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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 this farm at the time it was visited by Cambria Archaeology. This information will be used to inform the Tir Gofal Management Agreement for the farm.

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 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 Geographical Information System based map for use during the field survey and for the final report.

Phase 2 was a farm visit to assess the extent, character and current condition of the archaeological and historical sites identified during the research phase. Due to time constraints recording is rapid and consists of photographs and sites notes. Some of the sites may not have been visited. The information gained during the visit has been used to determine their management recommendations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FARM

The farm holding of Hazelwell House (Prn 45794) lies less than 2 km to the south east of Whitland on the gentle southern slopes of the valley of the Afon Taf. The holding comprises medium-sized fields with hedged boundaries which appear not to have changed significantly since the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map was published in 1887.

The existing farmstead of Hazelwell House is a newly established complex situated to the south west of the original farmstead of Fynnon Cyll. The old farmstead consists of group of finely constructed farm buildings which appear to correspond to one phase of farm building, superseding the earlier farmstead recorded on the tithe map of 1842. This improvement is probably attributable to M Jones Esq whose works of 1851 were recorded on an inscription on the south east gable of the barn Prn 45789. The old farmstead appeared to be arranged around a large courtyard or square to the north west of the farmhouse although a range of buildings to the north west, shown on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps (1887 and 1908) appear to have been lost to quarrying.

MAIN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The farmstead of Fynnon Cyll consists of a good collection of farm buildings, all of which exhibit fine construction details and form a pleasing group. Most of the buildings are becoming overgrown with ivy which is beginning to damage the structures. Any proposals to restore and repair these buildings should be welcomed and encouraged.

Prn 22720 Bron ysgawen Cottage

There are undoubted sensitive archaeological remains surviving in this area. In order to protect buried archaeology in this area ground intrusive activities such as ploughing should be avoided, and livestock feeders should be situated well away from the site.

Ideally scrub growth on this site should also be controlled, by being cut back and the roots treated to prevent regrowth.

Prn 45787 Cart Shed, Prn 45788 Stable? and Prn 45789 Barn.

These buildings would all benefit from a restoration programme entailing the removal the ivy and intrusive vegetation growth. Roots should be spot treated to prevent regrowth. A programme of masonry consolidation and roof repairs should follow up the removal of the vegetation.

If these works are to be carried out please inform Cambria Archaeology. A photographic record should also be carried out prior to the works being carried out, please see attached guidelines.

GAZETTEER OF SITES AND MONUMENTS

PRN	15012	Site Name	FFYNNON-CYLL	Grid Reference	SN20951485
Site Type	WELL	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

The site of this well is shown on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey of 1887 and 1908, however this area is very overgrown with shrubs and is currently inaccessible.

Recommendations

If any works are to be undertaken on this well please inform Cambria Archaeology in advance.

Site Category C

PRN	21579	Site Name	FFYNNON CYLL	Grid Reference	SN21171568
Site Type	COTTAGE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A cottage and garden shown on the Eglwyscumin parish tithe map of 1842, where it falls within the holding of Fynnon Cyll. However, by the time the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1887 is published there is no trace of the building or enclosure. Today there is no trace of the cottage above ground. A couple of mature trees may be relics of the cottage enclosure and there are heaps of masonry which lie around.

Recommendations

Although much of this area has probably been disturbed by the construction of the fishing lake to the west, there is the possibility of sensitive archaeological remains surviving below ground surface. Therefore, ground disturbing activities should be avoided in this area.

Site Category D

PRN	21586	Site Name	FFYNNON CYLL	Grid Reference	SN20911493
Site Type	MAJOR DWELLING	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

There are references to a manor house here in the 17th century. The present building is a substantial stone built dwelling which has been extended and modernised.

Recommendations

This building is currently used as holiday accommodation. No management recommendations apply.

Site Category

PRN	22720	Site Name	BRON- YSGAWEN	Grid Reference	SN21331555
Site Type	COTTAGE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A rectangular cottage is shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1887 and named "Bron-ysgawen", it is identified again on the 2nd edition map of 1908 although it appears not to be occupied at this time.

Although there are little upstanding remains of the cottage, traces of the building are still evident as low earthwork banks no greater than 0.30m high, and a scatter of stonework. Remains of the cottage which lie outside the field boundary are becoming overgrown with scrub.

Recommendations

There are undoubtedly sensitive archaeological remains surviving in this area. In order to protect buried archaeology in this area ground intrusive activities such as ploughing should be avoided, and livestock feeders should be situated well away from the site.

