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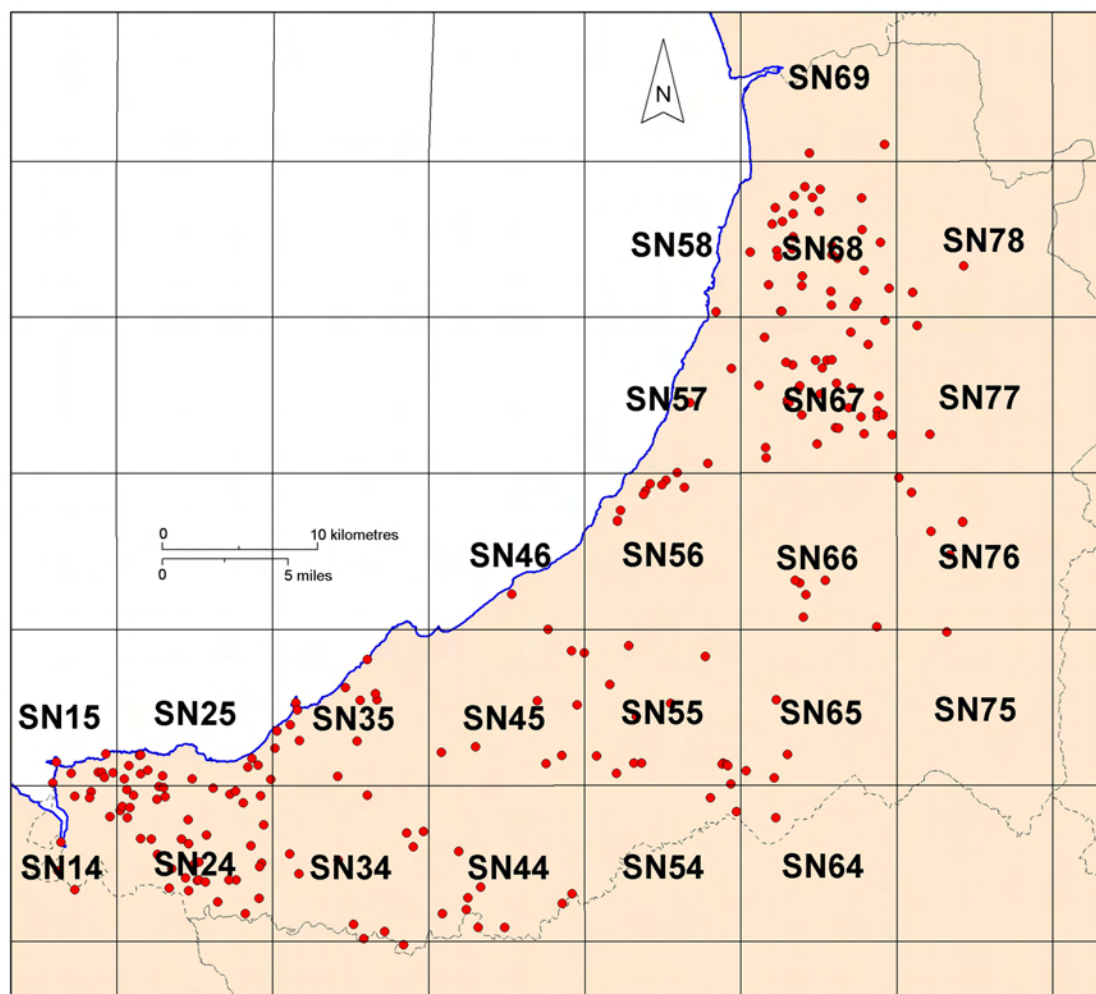
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SITE GAZETTEER OF 10KM GRID SQUARE SN24

For ease of handling the site gazetteers have been arranged into Ordnance Survey 10km grid squares. Each gazetteer consists of one or more 1:50,000 maps showing the overall location of each site followed by the individual entries for each site. Each entry comprises: a printout from the Historic Environment Record, including a site description; a 1:500 map; and where available a ground photograph and an aerial photograph.

Many of the 1:500 maps show details of the site plotted from cropmarks shown on aerial photographs. These plots are supplied by RCAHMW Crown Copyright ©.



Index to the gazetteers of defended enclosures and related sites. Gazetteers are arranged by 10km grid squares.

2083 ONNEN-DEG

PRN 2083 NGR SN23354344

SITE NAME ONEN-DEG; ONNEN-DEG

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION C

SITE STATUS SAM

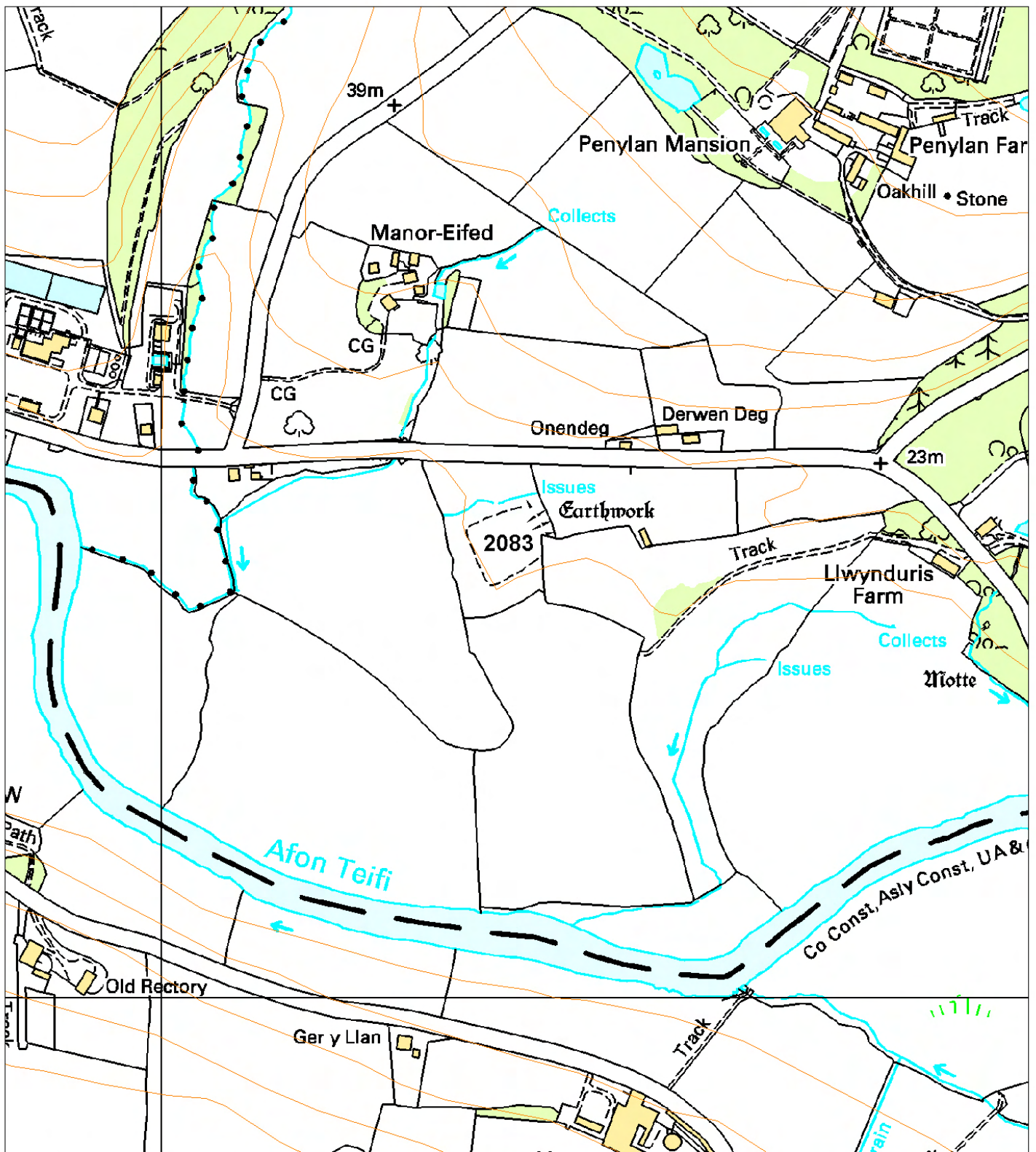
DESCRIPTION

Onen-deg enclosure lies on a river terrace of the River Teifi, a few metres above the floodplain. To the north the valley side rises steeply above the site. The enclosure area is irregularly shaped, measuring approximately 70m east - west and 70m north - south. It is naturally, but poorly, defended by the steep, but low, slope down to the floodplain to the south and west. A bank and ditch defends the eastern, easily approachable side. This bank is c. 60m long, c. 18m wide and up to 2.5m - 3m high. It is flanked by a silted ditch up to 0.5m deep on its outer, eastern side. Part of the bank is overlain by a hedge-bank. A break in the bank is, according to the Ordnance Survey in 1972, modern. The easily approachable northern side of the enclosure is not obviously defended. However, examination of the ground suggests that an in-filled ditch may run on this side of the enclosure - a continuation of the ditch on the east side. Firmer ground midway along this ditch on its north side may indicate the site of an entrance. It is assumed that there must originally have been a bank accompanying this ditch, otherwise the enclosure would have been open on the north side, and that this has now been removed. Either this, or the defence is unfinished. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

K Murphy 29 September 2005



Ground photograph looking along defensive bank.



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2084 GAER

PRN 2084 NGR SN24584327

SITE NAME GAER

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION C

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located on the crest of a long and fairly steep slope, the earthwork of Gaer commands long ranging views from the northwest through to the south. It is located at a little over 90m above sea level. To the west the land falls away steadily to the floor of the Teifi valley at c. 20m. To the east, north and southeast the land rises very gently towards rounded high points a few hundred metres distant.

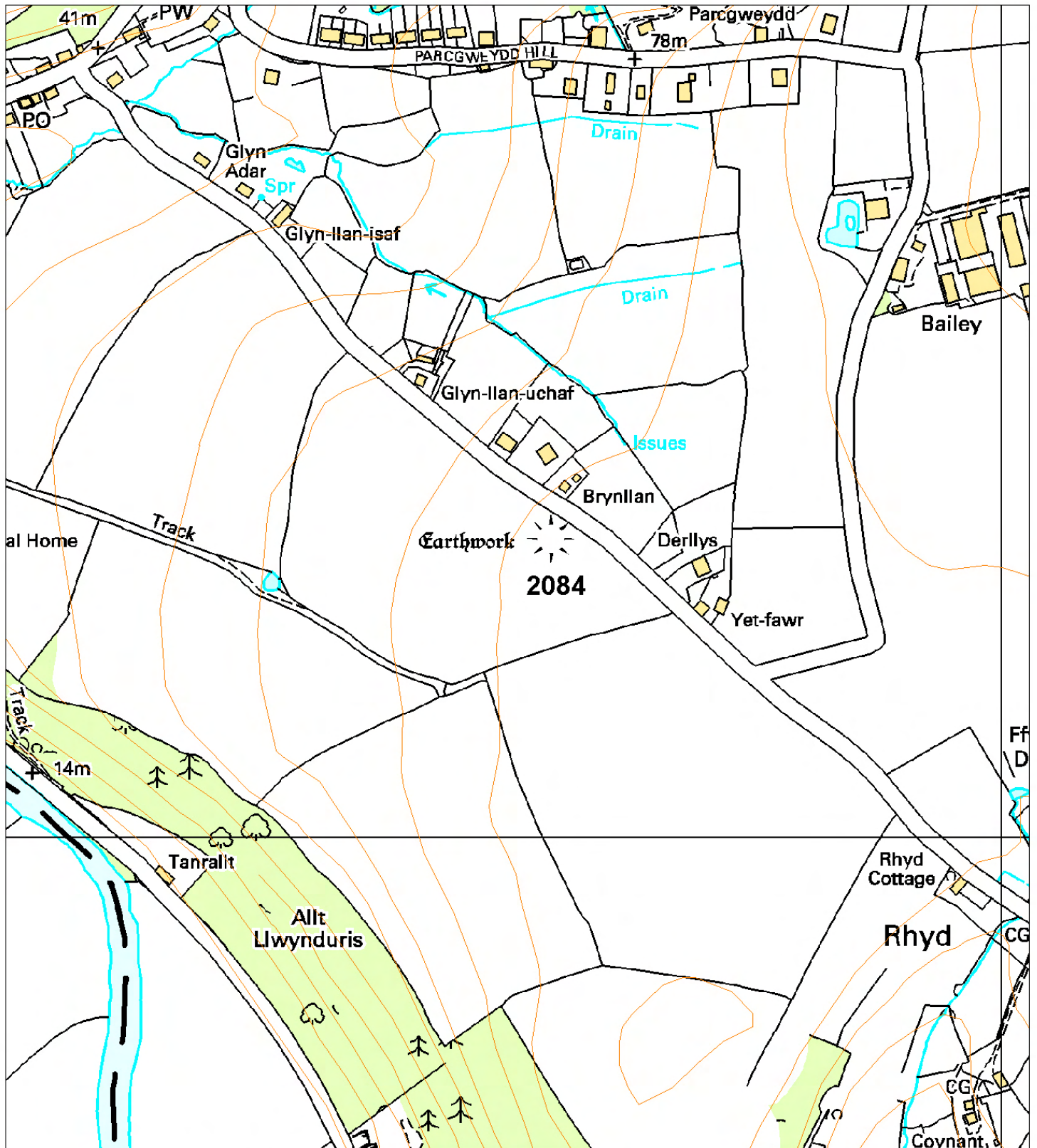
The earthwork consists of a circular platform about 1.5m high and approximately 35m - 40m across its widest extent, about 20m - 25m diameter across the top of the platform. There is no obvious external ditch and no entrance onto (into) the platform. The internal area is very slightly dished, rather than flat. A slight, wide earthwork bank leads down the steep slope from the platform; this may be a natural feature. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

