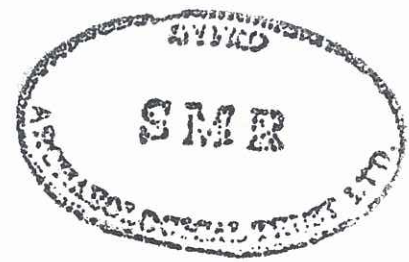


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INTRODUCTION

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

Pantglas farm lies around 12km to the north-east of Carmarthen and was built in the mid 19th century as the Home Farm for Pantglas house. Only fragments of the house and some of the other estate buildings remain, but much of the Victorian gardens and parkland that were created to compliment the Italianate mansion of Pantglas still survive. The gardens are included in the Cadw/CCW Register of landscapes, parks and gardens of special historic interest in Wales: Part 1 parks and gardens PGW (Dy)11(CAM) while part of the parkland is included as essential setting. The remains of the house, other estate buildings and the lake and gardens which lie at the head of a shallow valley do not form part of the holding of Pantglas farm.

Much of the holding of Pantglas comprises the informal Victorian parkland of Pantglas house (PRN 47611), there are further areas to the south-east and west but the core is very much a landscape of discrete and polite parkland. Although the original planting scheme has not survived completely, many of the small copses and horizon lines of trees have been lost, enough of the landscape still retains key parkland elements. The long drive (PRN 47175) that follows the valley side from the south west to the house at the top of the valley survives and is bordered on its western side by an almost complete run of iron railings with well built stone gate posts and gateways (PRNs 47177, 47178 and 47605).

Two farmsteads are shown on the 1839 Tithe map for Llanfynydd parish, Castle coch (PRN 47612) and Ffynnon goll (PRN 47613), however no evidence of these sites was seen during the site visit and both were presumably cleared for the creation of the parkland. This is evidence of the dramatic effect that the creation of the Pantglas parkland must have had.

MAIN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

PRN 47175 – Drive

This is an important part of the parkland landscape of Pantglas. It is clearly still in use as an access track within the farm holding, and ideally it should continue to be used as such without causing excessive levels of erosion or damage. Also the iron railings are clearly beginning to suffer from deterioration and in some instances are no longer fully stockproof, these should be maintained and where necessary repaired using good quality matching material.

PRNs 47177, 47178 and 47605 – Gateways

Ideally these gateways should be maintained inline with the rest of the parkland railings as essential elements of the historic landscape of Pantglas. The iron work of the gates and the stonework of the gateposts are beginning to suffer from deterioration and where necessary they should be repaired using good quality matching material.

PRNs 47606, 47607 and 47609– Kennel, Quarry and Ha ha

Maintain as existing. In order to protect any buried archaeological remains no ground breaking works should be undertaken within 15 metres of these sites.

PRN 47611 – Parkland

It is important for the historic environment of Pantglas that the integrity of the parkland is respected and preserved, any ground breaking activities should be restricted and as far as possible any new tree planting should follow the historic pattern as depicted on the second edition Ordnance Survey plan of 1907.

GAZETTEER OF SITES AND MONUMENTS

PRN 47175 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54752512

Site Type Drive **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

This is the original main, grand entrance drive to Pantglas house only part of which survives within the holding of Pantglas home farm. It would have originated at the Lodge at SN53632446 and then wound its way up the valley through a section of woodland and then into the parkland to the south of the house and eventually approaching the house from the south east.

The section of drive within the parkland (and farm holding) survives as a well preserved trackway with iron railings and gateways (PRNs 47177, 47178 and 47605) along its western side.

Recommendations

This is an important part of the parkland landscape of Pantglas. It is clearly still in use as an access track within the farm holding, and ideally it should continue to be used as such without causing excessive levels of erosion or damage. Also the iron railings are clearly beginning to suffer from deterioration and in some instances are no longer fully stockproof, these should be maintained and where necessary repaired using good quality matching material.

Site Category C



Plate 1 – Pantglas drive PRN 47175

PRN 47176 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54712523

Site Type Barn **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

Corrugated iron dutch barn situated on the east side of Pantglas house drive (PRN 47175).

Recommendations

Maintain as existing.

Site Category C

PRN	47177	Site Name	PANTGLAS	Grid Reference	SN54712518
Site Type	Gateway	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

Gateway in the iron railings bordering the Pantglas house drive (PRN 47175) and near to barn PRN 47176. It consists of two large stone gateposts around 0.35m square and 1.6m high and an iron gate opening onto the field to the west.

Recommendations

Ideally this gateway should be maintained inline with the rest of the parkland railings as essential elements of the historic landscape of Pantglas. The iron work of the gate and the stonework of the gateposts are beginning to suffer from deterioration and where necessary they should be repaired using good quality matching material.

