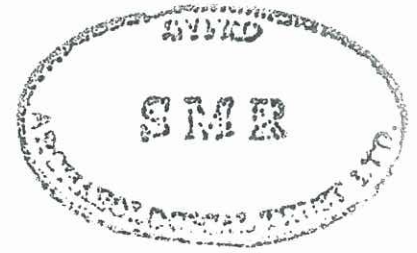


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INTRODUCTION

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 of Tirlan lies around 3 miles to the north of Brechfa, near to the village of Gwernogle. It is situated in the lee of Mynydd Llanfihangel-rhos-y-corn at a height of 285m, and on the edge of open common land. As a settlement it is a good example of a small domestic dwelling sited on the very edge of upland pasture and on the extreme limit of upland settlement. It would appear to have developed during the mid / late 19th Century from a small, possibly seasonal cottage and enclosure (PRN 46530) into a larger farmstead with agricultural buildings (prns 46532, and 47077 – 47079).

The farm holding also contains two other settlement sites. One to the south of Tirlan at Hafod Tridrws (PRNs 17084, and 46525 – 46529) and another to the north at Twr (PRNs 46531 and 47080). The name of Hafod suggests an earlier more seasonal type of settlement although a farm on this site survives and has become a permanent year round dwelling. The cottage of Twr appears as an occupied settlement on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1907, but would appear to have become deserted at some point during the 20th Century.

MAIN MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

PRNs 46525 and 46526 – Buildings at Hafod Tridrws

These buildings are in a fair condition, although some of the slates on the roof of PRN 46525 are in danger of being lost. It is essential to replace any lost slates in order to maintain this building, any other works that are undertaken should use traditional materials and methods.

The lean to extension against the north gable of PRN 46525 is in a very poor condition. Ideally the intrusive vegetation growth should be removed, the masonry walls should be rebuilt, and the roof timbers and slate cover replaced. Any works that are undertaken should use traditional materials and methods.

PRN 46530 – Troedyrhiw Cottage

Maintain as a visible historic feature. The surrounding banks and hedgerows to the north and east of the enclosure (now modern field boundaries) should be maintained and there should be no ground breaking works within a 30 metre radius from the top north east corner of this field in order to protect any surviving buried archaeological remains.

PRNs 46531 and 47080 – Twr Trackway and Cottage

Maintain as visible historic sites. No ground disturbance or removal of materials (earth or stone) should take place. Consideration should be given to the removal of large or unstable tree growth from the surviving masonry remains and earth banks in order to protect the cottage, enclosure and trackway remains.

GAZETTEER OF SITES AND MONUMENTS

PRN	17084	Site	HAFOD	Grid Reference	SN51443458
		Name	TRIDRWS		
Site Type	HAFOD	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A farmstead by this name is shown in this location on the Tithe map of 1844. It is owned by a Samuel Evans and occupied by a John Thomas.

The "Hafod" place name normally refers to a pasture to which animals were driven for summer grazing. In this case, this probably refers to the common land which the farm borders. The "Hafod" name can also refer to houses originally built for summer use.

Recommendations

No specific management recommendations.

Site Category C

PRN	46525	Site	HAFOD	Grid Reference	SN51453455
		Name	TRIDRWS		
Site Type	FARM BUILDING	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A long stone built, gabled west facing barn with a lean to extension against its north face. A building in the same location is shown on the 1844 Tithe Map for Llanfihangel Parish and the first and second edition Ordnance Survey maps of 1891 and 1907. The present building has brick door heads, is thought to date to the later parts of the 19th Century and may be a rebuilding of an earlier structure.

Recommendations

This building is in fair condition although some of the slates on the roof are in danger of being lost. It is essential to replace any lost slates in order to maintain this building, any other works that are undertaken should use traditional materials and methods.

The lean to extension against the north gable is in a very poor condition. Ideally the intrusive vegetation growth should be removed, the masonry walls should be rebuilt, and the roof timbers and slate cover replaced. Any works that are undertaken should use traditional materials and methods.

Site Category C



Plate 1 – farm building at Hafod Tridrws (PRN 46525)

PRN	46526	Site Name	HAFOD TRIDRWS	Grid Reference	SN51443456
Site Type	BUILDING	Period	Post Medieval	Site status	

Description

A low east facing one storey gabled range with a later brick edition to the south. A building in the same location is shown on the 1844 Tithe Map for Llanfihangel Parish and the first and second edition Ordnance Survey maps of 1891 and 1907. This building is one of two buildings on the Tithe map and may be an earlier farmhouse related to a seasonal Hafod type settlement.