The nature of Gaer is uncertain. The platform nature of the earthwork and absence of a ditch do not indicate an Iron Age defended enclosure or a medieval ringwork. It is too large for a prehistoric burial mound. The closest parallels are probably the raised raths of Ireland.

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Ground photograph looking at the earthwork of Gaer.



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5215 CRUG LLWYN LLWYD

PRN 5215 NGR SN20204840

SITE NAME CRUGLLWYN-LLWYD; CRUGLLWYN-CAMP

SITE TYPE PROMONTORY FORT FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION E

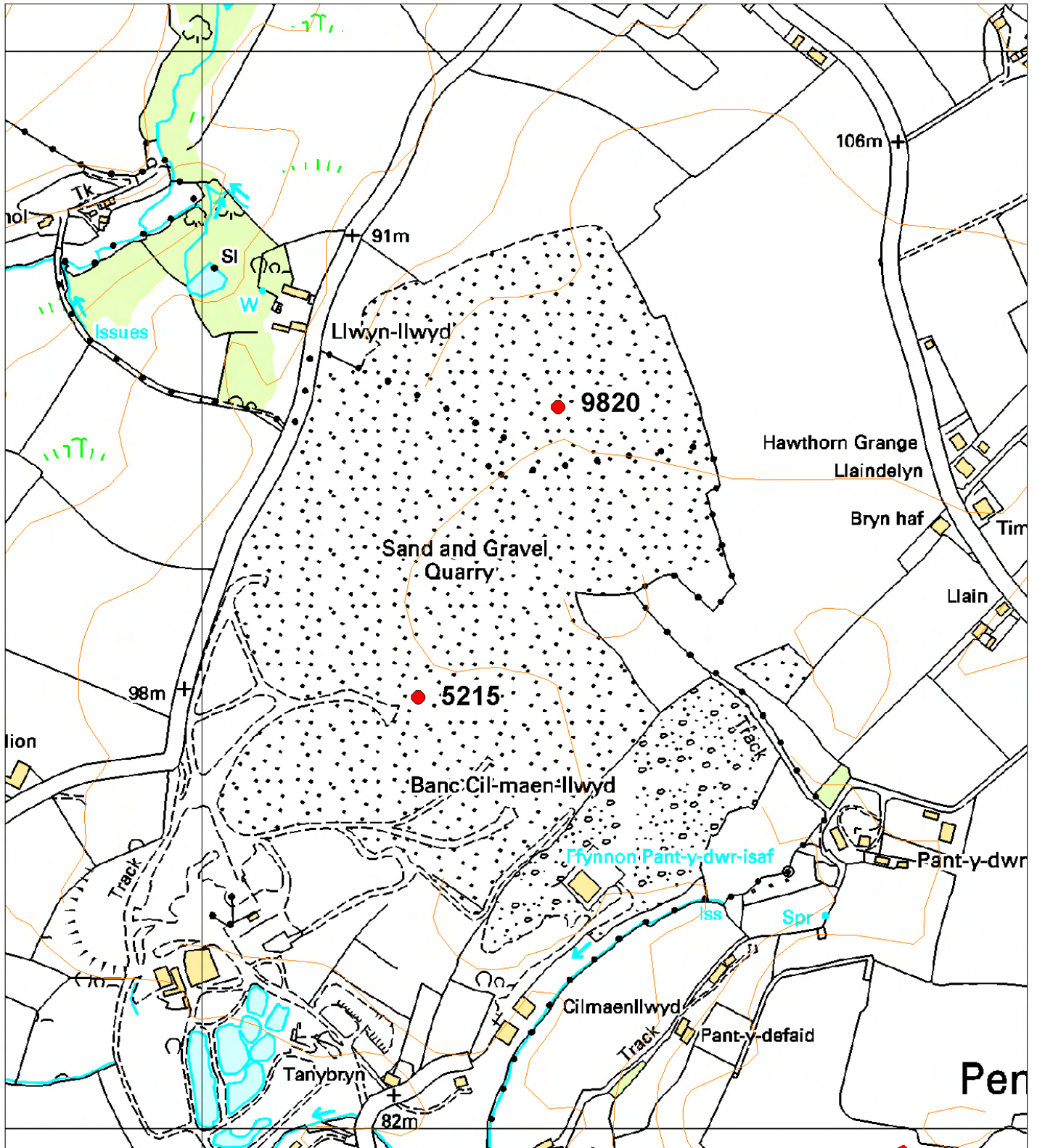
SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Promontory fort

Quarrying for sand and gravel has destroyed this site. It formerly consisted of a single bank and ditch up to 4m high and 130m long thrown up across the easily approachable side of an inland promontory, enclosing an area of c. 0.65ha. No record of the site was made before its destruction. John Williams of Troedyrhiw can remember seeing stone lined 'bee-hived' shaped pits exposed in the quarry face within what would have been the fort.

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5221 GAER PWNTAN

PRN 5221 NGR SN29214935

SITE NAME PEN-Y-GAER; GAER PWNTAN; CASTELL PWNTAN

SITE TYPE HILLFORT FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Gaer Pwtan occupies the summit of a rounded hill at approximately 220m above sea level. The hilltop was subjected to extensive quarrying in the 19th century; this has destroyed much of the hillfort's interior. However, significant remains survive.

It is a bivallate, oval or circular hillfort, with widely spaced ramparts. These survive best on the south side and north side. On the south side low earthworks up to 140m long and up to 0.8m high in improved pasture mark the lines of banks and ditches. However, some care has to be exercised in this interpretation as vertical aerial photographs taken in the 1940s indicate that small-scale quarrying may have taken place here. On the north side of the fort a similar length of the defensive circuit also survives, also in improved pasture, but here the earthworks are much slighter. The defences on the western side have been destroyed by quarrying, while a watching brief during the construction of a phone mast on the east side showed that the ditch of the outer rampart survives below ground, but it is likely that the remainder of the ramparts has been destroyed in this section. The interior area of the hillfort measures approximately 120m diameter with a diameter of approximately 200m to the limits of the outer defensive circuit. There is a gap of about 20m between the inner and outer ramparts. As noted above almost all of the interior (including that part now occupied by a farm) has been destroyed. It is likely that the entrance has also been destroyed.

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Ground photograph - general shot of site from a distance.

5838 WAUNLLE

PRN 5838 NGR SN22574912

SITE NAME WAUNLLE

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Lying towards the southern end of a rounded hilltop at approximately 170m, Waunlle is a well-defined cropmark defended enclosure. Land falls gently away from the site of the enclosure except to the north where it is fairly level.

Aerial photographs show a very distinct site with a circular cropmark ditch approximately 44m diameter lying within the southwest quadrant of a larger elliptical enclosure. This larger enclosure measures 160m north - south and 140m east - west. A break on the northwest side of the inner enclosure may mark an entrance. A clear break in the west side of the outer enclosure is an entrance. There is no earthwork or other surface evidence for the outer enclosure, but a platform of just 10cm - 20cm seems to correspond with the location of the inner enclosure.

Part of the site was the subject of a geophysical survey in 2005. The ditches of both enclosures are very clear in the survey with part of an extra enclosure abutting the outer enclosure to the south. It is possible to see this in the aerial photograph; although without the gradiometer results it would be difficult to interpret this as archaeological rather than geological. Despite the clearness of the ditches on the results plot it is still quite difficult to locate the entranceway to the inner enclosure. It could either be to the west-northwest, or the northeast. Within the inner enclosure it is possible to see several circles, perhaps indicative of an extended period of occupation, though no other inner divisions can be seen. The entrance to the outer enclosure can be seen where the aerial photograph indicates in the west side of the oval. Immediately east, inside the enclosure, a series of features have been located. Their form and purpose are not entirely certain, perhaps to control the movement of livestock and people. It is not clear if these features are contemporary with the enclosures, or even if they are archaeological in nature. In 2005, the site was under improved pasture.

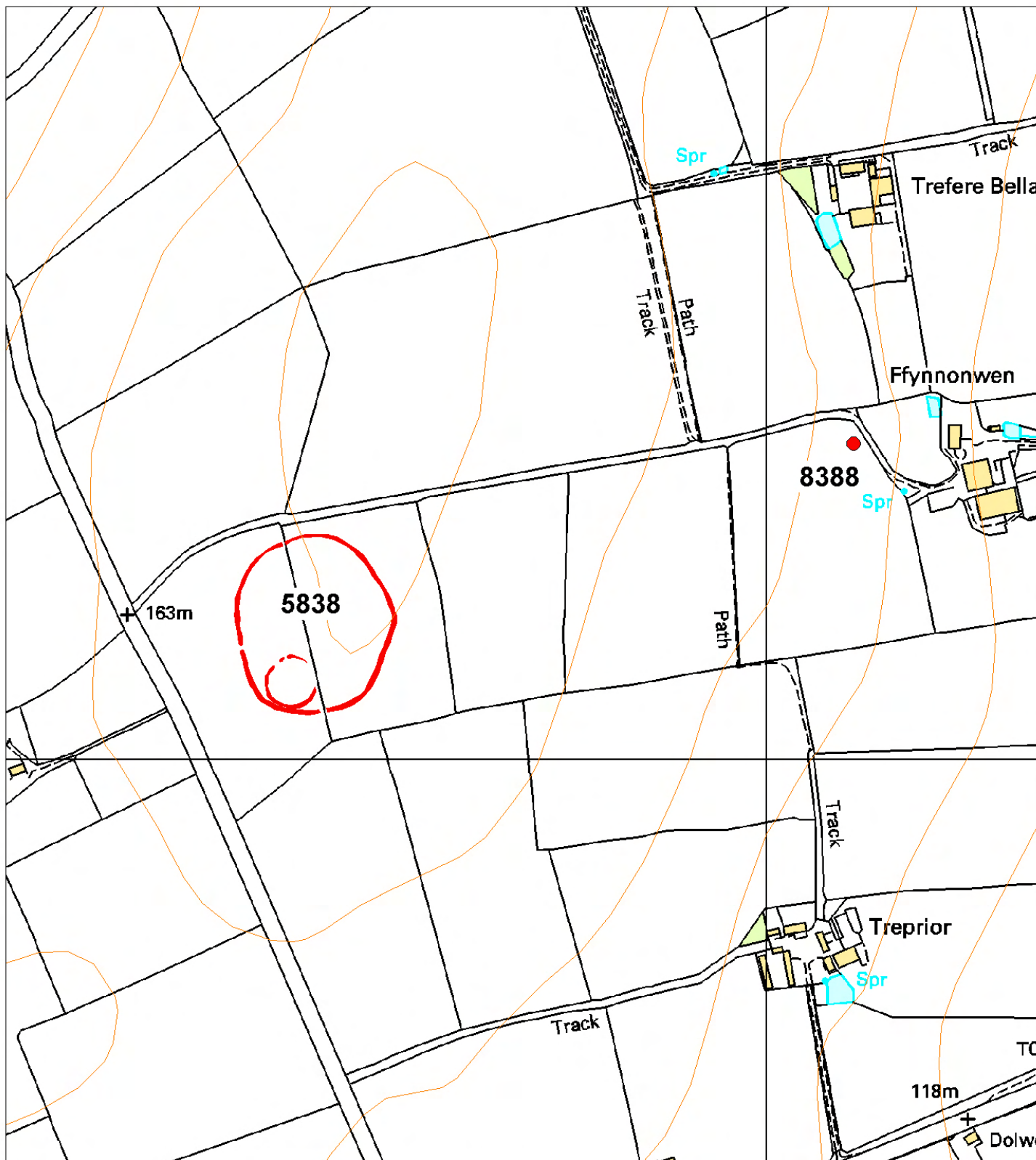
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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5848 PONTDANIEL

