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View towards Windy Hill Farmhouse Prn 35457

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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 included 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 Systems 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 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

~~Prn 45456~~ 45831

Windy Hill is a small holding situated on high ground overlooking Stepside to the north. The holding which is partially used for grazing, accommodates touring caravans during the summer months. The holding is divided by an old trackway, which is now a footpath and public right of way, and leads through the farm from Kilgetty to the west.

The farm is recorded on the Tithe Map of St. Issels dated 1842, and shows three sites. The present farmstead is recorded along with two other cottage sites. These are named on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map as Windhill Farm No. 1 and Windhill Cottage No. 2. There are no upstanding remains of these two sites, although vestiges of them can still be seen within the current field boundaries.

MAIN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Prn 35456 – Windhill Farm

There are proposals to create a broadleaved woodland in the vicinity of this former farmhouse. However, tree planting would be very destructive to any archaeological remains which potentially survive in this location. To minimise the impact of these proposals on the archaeological remains it is recommended that the site of Windhill house is not planted with trees. The area to be excluded from tree planting extends approximately 12 metres along the length of the field/track boundary and a minimum distance of 10 metres out into the field itself. As large an area as possible around this should also be excluded from ground intrusive activities.

GAZETTEER OF SITES AND MONUMENTS

PRN	35456	Site Name	WINDHILL FARM	Grid Reference	SN13540727
Site Type	FARM	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

The site of this house is marked upon the tithe map of St Issels parish dated 1842 at which time it was occupied by Thomas Davies and owned by Sir Richard Philipps. To either side of the house are two enclosures identified on the tithe map as gardens. The house remained in use until the early 20th century and is marked on the Ordnance Survey maps as Windhill Farm No. 1.

There are no upstanding remains of the house and its associated gardens to either side. The only indication of the location of the house itself is a slight levelling of the natural slope to the west. Indeed to the east the field has been landscaped and approximately 0.6 metre of top soil has been removed for the purposes of providing a level ground surface for touring caravans.

The location of the house is also indicated by the height of the neighbouring hedgebanks which line the adjacent trackway. At the point where the house stood the hedgebank, which normally stands to a height of approximately 1.4 metres, is reduced to ground level for a stretch of about 12 metres.

Recommendations

There are proposals to create a broadleaved woodland in the vicinity of this former farmhouse. However tree planting would be very destructive to any archaeological remains which potentially survive in this location. To minimise the impact of these proposals on the archaeological remains it is recommended that the site of Windhill house is not planted with trees. The area to be excluded from tree planting extends approximately 12 metres along the length of the field/track boundary and a minimum distance of 10 metres out into the field itself. As large an area as possible around this should also be excluded from ground intrusive activities.

Site Category D



Prn 35456 – The site of Windhill Farm (No. 1)

PRN	35457	Site Name	WINDHILL FARM; WINDY HILL FARM	Grid Reference	SN13730722
Site Type	FARM	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

The farmstead of Windy Hill is recorded on the tithe map of St. Issels parish dated 1842. It is shown as a single rectangular building orientated on a north west to south east axis. This is now the current farmhouse and has been extended and modernised.

Recommendations

This building is occupied by the owners and therefore does not fall within the scheme.

Site Category

PRN	35460	Site Name	WINDHILL COTTAGE	Grid Reference	SN13640731
Site Type	COTTAGE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A cottage is recorded in this location on the tithe map of St. Issels dated 1842. However, the cottage appears to have been abandoned by the early 20th century, when it is no longer recorded on the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map of 1908.

There are no upstanding remains of the cottage surviving, although the outline of the cottage enclosure is preserved within the existing hedgebank. This area was stripped of approximately 0.6 metre of topsoil during the creation of a children's play area.

Recommendations

If further works are carried out in this area please consult with Cambria Archaeology in advance.

Site Category D



Prn 35460 – the site of Windhill Cottage (No. 2)

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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- 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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