Recommendations

This building is in fair condition. Any works that are undertaken should use traditional materials and methods.

Site Category C



Plate 2 – Farm building at Hafod Tridrws (PRN 46525)

PRN	46527	Site Name	HAFOD TRIDRWS	Grid Reference	SN51473457
Site Type	FARMHOUSE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A south facing two storey gabled farmhouse shown on the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1891.

Recommendations

This farmhouse is currently in use as a dwelling and is not included in the Tir Gofal management agreement.

Site Category C



Plate 3 – Farmhouse at Hafod Tridrws (PRN 46527)

PRN	46528	Site Name	HAFOD TRIDRWS	Grid Reference	SN51493454
Site Type	GARDEN	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A small enclosure or garden shown on the Tithe Map and associated with the farmstead of Hafod Tridrws. It now survives as a rough parcel of land bounded by an outgrown hedgerow and bank.

Recommendations

Maintain as existing. The enclosing bank and hedgerow should be maintained as a visible historic landscape feature.

Site Category C

PRN	46529	Site Name	HAFOD TRIDRWS	Grid Reference	SN51453456
Site Type	WELL	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

Well in the centre of the farmstead at Hafod Tridrws shown on the first and second edition Ordnance Survey maps. No trace of the well was seen during the site visit and its exact location is unknown.

Recommendations

If any information is known about this feature please contact Cambria Archaeology.

Site Category D

PRN	46530	Site Name	TROEDYRHIW	Grid Reference	SN51603469
Site Type	COTTAGE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A cottage shown on the Tithe Map and marked as 'Cott & Garden' on the Apportionment under the title of Troedyrhiw. It predates the building of the farm of Tirlan, which occurred at some point between the Tithe Map of 1844 and the first edition Ordnance Survey map of 1891. A slight earthwork platform and line of former field boundary can still be seen at this site, this is presumably the remains of the cottage site and oval enclosure shown on the Tithe Map.

Recommendations

Maintain as a visible historic feature. The surrounding banks and hedgerows to the north and east of the enclosure (now modern field boundaries) should be maintained and there should be no ground breaking works within a 30 metre radius from the top north east corner of this field in order to protect any surviving buried archaeological remains.

Site Category D



Plate 4 – Cottage site (PRN 46530)

PRN	46531	Site Name	TWR	Grid Reference	SN50683626
Site Type	TRACKWAY	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A trackway leading west from the Twr cottage site (PRN 47080) towards the main roadway across the mountain.

Recommendations

Maintain as a visible historic site. No ground disturbance or removal of materials should take place. Consideration should be given to the removal of large or unstable tree growth from the surviving banks in order to ensure their long term survival.

Site Category C



Plate 5 – Trackway (PRN 46531)

PRN	46532	Site Name	TIRLAN	Grid Reference	SN51603477
Site Type	FARMHOUSE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A south facing 3-bay, two storey gabled farmhouse with outshoot extension to the rear, dating to the mid-late 19th Century. It possibly consists of two phases of construction.

Recommendations

This farmhouse is currently in use as a dwelling and is not included in the Tir Gofal management agreement.

Site Category C

PRN	47077	Site Name	TIRLAN	Grid Reference	SN51603476
Site Type	FARM BUILDING	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A low stone built farm building (former cow shed?) on the west side of the farmyard at Tirlan. The south gable has largely been rebuilt in block work and a brick extension has been added against the north gable.

Recommendations

This building is in good condition and should be maintained using traditional materials and methods.

Site Category C



Plate 6 – Farm building (PRN 47077)

PRN	47078	Site Name	TIRLAN	Grid Reference	SN51623476
Site Type	FARM BUILDING	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A low stone built farm building (former barn and stables?) on the east side of the farmyard at Tirlan.

Recommendations

This building is in good condition and should be maintained using traditional materials and methods.

Site Category C



Plate 7 – Farm Building (PRN 47078)

PRN	47079	Site Name	TIRLAN	Grid Reference	SN51603476
Site Type	WELL	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

Well in the centre of the farmyard at Tirlan shown on the first and second edition Ordnance Survey maps. It is located immediately to the south of the farmhouse (PRN 46532) and has recently been capped.

Recommendations

Maintain as a historic farm feature.