PRN 5848 NGR SN294475

SITE NAME PONTDANIEL

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION C

SITE STATUS

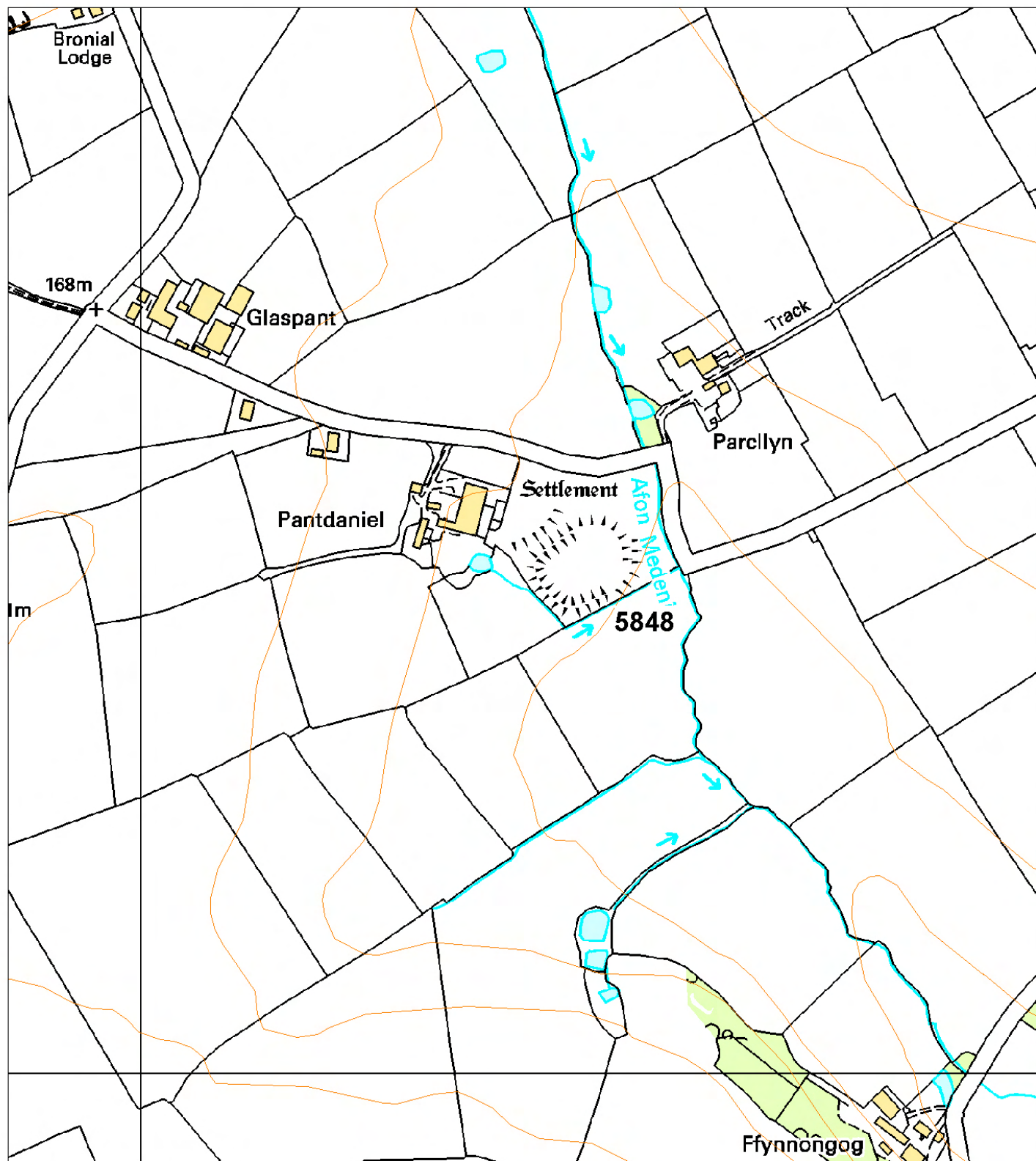
DESCRIPTION

In 2005, this site was seen only from the public road, which runs immediately to the north and east. It is a rectangular earthwork enclosure, measuring approximately 90m east - west and 70m north - south. It comprises a distinctive bank up to 1m high flanked by an external ditch surviving up to 0.5m deep. The entrance was not seen. The site is under improved pasture and is in good condition.

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Ground photograph looking at earthwork enclosure.



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8386 TREFEREDD UCHAF

PRN 8386 NGR SN22694995

SITE NAME TREFEREDD UCHAF

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCOSURE FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION C

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located just off the highest point of a rounded hill, Treferedd Uchaf is a good example of a concentric cropmark enclosure with ditches flanking the entrance to the inner enclosure in 'banjo' style. It is located at 165m above sea level. To the south, east and west the land falls away gently giving wide-ranging views. To the north the land rises very gently a few metres to a high point 350m away.

Aerial photographs show an inner circular cropmark ditch, approximately 35m in diameter. Concentric to this, c. 25m distant from it is an outer circular enclosure, approximately 85m - 95m in diameter. The entrance to both enclosures face west-southwest. Ditches flanking a possible entrance track run between the two entrances. These ditches may continue outside the outer enclosure entrance, but this is not certain, and these features may be geological.

A site visit in April 2005 was undertaken as the field was being ploughed. No trace of the outer enclosure or the ditched track-way was visible, but a curving stony band up to 0.2m high in the ploughsoil probably marks the line of the bank inside the inner enclosure ditch.

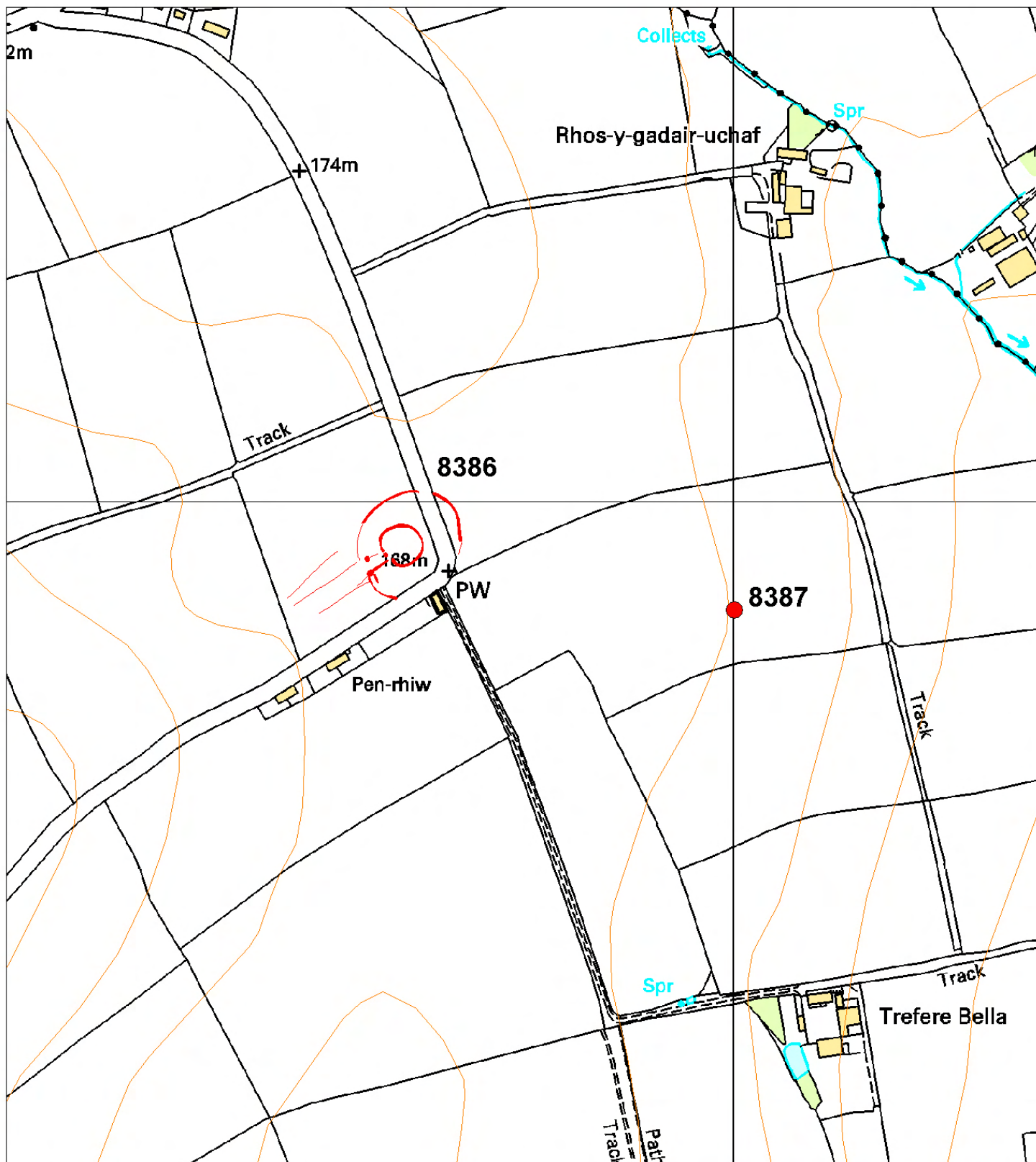
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Ground photograph looking over the site of the cropmark enclosure.



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8387 RHOS Y GADARN UCHAF

PRN 8387 NGR SN230499

SITE NAME RHOS Y GADARN UCHAF

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs shows a rectangular cropmark enclosure approximately 70m east - west and 50m north - south, with a simple east-facing entrance. The photographs show no trace of earthworks or internal features. The site lies on fairly level ground, with the land sloping away gently to the northeast, east and southeast. It is under improve pasture. The site of the cropmark was visited in 2005 from the edge of the field. It was clear that no earthworks survive.