Ideally scrub growth on this site should also be controlled, by being cut back and the roots treated to prevent regrowth.

Site Category C



Prn 22720 - Bron-ysgawen cottage site

PRN	45787	Site Name	FFYNNON CYLL	Grid Reference	SN20891488
Site Type	CART SHED	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A small double entry cart shed, shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1887, is positioned to the south of the old farmstead of Ffynnon Cyll. This building is built in stone with fine ashlar dressings, and low stone arches over the entrances. It has a pitched slate roof supported on a timber pegged collar truss roof. Internally the floor is concrete, however signs of cobbling survive immediately outside the cart entries.

This building is currently used for stabling. The cart shed is in a vulnerable situation at present, with a large amount of ivy and woody vegetation growing against the exterior walls, particularly at either gable end and over the roof. The south west gable end appears to be bowing inwards. Some roof slates have slipped and water damage has occurred internally to some of the roofing batons.

Recommendations

This building would benefit from a restoration programme entailing the removal the ivy from the exterior and cutting down the vegetation which is growing up at the base of the masonry walls. Roots should be spot treated to prevent regrowth. A programme of masonry consolidation and roof repairs should follow up the removal of the vegetation.

If these works are to be carried out please inform Cambria Archaeology. A photographic record should also be carried out prior to the works being carried out, please see attached guidelines.

Site Category C



Prn 45787 – Cart shed at Ffynnon Cyll

PRN	45788	Site Name	FFYNNON CYLL	Grid Reference	SN20881490
Site Type	STABLE?	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

This building, which is shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1887, is a two storey stone built construction with a pitched slate roof. On the ground floor are three doorways, two of which on either side have been half blocked to create windows. The first floor is accessed by exterior stone steps against the south east gable, with two openings to the north east and a central pitching hole in the south west. All the openings have finely dressed stone voussoirs forming a flat arch. Internally the floor and internal fittings have been removed to allow its use as a hay barn.

This building is currently disused and is becoming severely overgrown with thick ivy growth which is engulfing the roof. The external stone steps are also becoming overgrown with young saplings.

Recommendations

This building would benefit from a programme of restoration and repair. Vegetation should be carefully removed and the roots left in place and spot treated to prevent regrowth. The clearance of intrusive vegetation must be followed up by a programme of masonry consolidation.

If these works are to be carried out please inform Cambria Archaeology. A photographic record should also be carried out prior to the works being carried out, please see attached guidelines.

Site Category C



Prn 45788 – lofted stable at Fynnon Cyll

PRN	45789	Site Name	FFYNNON	Grid Reference	SN20911493
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Site Type BARN

Period

CYLL
Post
Medieval

Description

To the north east of the old farmyard of Ffynnon Cyll is a barn, shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map 1887. What was originally a rectangular stone built building has a stone built lean-to constructed against the north east wall, roofed with corrugated iron. The barn itself has opposing double doorways, with finely dressed stone voussoirs framing low arches.

At the south east gable end are five rows of nesting boxes with slate landing platforms, below which is an inscription in slate which records,

*"The Property of
M JONES ESQ
REBUILT
In the year
1851
JOHN BOWES
TENANT
(eligible)"*

This building is in reasonable condition. However, some roof slates are missing and the south east gable wall is becoming very overgrown with ivy.

Recommendations

This building would benefit from the removal of vegetation and consolidation of the masonry. The roof slates should also be replaced to prevent further water ingress.

Site Category C



Prn 45789 – barn at Fynnon Cyll, dated 1851

PRN	45790	Site Name	FFYNNON CYLL	Grid Reference	SN20901496
Site Type	FARM BUILDING	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A building is shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1887 to the north west of the barn Prn 45789. The building has largely collapsed with only the south east gable wall and the north west lateral wall surviving to any height. The remaining upstanding remains are engulfed with ivy, and young trees are growing within the interior.

Recommendations

The remains of this building should be retained as a visible historic feature. Ideally the vegetation should be removed and the masonry consolidated. However, if this is not achievable at present, the large intrusive tree growth should be removed and the roots left in place.

Site Category C

PRN	45791	Site Name		Grid Reference	SN20881494
Site Type	QUARRY	Period	Modern		

Description

To the north west of the old farmyard of Fynnon Cyll is a large quarry. Since this area is shown as a farmyard on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps of 1887 and 1908, with further buildings to the north west this area appears to have been quarried at some point in the last century.