Site Category D

PRN	47080	Site Name	TWR	Grid Reference	SN50733627
Site Type	COTTAGE	Period	Post Medieval		

Description

A cottage and enclosure of 5 small fields shown on the 1844 Tithe Map and contained within the modern farm holding. The Tithe Apportionment lists the cottage and enclosure as 'TWR' and is occupied by a John Lewis and owned by a Daniel Jones. It is located on the south side of a narrow upland valley on the very edge of common land, and must always have been a very marginal settlement, the slope of the valley from the crest of the hill to the west offering only a small amount of shelter from the prevailing winds. It is possible that this cottage was a squatter settlement on the edge of common land.

3 stone walled cells can still be traced built into the sloping north facing bank. The overall dimensions for the main cottage site are 20 metres east – west and 6 metres north – south. A wall to the front forms a 2 metre wide lane to the front of the cottage and a trackway (PRN 46531) leads away to the west.

Recommendations

Maintain as a visible historic site. No ground disturbance or removal of materials (earth or stone) should take place. Consideration should be given to the removal of large or unstable tree growth from the surviving masonry remains in order to protect the cottage and enclosure remains.

Site Category C



Plate 8 – Cottage site (PRN 47080)

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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- 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

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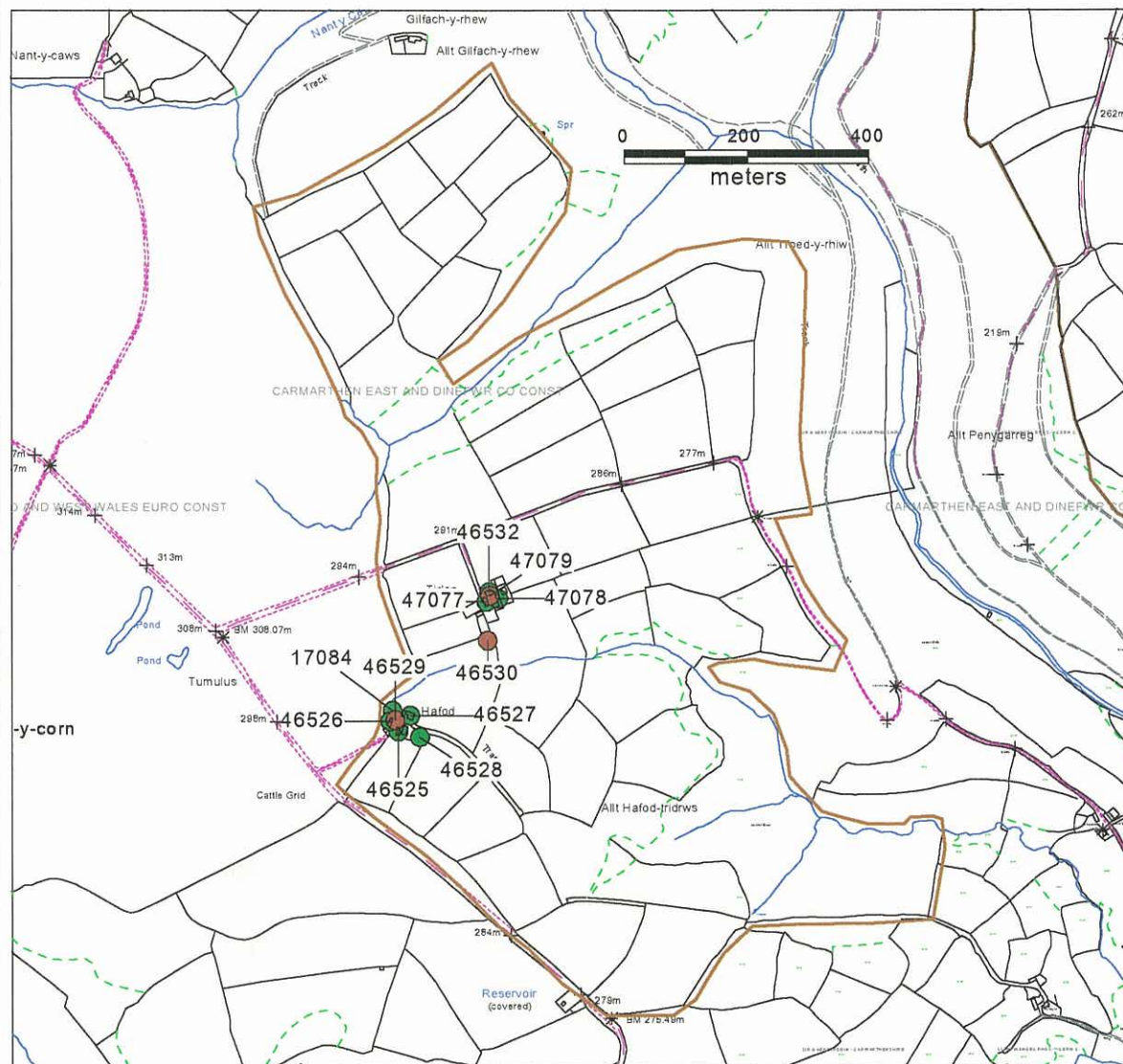
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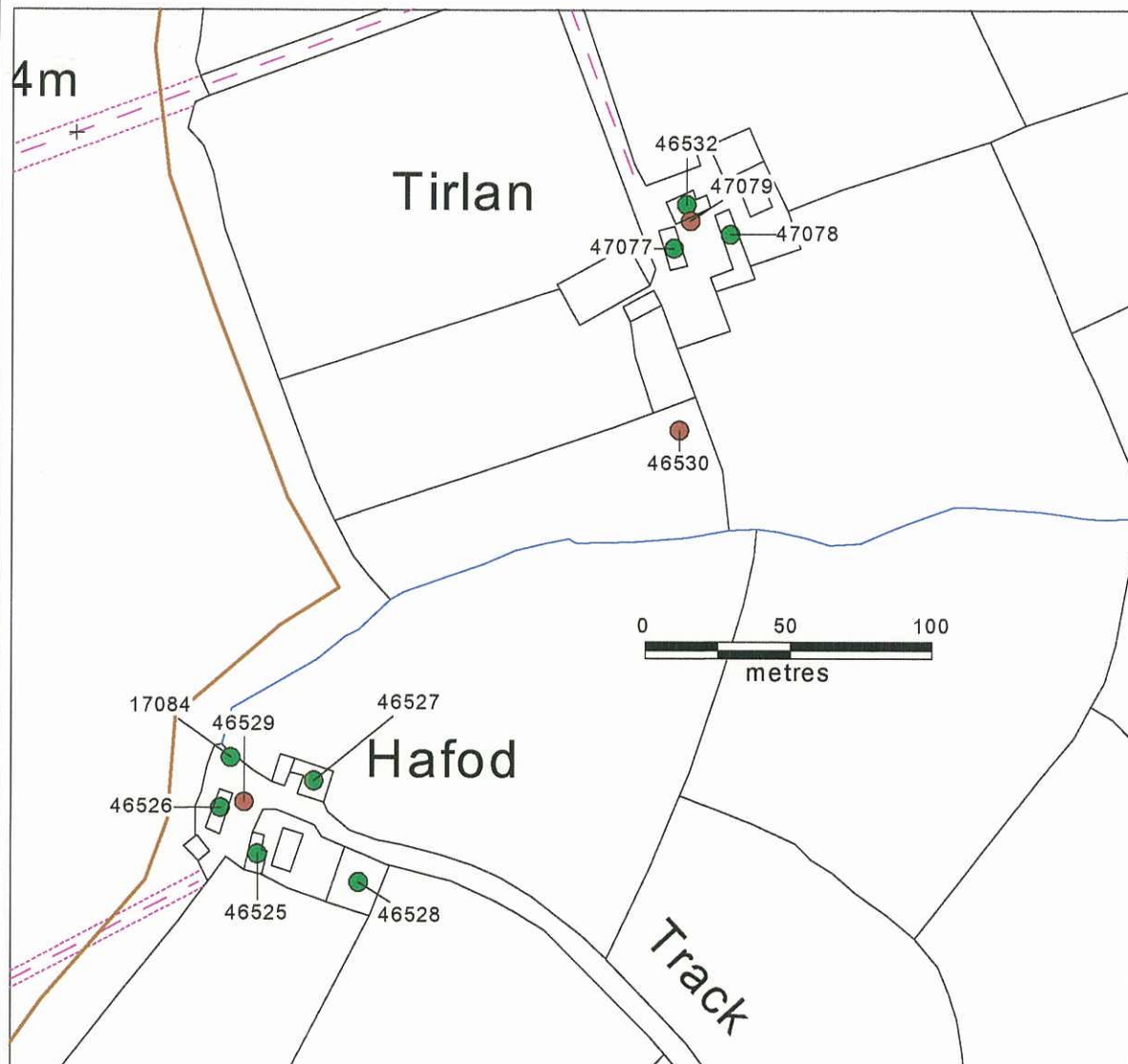
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