K Murphy April 2005

8388 FFYNNONWEN

PRN 8388 NGR SN23084929

SITE NAME FFYNNON WEN

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

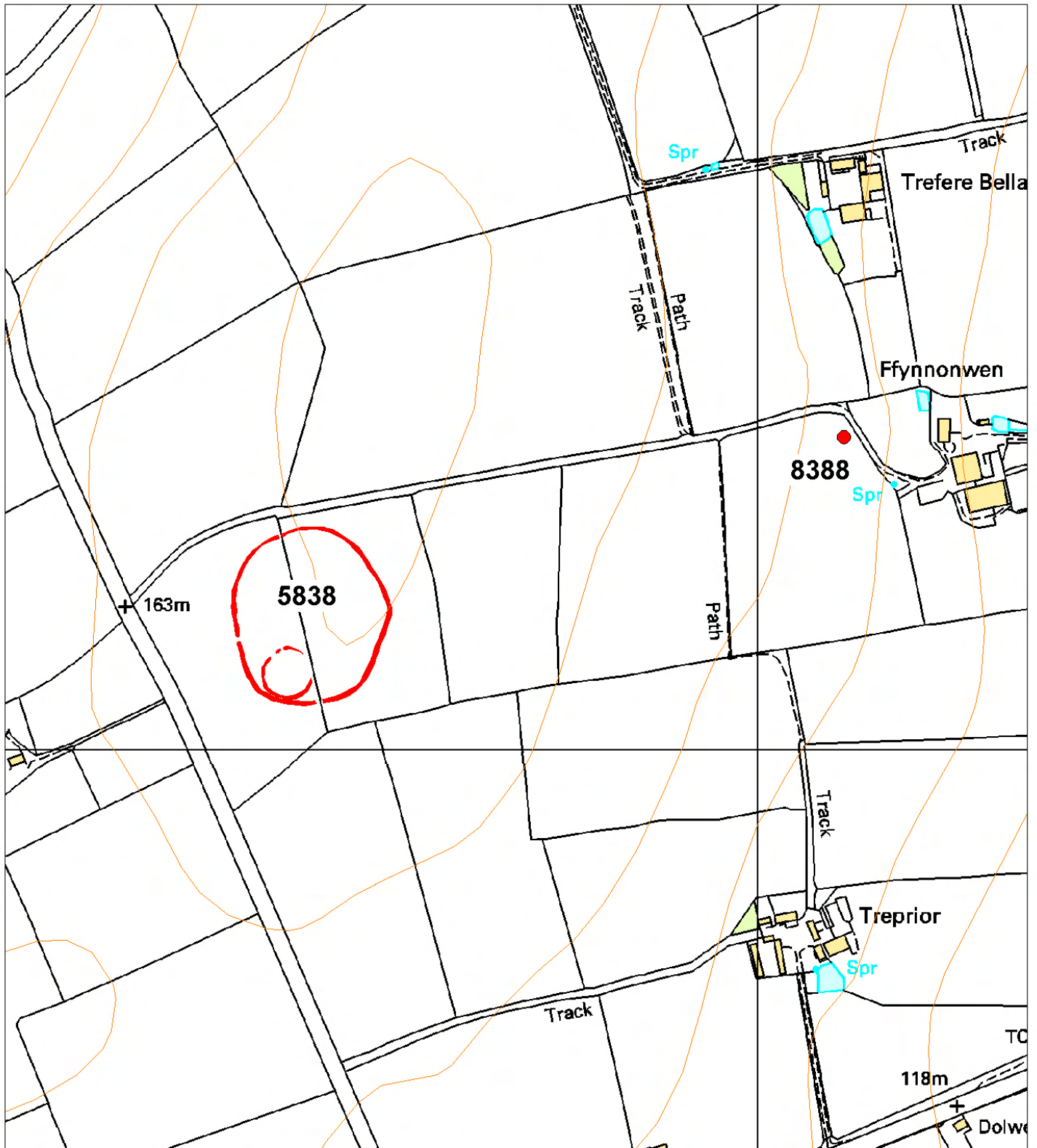
SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

An aerial photograph shows part of a strongly rectangular cropmark enclosure lying on a fairly steep east-facing slope. The enclosure measures approximately 40m across with a south-southwest facing entrance (the uphill side). An unusual feature of the enclosure is the slightly overlapping ditches at its corners. There is no earthwork or other surface evidence for the enclosure.

In 2005, a geophysical survey was undertaken on the enclosure. This detected very clear and angular ditches, with the entrance off centre. Internally, the geophysics did not reveal much more than a dark smudge about 10m diameter in the centre of the enclosure, which can also be seen on the aerial photograph; this may be a house platform. There are a few shadows near the entrance that could imply the presence of features, though these would need further investigation for definite verification.

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9620 GAER

PRN 9620 NGR SN291428

SITE NAME GAER

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Earthwork

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION C

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located at approximately 100m above sea level on an inland promontory, Gaer is a good example of a bivallate defended enclosure. To the west, south and east wooded valley sides fall away steeply, but to the northeast the land falls a few metres into a saddle before rising gently to a local summit some 400m distant. The site is overlooked from the northeast.

It is an earthwork site, with an inner circular enclosure c. 50m - 60m diameter defined by a bank up to 1.5m high at its highest point close to a simple northwest-facing entrance. Away from the entrance the bank is up to 1m high. A slight hollow marks the line of the ditch outside this bank except on the steep south, southwest and southeast side. The interior of the enclosure is flat. The outer line of defences lies 12m - 15m from the inner enclosure and consist of a length of bank up to 1m high on the north side. This bank terminates at the northwest facing entrance and fades to the northeast. However, to the northeast the line of the outer ditch is clearly visible as a linear hollow up to 0.7m deep. An old track (marked as a boundary on maps) running concentric to the enclosure on the steep slope to the west, south and southeast may perpetuate the line of outer defensive circuit.

An aerial photograph shows all the elements of this site, plus what may be a third line of defences on the north side. The photo seems to show an entrance on the northeast side, but on the ground this is clearly incorrect. In 2005, the site was under improved pasture and in good condition.

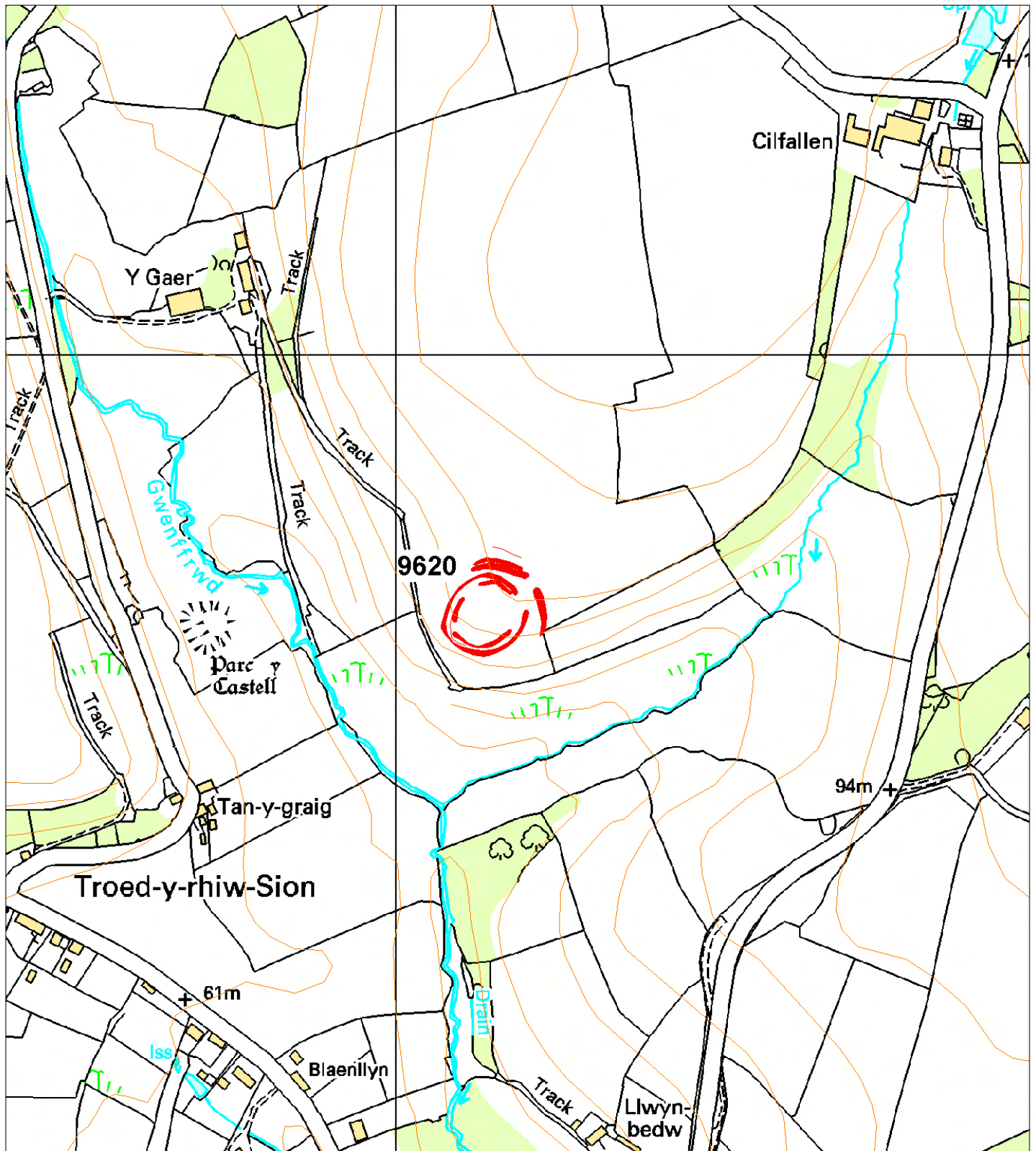
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Ground photograph looking over earthworks.



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9820 LLWYN LLWYD

PRN 9820 NGR SN20334867

SITE NAME LLWYN LLWYD

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark; Earthwork

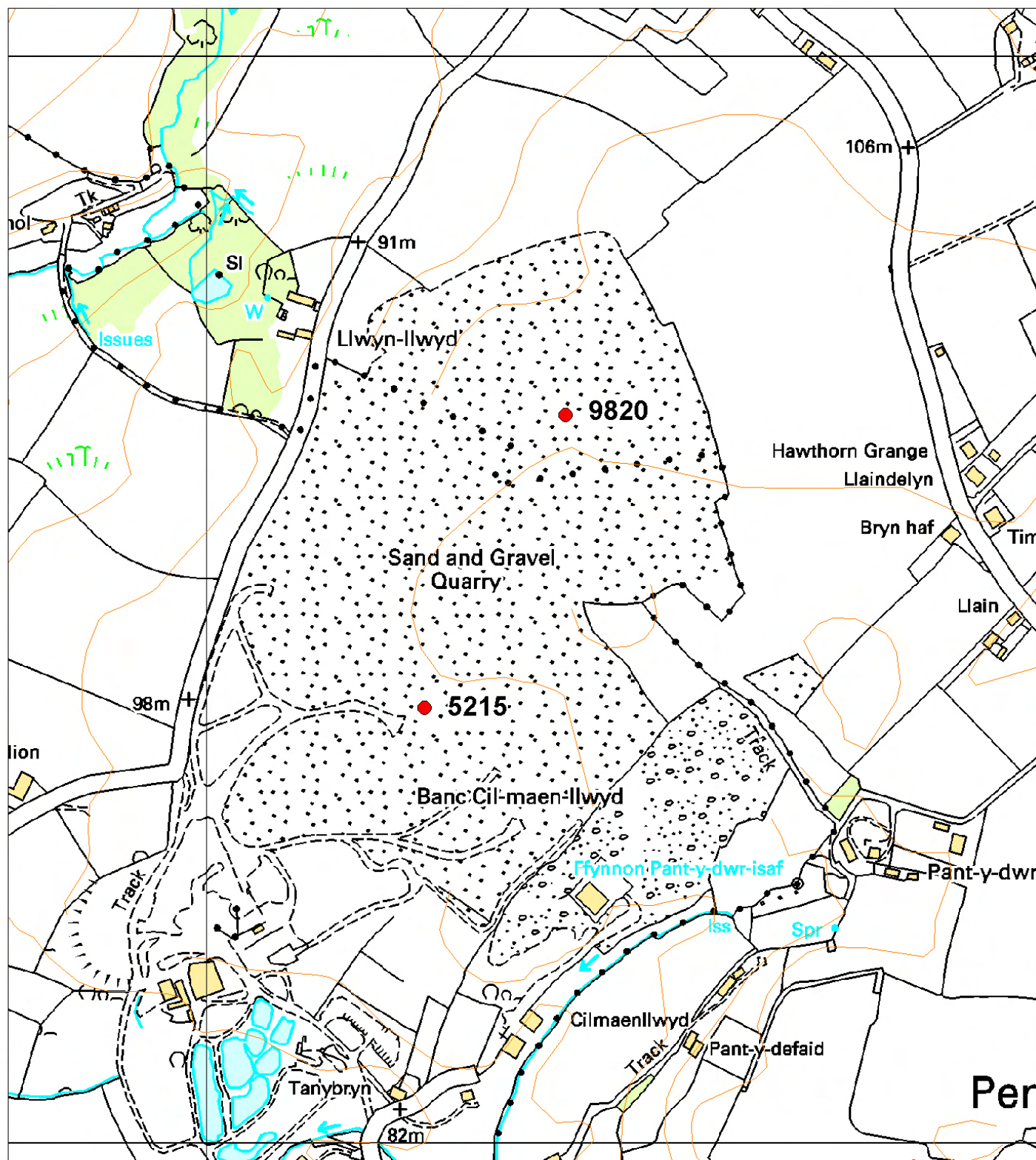
PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION E

