COPA  
NGR SN80997589 PRN 42226 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FOLD

PERIOD Post Med FORM O.Struct

Small, irregular drystone sheepfold built in the shelter of a rock outcrop.

NPRN 66677 NAME TY COCH  
NGR SN78127398 PRN 42227 SITE STATUS  
TYPE FARMSTEAD

PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex

Site of farmstead occupied throughout 19th century and into early 20th century. Abandoned by mid-20th century. Not visited during survey.

NPRN 66678 NAME CAE'R MEIRCH  
NGR SN75557370 PRN 42228 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEVEL

PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork

Unusual tunnel into a hillock behind Cae'r Meirch farmhouse. Does not appear to be an industrial working. Farmer described the interior as being a straight tunnel which can be walked in, with a single short branch running off. May be a folly associated with the Hafod estate or a storage place. There is no spoil tip at the tunnel mouth and the entrance is very small as if intended to be obscure. Within a few metres of the entrance to the north is the rectilinear outline of a small feature - possibly a shed - no more than 2m square of unknown relationship with the tunnel.

NPRN 66679 NAME RHOS FAWR  
NGR SN74757450 PRN 42229 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LONG HUT

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Badly denuded long hut or long house on ridge top. Measured c.12m x 5m but little surface detail survives.

NPRN 66680 NAME CRAIG LAN-LAS  
NGR SN75557453 PRN 42626 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER

PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct

Small shelter on natural terrace at the foot of the Craig Lan Las escarpment. c.4m x 3m. Earthwork wall bases, grassed over.

NPRN 66681 NAME PENCEFNDRYS  
NGR SN75057467 PRN 42627 SITE STATUS  
TYPE CULTIVATION RIDGES

PERIOD Post Med? FORM Earthwork

Area of probable cultivation on a dry promontory. May be associated with deserted settlement NPRN 66524 to west.

NPRN 66682 NAME PENCEFN DYRYS  
NGR SN75057468 PRN 42628 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SHELTER  
PERIOD Post Med? FORM O.Struct  
 Small rectilinear shelter c4m x 3m defined by grassed over wall bases.

NPRN 66683 NAME CRAIG WEN  
NGR SN81677531 PRN 42629 SITE STATUS  
TYPE DRS  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med? FORM Complex  
 Deserted rural settlement complex. Interpreted as being a possible mediaeval hafod site. A candidate for the site of the "lost" Hafod yr Abad of the monastic grange of Cwmystwyth.

NPRN 66684 NAME PENTRE BRIWNANT  
NGR SN78907406 PRN 42630 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SETTLEMENT  
PERIOD Med?;Post Med FORM Complex  
 Site of the village of Pentre Briwnant. Few houses remain in occupation and a row of cottages which stood along the main street in the 19th century have been demolished and little remains to show their location. Pentre Briwnant may have mediaeval origins associated with the monastic grange of Cwmystwyth, but its known historic associations are more representative of a post-mediaeval industrial settlement due to its relationship with the nearby Cwmystwyth lead mine complex. The settlement predates the larger village now known as Cwmystwyth, but the original Methodist chapel, Pentre Mill and the now demolished Pentre farm are associated with the pre-19th history of Pentre Briwnant.

NPRN 66685 NAME BLAENYCWM  
NGR SN82757550 PRN 42631 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SETTLEMENT  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Complex  
 Settlement which included a loose collection of cottages and a Methodist chapel in the late 19th century. Most of the dwellings are now deserted and the chapel has been demolished.

NPRN 66686 NAME PANTYMAWN  
NGR SN76197374 PRN 42632 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Documents  
 Site of a cottage shown on parish tithe map. No surface trace of the building survives, other than a levelled area at the roadside. A single potato clamp on the slope a few metres to the west of this level area is the only indication of a settlement having previously been here.



<u>NPRN</u>	66687	<u>NAME</u>	PENTRE MILL
<u>NGR</u>	SN78997379	<u>PRN</u>	42633 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	LEAT		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
Leat that taps into the Ystwyth and fed the Pentre Mill. A weir appears to exist in the river at SN79407383 and from here there must have been a wooden launder taking water into the first section of the leat, which is rock cut. The leat course is interrupted some 200m downstream by a late 19th century ore crushing installation associated with Cwmystwyth lead mine.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66688	<u>NAME</u>	PENTRE OFFICE
<u>NGR</u>	SN79237376	<u>PRN</u>	42634 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	CRUSHING MILL?		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Complex
An industrial installation which includes a wheelpit, a probable crushing mill, buddle pits and an area of fine spoil. Believed to be late 19th century in date and disused by time of 2nd edition 1:10560 OS map. Overlies the early 19th century leat associated with the nearby Pentre Mill.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66689	<u>NAME</u>	CRIPIAU
<u>NGR</u>	SN79748317	<u>PRN</u>	42635 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	QUARRY		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
Small slate quarry and spoil tip.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66691	<u>NAME</u>	CRIPIAU
<u>NGR</u>	SN79928316	<u>PRN</u>	42636 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	PLATFORM		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	O.Struct
Platform 5m x 2m cut into foot of steep slope. N end has a drystone revetment, 0.5m high, but there are no other structural features.			
<u>NPRN</u>	66692	<u>NAME</u>	HIRGOED DDU
<u>NGR</u>	SN80178315	<u>PRN</u>	42637 <u>SITE STATUS</u>
<u>TYPE</u>	MINE WORKINGS		
<u>PERIOD</u>	Post Med	<u>FORM</u>	Earthwork
A series of 3 or 4 parallel linear depressions up to 20m long which may be natural features or mining trials. A thick carpet of heather obscures detail.			

NPRN 66693 NAME HAFOD,EAST  
NGR SN78307412 PRN 25921 SITE STATUS  
TYPE LEAD MINE  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Earthwork  
Old level hidden in wooded parcel. Not visited

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NPRN 66694 NAME TAN-Y-CHWAREL  
NGR SN73807554 PRN 9347 SITE STATUS  
TYPE COTTAGE;FARMSTEAD  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Ruin  
Ruined cottage.

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NPRN 66695 NAME  
NGR SN73667640 PRN 19815 SITE STATUS  
TYPE SCHOOL  
PERIOD Post Med FORM Building  
Devils Bridge primary school, still in use.

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### Errata

The following sites were erroneously omitted from the project gazetteer presented in this report:

**NPRN66696 Pen-cae-carriers Cottage NGR SN79577407**

Site of a ruined cottage, now reduced to wall bases. Mid 19th century in origin - does not appear on parish tithe map. Abandoned by mid-20th century.

**NPRN66697 Llaneithyr Farmstead NGR SN76127716**

Farmstead complex. Now deserted and in a state of ruination. The farmhouse itself was recently modernised and used as a holiday cottage but has been destroyed by fire within the last three years.

**NPRN66698 Dukes Pond NGR SN76207430**

An early or mid-19th century reservoir created on the Hafod Estate, presumably during the 1830s when the Duke of Newcastle owned the estate. The reservoir is now drained and a flat, boggy expanse is to be seen here, although a substantial dam survives.

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