Recommendations

Due to the proximity of further farmyard structures, please inform Cambria Archaeology in advance if any further quarrying is to be carried out.

Site Category C

PRN	45792	Site Name		Grid Reference	SN21111491
Site Type	MAGAZINE	Period	Modern		

Description

In the woods to the east of the old farmstead of Fynnon Cyll is the remains of a World War II magazine. The existence and whereabouts of this magazine was related by the owner. This magazine, situated in woodland, is currently overgrown with brambles and low growing scrub and was not accessible at the time of the farm visit. The owner described how the structure is built of red brick with an entrance in the downslope. It was apparently used as a store for explosives and munitions in the war.

The magazine recently lost its roof when a machine drove over it.

Recommendations

This magazine should be retained. It may be beneficial, for safety reasons as well as its long term preservation, if some of the intrusive vegetation is cut back.

Site Category C

PRN 45793

**Site
Name**

Grid Reference SN20951450

Site Type WINDING GEAR

Period Modern

Description

On a concrete mounting is a large winch or piece of winding gear. In the concrete base is an inscription,

“1923
D:W:T
J.T”

It is unknown what this winding gear was used for.

Recommendations

Cambria Archaeology would be delighted to know any further information regarding this feature. This feature should be retained as a visible historic feature.

Site Category C



Prn 45793 – winding gear

SITE AND AREA STATUS GLOSSARY

The following abbreviations are used in the gazetteer to refer to site and area status. These schedules, lists and registers are compiled and maintained by Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments.

SAM - Scheduled Ancient Monument

This is a statutory designation. Scheduled Ancient Monuments are protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

LB1, LB2* & LB2 – Listed Building 1, 2* & 2

This is a statutory designation. Listed buildings are protected under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

HLW - Historic Landscapes of Wales

Historic Landscapes of Wales are defined by the *Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales: Part 2.1 Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest and Part 2.2 Landscapes of Special Historic Interest*. The register is advisory and has no statutory powers.

PGW - Parks and Gardens of Wales

Parks and Gardens of Wales are defined by the *Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in Wales: Part 1 Parks and Gardens*. The register is advisory and has no statutory powers.

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Tir Gofal Traditional Buildings

Requirements for General Photographic Surveys of Buildings

The purpose of the survey is to produce a photographic record of the building prior to any demolition, alterations or renovation being started, as well as recording any fixtures, fittings or features which come to light during the works. This survey may be the only record of the original form of the building available for future reference. The survey will then be referenced within the Regional Site and Monuments Record for Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion (held and managed by Cambria Archaeology), and deposited with the National Monument Record in order that the information is publicly available for study and reference.

Photographs should be taken using 35mm format colour print film (preferably Kodak or Fuji). ASA 200 film is a good standard for most light conditions but ASA 400 should be used where light conditions are poor. 36 exposure film should be used in all cases and at least one whole film must be exposed. Alternatively, a digital camera may be used. Please contact Cambria Archaeology for further information on the quality of digital image required.

Photographs should be taken of all exterior and interior wall elevations which are affected by the proposed works together with photographs of the interior roof detail where this is altered. Features of particular interest (e.g. obvious differences in wall makeup, windows and doors whether blocked up or not, fireplaces, timber framing) should also be fully photographed. If available a scale, of noted measurement, should be placed within any detailed shots but this is not essential.






A plan of the building is also required to record the direction in which each of the photographs has been taken. Architectural drawings can be used where available or a sketch plan can be produced. Location reference numbers on the plans should be copied onto the backs of the prints together with brief descriptive details of the location. If using a digital camera this information should be used to name the photographs.

A copy of the survey should be provided to Cambria Archaeology, The Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, SA19 6HU either directly or via the Countryside Council for Wales Tir Gofal Project Officer.


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 Farm Boundary
 Historic Landscape Character Area

Site Category A - National Importance

-  Scheduled Ancient Monuments
-  Grade 1 and Grade 2* Listed Buildings
-  Sites and Buildings of National Importance without a statutory designation
-  Registered Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest
-  Registered Landscapes of Historic Interest


Site Category B - Regional Importance

-  Sites and Buildings of Regional Importance including Grade 2 listed buildings

Site Category C - Local Importance

-  Sites and buildings of Local Importance

Site Category D - Unknown Importance

-  Sites requiring further investigation and sites with no physical definition

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