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

A possible cropmark enclosure photographed from the air in 1977. The site has now been destroyed by a sand and gravel quarry.

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11267 CAWRENCE

PRN 11267 NGR SN226456

SITE NAME CAWRENCE

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

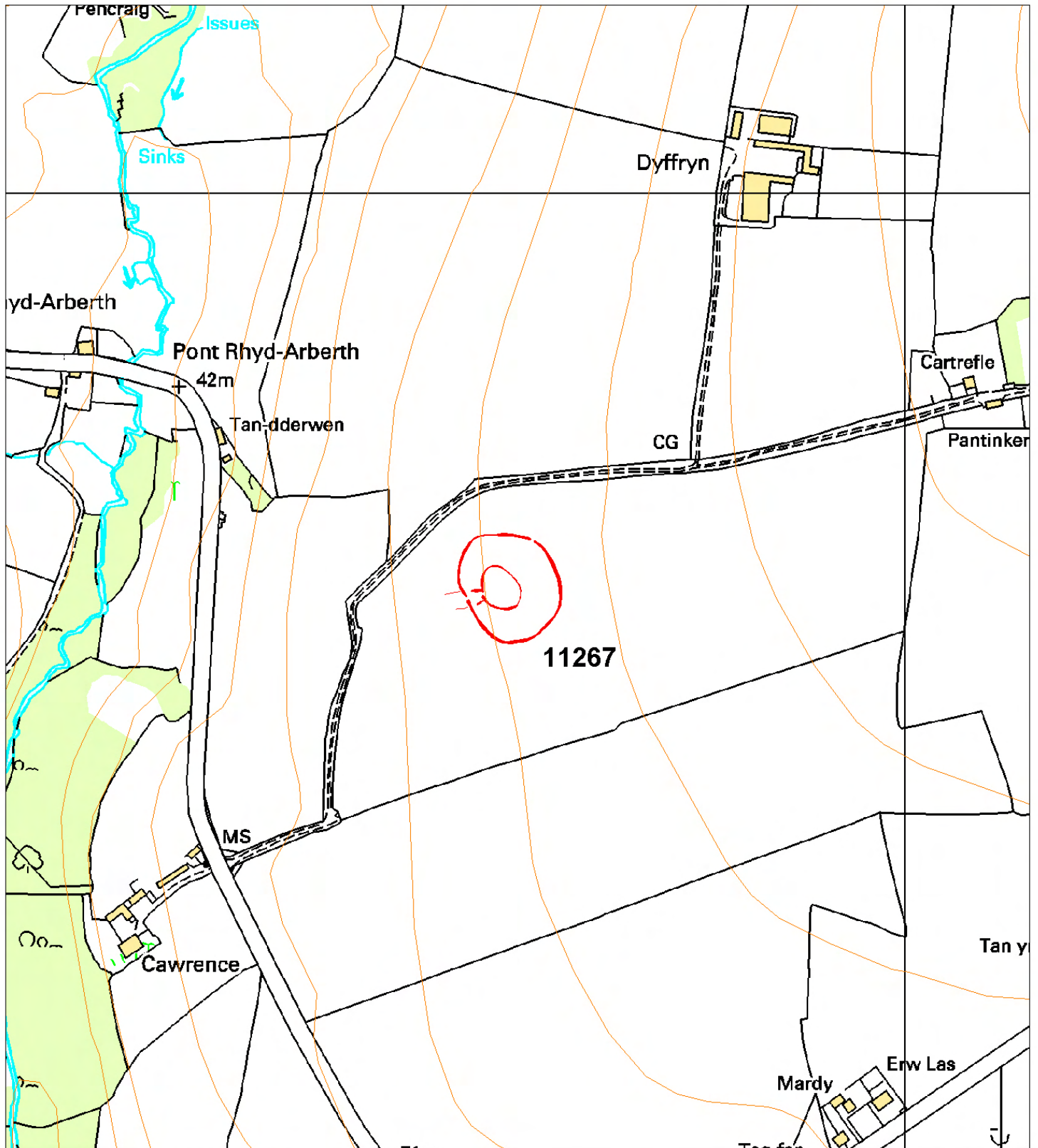
Cawrence is a good example of a concentric cropmark defended enclosure. It was discovered through aerial photography. It lies on a gentle east-facing slope at 100m above sea level. The inner enclosure is defined by a cropmark ditch and is sub-circular in shape, approximately 40m north - south and 30m east - west, with a simple west-facing entrance. Ditches run out to the west from the inner enclosure entrance, presumably flanking a trackway. These ditches seem terminate before reaching the entrance of the outer enclosure. The ditch of the sub-circular concentric outer enclosure lies between 20m and 35m from the inner ditch. The ditch terminals at the west-facing entrance are slightly in-turned and expanded. There is a second entrance through the outer ditch on the northeast side.

There are no earthworks or other surface indications of this site. In October 2005 the field in which the site lies had been freshly ploughed, with traces of clay subsoil turned over by the plough.

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12135 TRE-CEFN ISAF

PRN 12135 NGR SN21064941

SITE NAME TRE CEFN ISAF

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

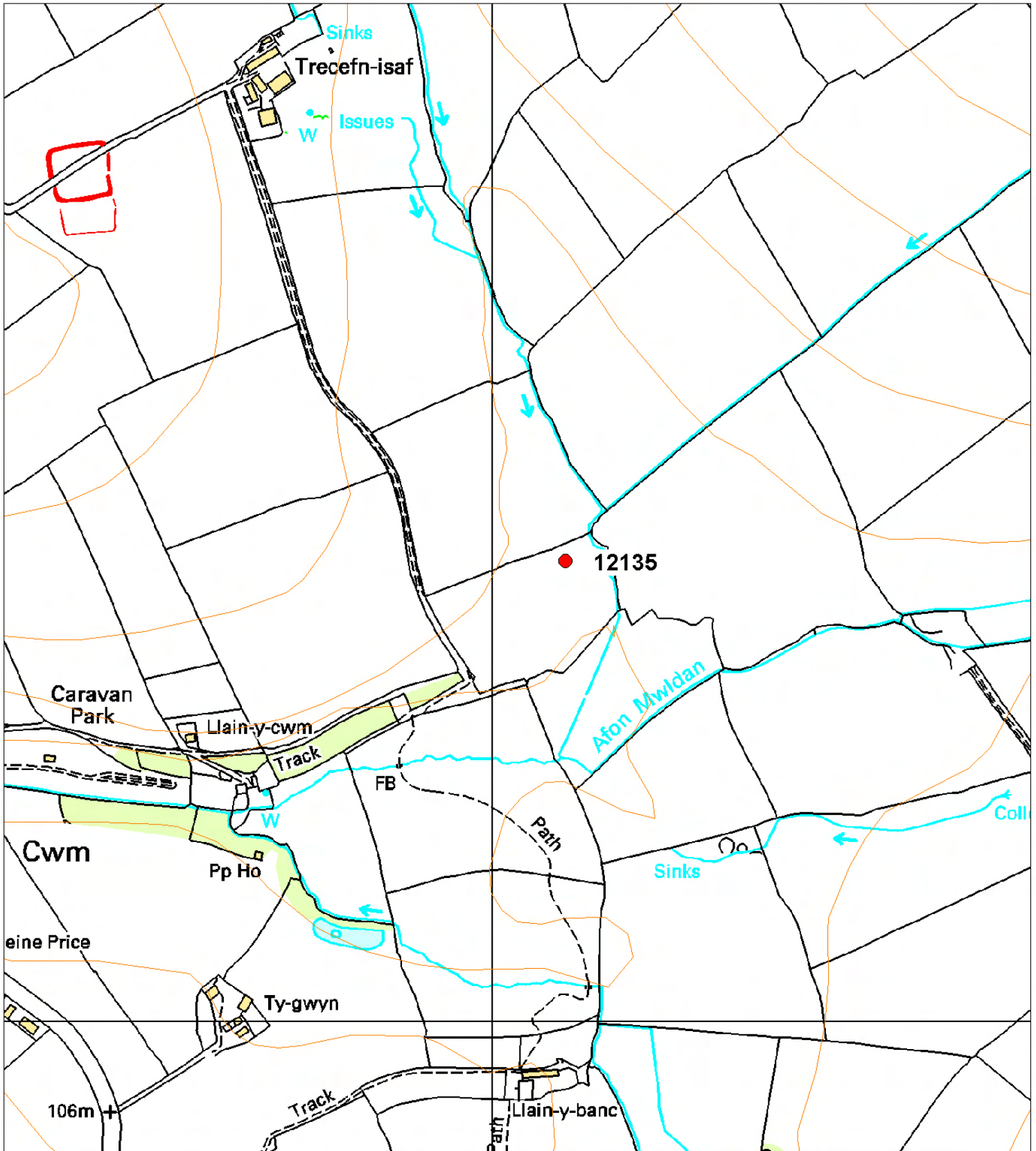
This is a small sub-rectangular cropmark enclosure lying at approximately 95m above sea level. It lies on a gentle southeast-facing slope. Immediately to the south and east the land falls away more steeply into a small valley. To the northwest the land climbs gently.