Site Category C



Plate 2 – Gateway PRN 47177

PRN 47178 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54762509

Site Type Gateway **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

A gateway across the width of the main drive (PRN 47175) (see plate 1 above). Only one of the gateposts survive, it is stone with carved rustification. The gate survives in a poor condition nearby, it has a timber frame with timber posts and iron rails and hinge work.

Recommendations

Ideally this gateway should be maintained inline with the rest of the parkland railings as essential elements of the historic landscape of Pantglas. The iron work of the gate and the stonework of the gateposts are beginning to suffer from deterioration and where necessary they should be repaired using good quality matching material.

Site Category C

PRN 47604 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54792479

Site Type Trackway **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

A trackway diverting south east of the main house drive (PRN 47175) at the point of gateway PRN 47178, and leading towards a lodge to the south east. This trackway is not shown on the 1839 Tithe Map and must be part of the 1853 parkland landscape.

Recommendations

Maintain as existing.

Site Category C

PRN 47605 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54652496

Site Type Gateway **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

Gateway in the iron railings bordering the Pantglas house drive (PRN 47175). It consists of two large stone gateposts around 0.35m square and an iron gate opening onto the field to the north.

Recommendations

Ideally this gateway should be maintained inline with the rest of the parkland railings as essential elements of the historic landscape of Pantglas. The iron work of the gate and the stonework of the gateposts are beginning to suffer from deterioration and where necessary they should be repaired using good quality matching material.

Site Category C



Plate 3 - Gateway PRN 47605

PRN	47606	Site Name	PANTGLAS	Grid Reference	SN54582485
Site Type	Kennel	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

Kennels are shown on the 1891 first edition Ordnance Survey map. The site of these kennels is now marked by low banks forming a rectangular enclosure, measuring (4m by 8m?) north south, and located behind a modern fenceline and within an area of woodland.

Recommendations

Maintain as existing. In order to protect any buried archaeological remains no ground breaking works should be undertaken within 15 metres of this site.

Site Category C

PRN 47607 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54462478

Site Type Quarry **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

A quarry is shown on the 1891 first edition Ordnance Survey map. The site of this quarry is now marked by 20 metre long cut into the hillside within an area of woodland. The line of a trackway linking the quarry with the nearby kennels (PRN 47606) and shown on the first edition Ordnance Survey map is still partially visible.

Recommendations

Maintain as existing. In order to protect any buried archaeological remains no ground breaking works should be undertaken within 15 metres of this site.

Site Category C



Plate 4 – Quarry (PRN 47607)

PRN 47608 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54602502

Site Type Bridge **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

A low bridge (or culvert) over the water course bisecting the Pantglas parkland. It, and the streamside corridor to either side of it, are very overgrown although it may possibly be part of the 1853 landscaping works.

Recommendations

Maintain as existing. In order to protect this as a historic landscape feature no ground breaking works should be undertaken within 15 metres of this site.

Site Category C

PRN 47609 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54732563

Site Type Ha ha **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

Ha ha bordering the south western boundary of Pantglas house and the surrounding parkland.

Recommendations

Maintain as existing. In order to protect this as a historic landscape feature no ground breaking works should be undertaken within 15 metres of this site.

Site Category C

PRN 47611 **Site Name** PANTGLAS **Grid Reference** SN54572510

Site Type Park **Period** Post
Medieval

Description

Parkland created in 1853 to compliment the Italianate mansion of Pantglas. The parkland includes an area of essential setting of the registered garden of Pantglas PGW (Dy)11 (CAM).

Recommendations

It is important for the historic environment of Pantglas that the integrity of the parkland is respected and preserved, any ground breaking activities should be restricted and as far as possible any new tree planting should follow the historic pattern as depicted on the second edition Ordnance Survey plan of 1907. Continuous fencing of stream courses will have a detrimental impact on the open nature of the parkland and should as far as possible be restricted to areas previously wooded.

Site Category C

PRN	47612	Site Name	CASTLE COCH	Grid Reference	SN54172495
Site Type	Farmstead	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

Farmstead shown on the 1839 Tithe map for Llanfynydd parish but no evidence was seen during the site visit. Presumably this farmstead was cleared during creation of the parkland in the mid 19th century.

Recommendations

In order to protect possible buried archaeological remains no ground breaking activity should take place within 15 metres of the area of this site.

Site Category D

PRN	47613	Site Name	FFYNNON GOLL	Grid Reference	SN54492482
Site Type	Farmstead	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

Farmstead shown on the 1839 Tithe map for Llanfynydd parish but no evidence was seen during the site visit. Presumably this farmstead was cleared during creation of the parkland in the mid 19th century.

Recommendations

In order to protect possible buried archaeological remains no ground breaking activity should take place within 15 metres of the area of this site.

Site Category D

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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