An aerial photograph shows a ditch of a sub-rectangular cropmark enclosure approximately 45m northwest - southeast and 35m southwest - northeast, with a simple entrance midway along the southeast-facing (downslope) side. There are no earthworks or other surface evidence to indicate the presence of this site. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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12646 PANT-Y-LLYS

PRN 12646 NGR SN24384410

SITE NAME PANT-Y-LLYS

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

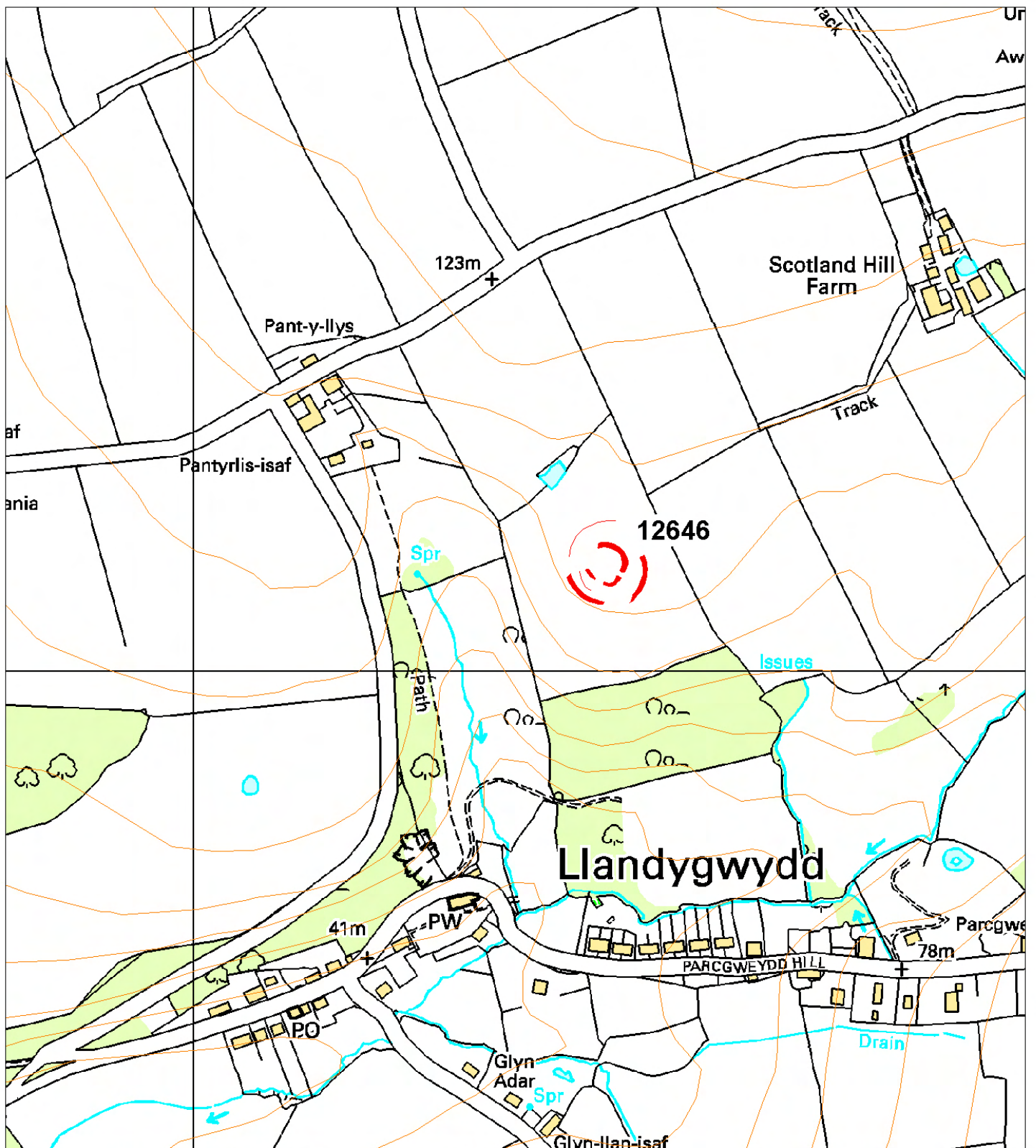
Pant-y-llys is a concentric cropmark enclosure lying towards the end of a rounded promontory at 100m above sea level. To the west, south and southeast the land falls gently away, but to the north it rises gently but steadily.

It is a cropmark site, detected through aerial photography, with no earthwork or other surface evidence. Aerial photographs taken in different years when hay or silage had just been taken off the field show parchmarks, presumably reduced banks, rather than the more usual cropmarks of ditches. The inner enclosure shows as a discontinuous mark and is sub-circular approximately 30m across. The location of the entrance is unclear. The line of the outer enclosure lies about 20m outside the inner one and approximates to a circle. A complete circuit can be traced, but owing to its faded nature the location of the entrance is not clear. In 2005 the field was under improved pasture.

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14247 LLAIN-LWYD

PRN 14247 NGR SN281489

SITE NAME LLAIN-LWYD

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE? FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age? CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

An aerial photograph shows a curving cropmark ditch. This may be a segment of an oval enclosure. If so, then projected it would give a maximum dimension of c. 100m. The site lies on gentle south-facing slopes. There are no earthworks or other surface indications of this site. In 2005 the land-use was permanent pasture.

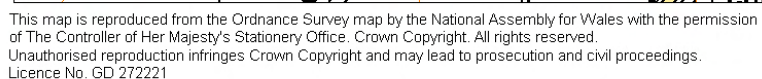
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark.



Scale: 1:500

14319 BLAENTWROG I

PRN 14319 NGR SN27654395

SITE NAME BLAENTWROG I

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

This is a rectangular cropmark enclosure lying on level ground at 150m above sea level. Immediately to the east of the site the land falls sharply away into a valley. Aerial photographs show a sharp edged ditch defining a rectangular (almost square) area 57m northwest to southeast and 54m southwest to northeast. There is a wide (27m) gap in the southeast side. Linear cropmarks in the field of the enclosure and in fields to the west may be contemporary field systems, or geological marking. Further cropmarks to the south may be more field systems (PRN 35748). In 2005 the field was under improved pasture.

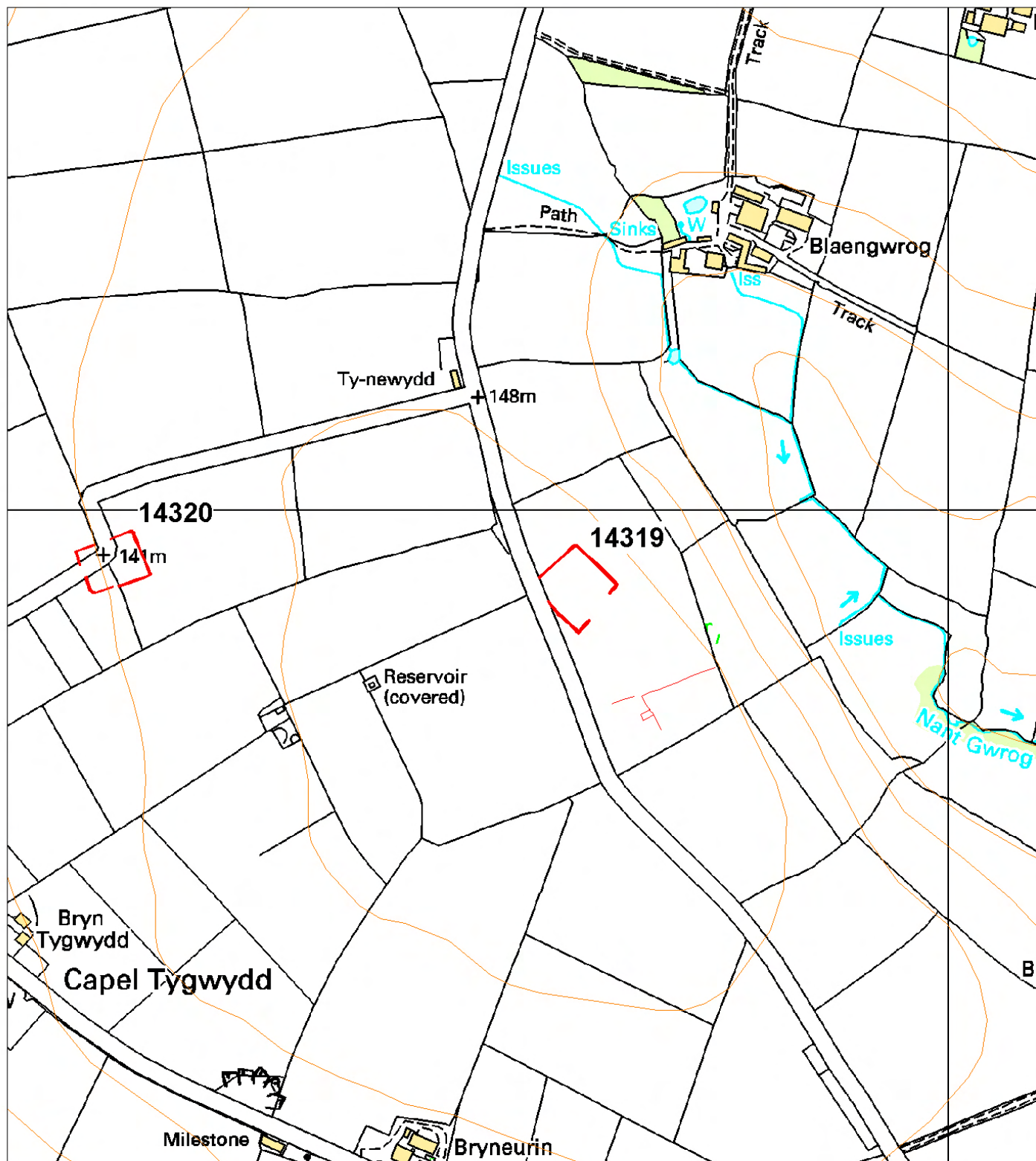
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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14320 BLAENTWROG II

PRN 14320 NGR SN27174395

SITE NAME BLAENTWROG II

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs show a rectangular cropmark enclosure underlying a lane and hedge-banks. The enclosure lies on level ground at 140m. A sharp-cornered cropmark ditch defines an area 60m by 40m. There is no trace of an entrance: it probably lies beneath the lane or one of the hedge-banks. A distinct linear cropmark running through the enclosure is probably geological, but less clear marks to the west could be contemporary field systems. In 2005, the site was partly under improved and partly under barley.

K Murphy 1 July 2005



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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.

35726 FFYNNON-LLYGODEN

PRN 35726 NGR SN24554781

SITE NAME FFYNNON-LLYGODEN

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman; Early Medieval CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs show a complex cropmark enclosure bisected by a public road in a deep hollow-way and by a farm track, also in a hollow-way. The enclosure lies on a north-facing slope at approximately 130m above sea level. It consists of a distinct cropmark ditch enclosing a sub-rectangular area 60m by 60m. There is no obvious entrance through the ditch into the enclosure, but the road/track may be masking this. Concentric to and about 12m distant from this distinct ditch is a very much slighter ditch. There is an entrance through this ditch on the eastern side. Two and possibly three more ditches lie on the east side of the enclosure, with hints that they too run concentrically around enclosure, at least on the north side. There are entrances through these ditches on the east side. The relationship between this enclosure and a smaller rectangular cropmark (PRN 35727) 75m to the west is unknown. In 2005, the enclosure was under improved pasture.

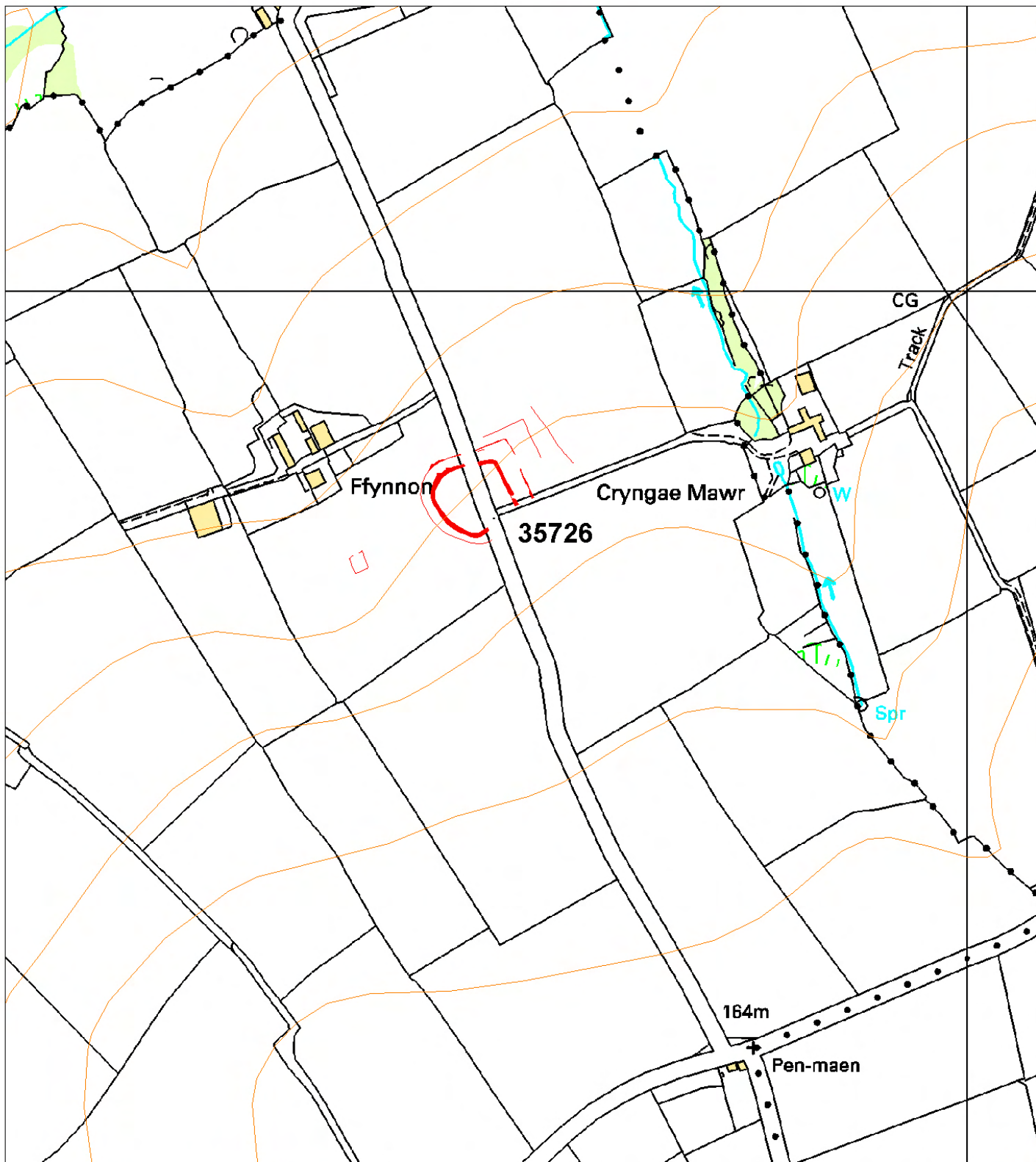
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35728 PANT Y BUTLER

PRN 35728 NGR SN21534661

SITE NAME PANT-Y-BUTLER

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE? FORM Cropmark

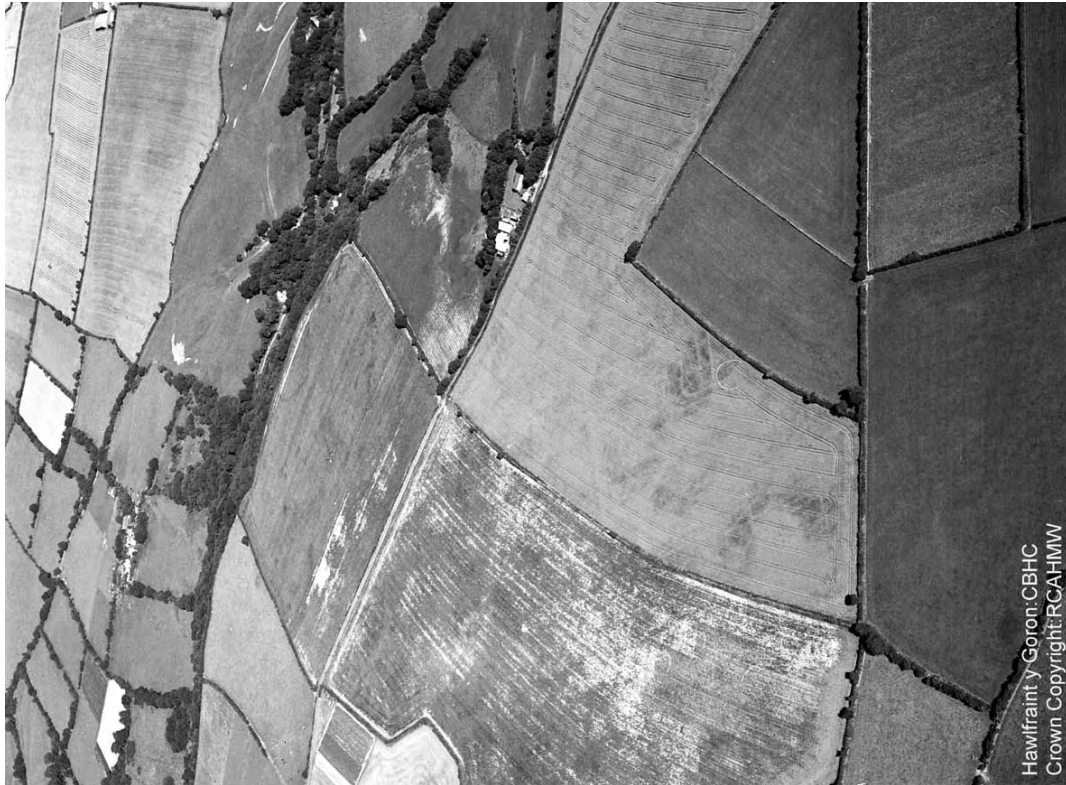
PERIOD Iron Age?; Roman? CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs show parchmarks of a possible archaeological site lying on level ground at 125m above sea level at the southern end of a rounded hill. To the west, south and east the land falls gently, but steadily away. To the north the land is level. What appears to be the corners of two, and possible three, concentric ditches show as parchmarks in ripening barley, together with a parallel grid pattern of further parchmarks. These may be all geological in origin. If archaeological then the most likely interpretation is of a Roman fort. In the Autumn of 2005 the field had just been ploughed.

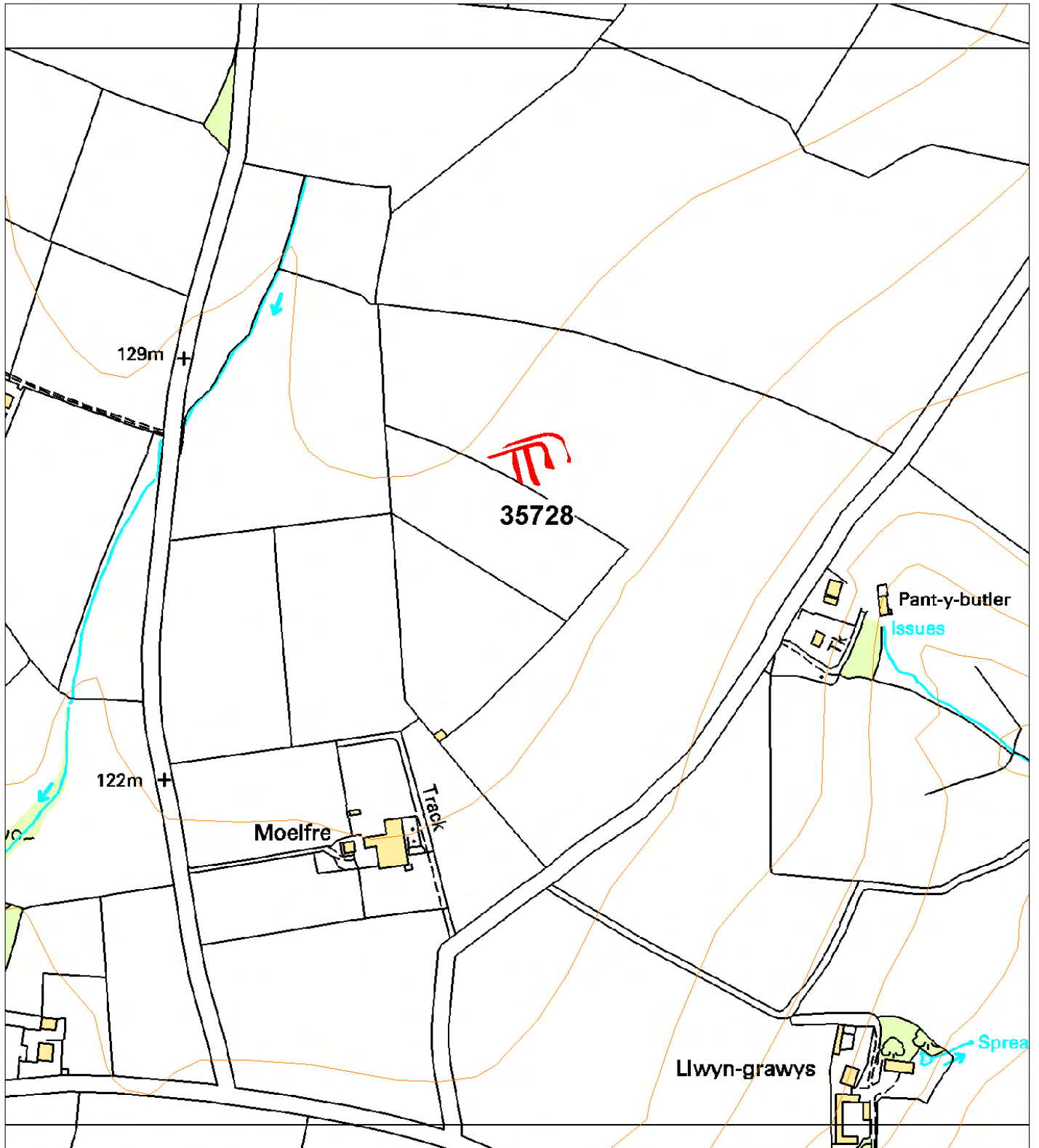
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure. Note round barrow in foreground.



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35729 ALLT LLWYN-GRAWYS

PRN 35729 NGR SN22204658

SITE NAME ALLT LLWYN-GRAWYS

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs show a cropmark ditch of a D-shaped enclosure lying on the edge of a steep valley side. The enclosure itself lies on gently sloping land at approximately 90m above sea level, but its eastern side is defined by a sharp break of slope above the steep, wooded, valley side. A cropmark ditch with a straight west side, with an entrance mid-way along, and a curving north and northeast side, defines the enclosure. The steep slope forms the south and east sides. A slight semi-circular section of ditch lies between the ditch terminals. The enclosure measures 70m north - south and 80m east - west. There are no earthworks or other surface evidence of this site. In Autumn 2005 the field had just been ploughed.

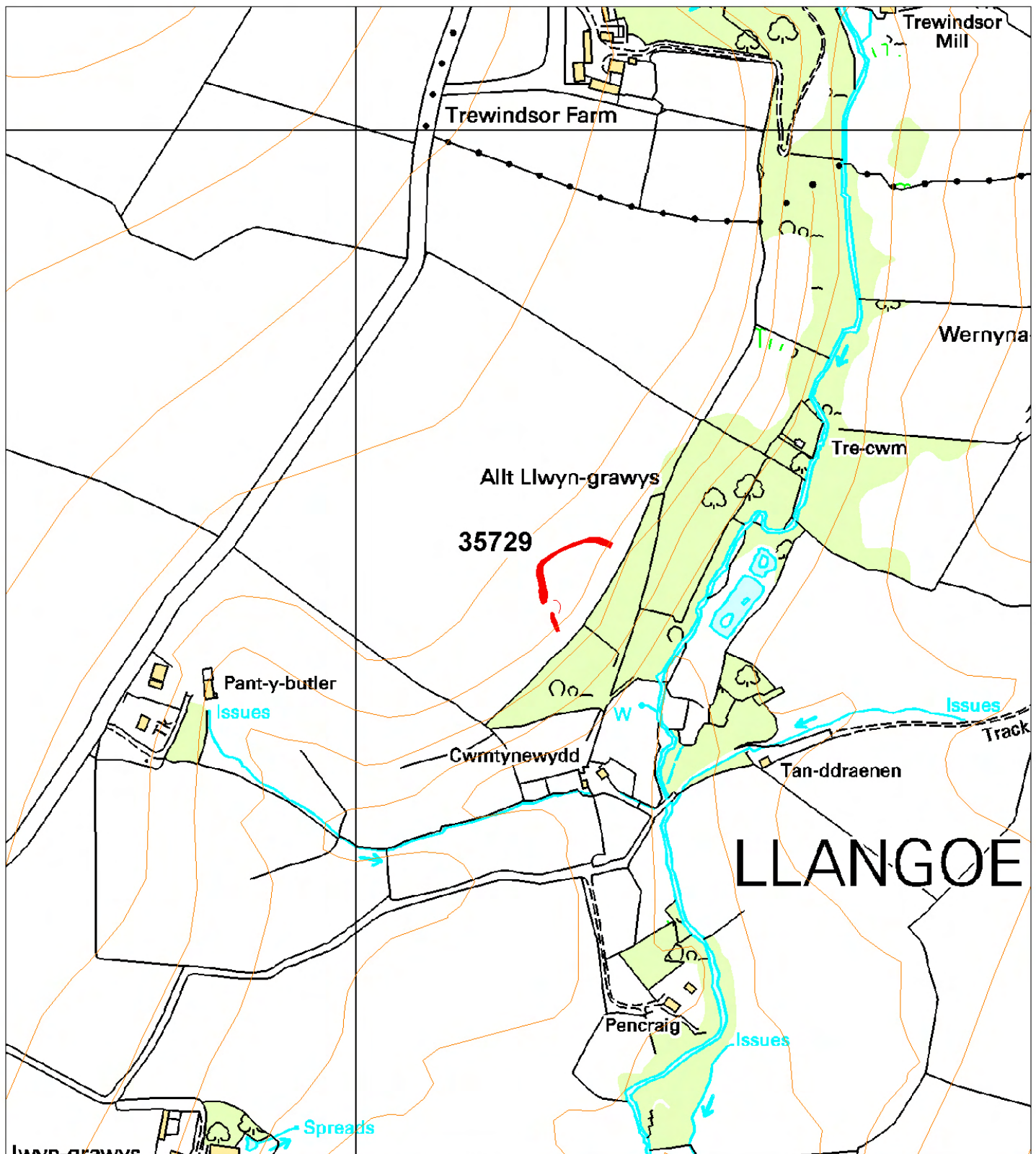
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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35730 PANT GWYN (TAFARN Y BUGAIL)

PRN 35730 NGR SN24604629

SITE NAME PANT-GWYN

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE? FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age?;Roman? CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

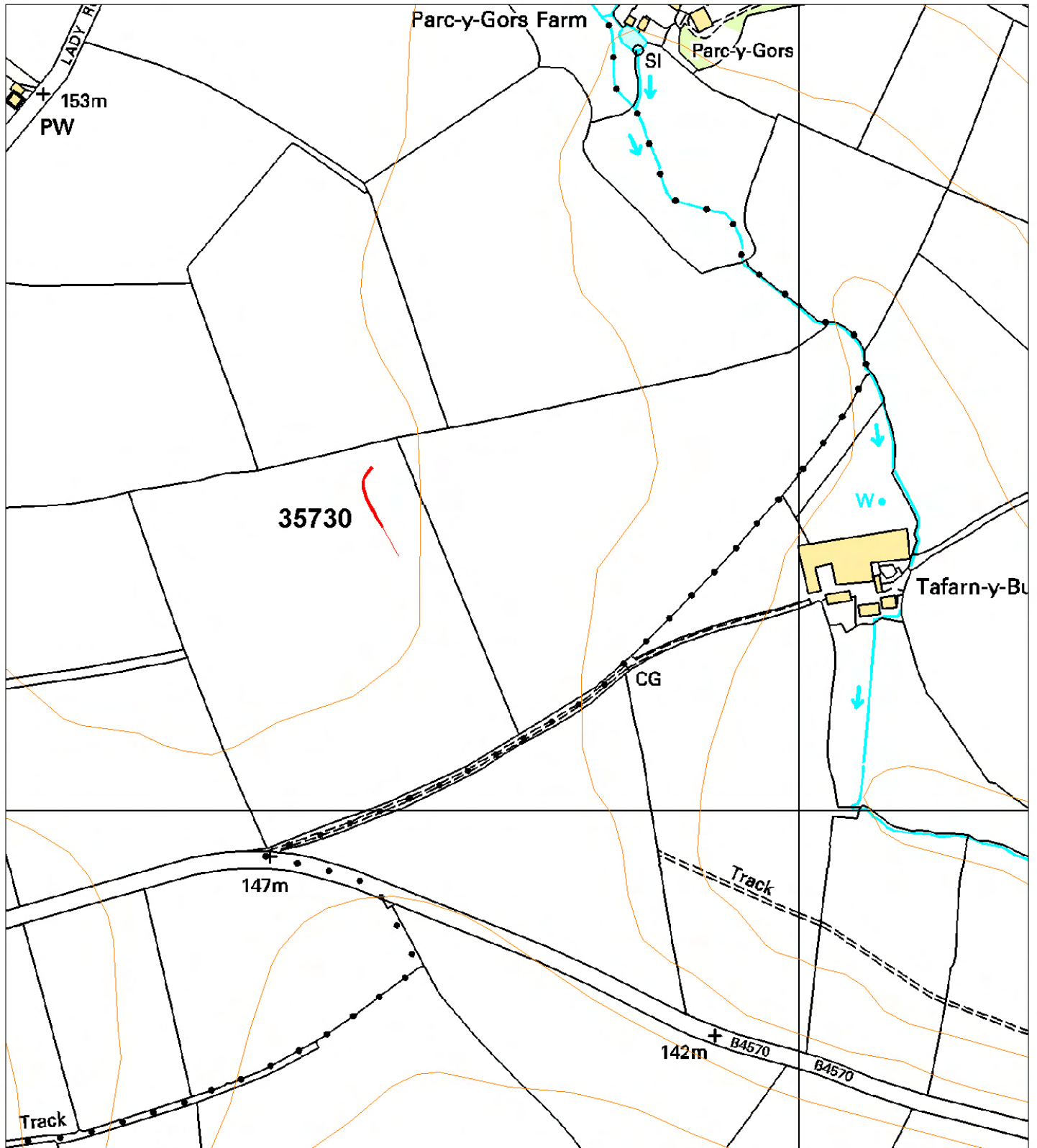
DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs show a parchmark of a corner section of a short length of buried ditch or bank. This possible site is located on gently sloping ground at approximately 150m. To the east and south the land falls more steeply away. In 2005, this site was only inspected from a public road, but it is clear that there are no earthworks or other surface evidence for it. It may be part of defended enclosure. In 2005 it had been under a barley crop.

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35731 CWMHOWNI

PRN 35731 NGR SN26154986

SITE NAME CWMHOWNI

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Aerial photographs show a cropmark defended enclosure. The site lies on gently sloping land at 80m above sea level. To the north the slope becomes steeper as it drops away into a small valley. The enclosure is defined by a cropmark ditch and is sub-circular in shape, 44m north - south and 30m east - west. The east-facing entrance is marked by a slight in-turn of the cropmark ditch terminals. Two and possibly more circular cropmarks within the enclosure may mark the site of round-houses. A linear cropmark outside the enclosure to the east may be part of a contemporary field system. There are no earthworks or other surface evidence for this site. In 2005, the site was under improved pasture.

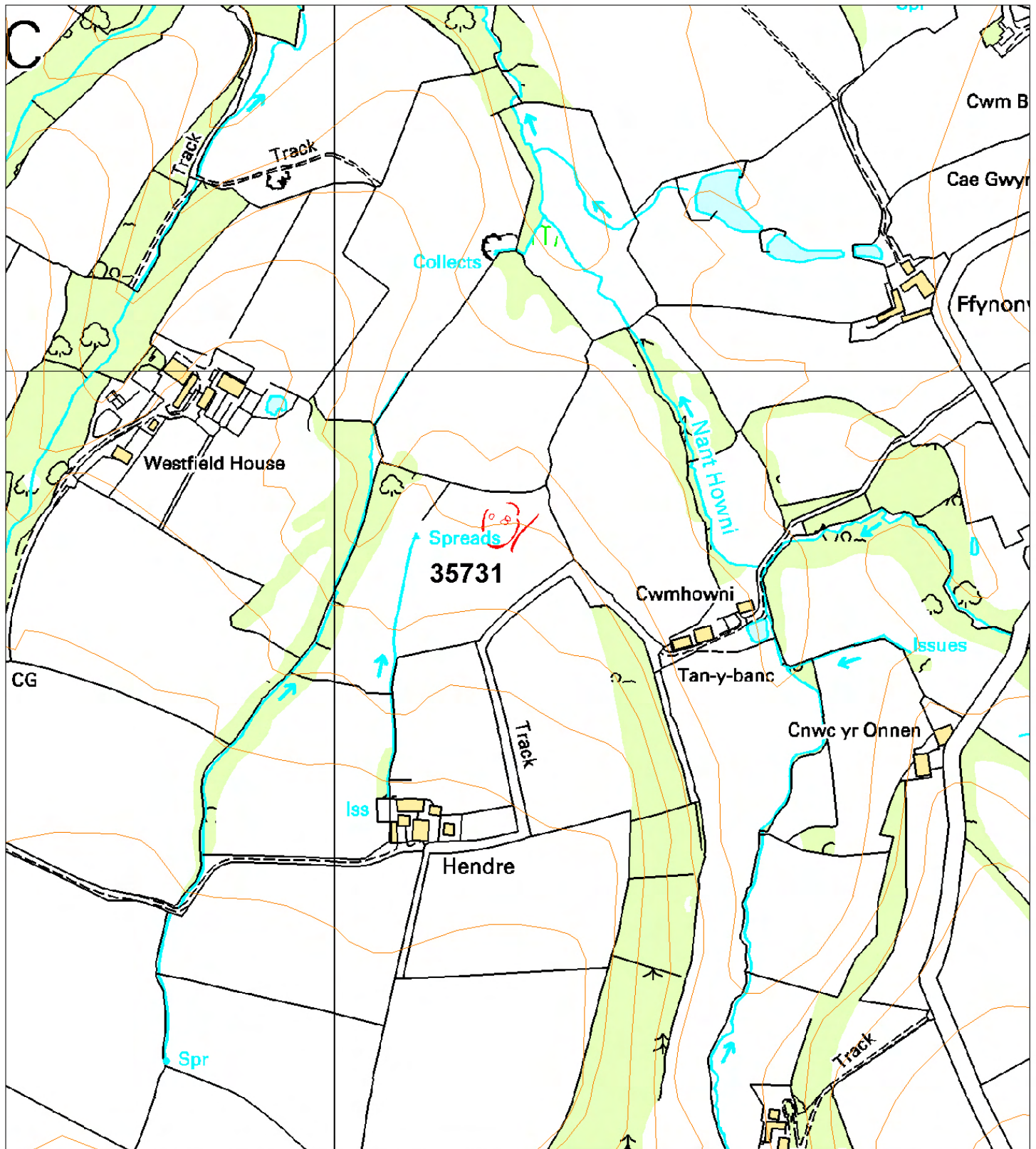
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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35732 PEN-LON

PRN 35732 NGR SN27244947

SITE NAME PEN-LON

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Situated on a gentle southwest-facing slope, Pen-lon is a rectangular cropmark enclosure. The slope levels out to a shelf or platform at the site location. There are some very low earthworks (less than 0.10m) in the field to the south of a hedge-bank, and more substantial ones in the field to the north. These latter ones are more likely to be drainage ditches than part of the silted ditch associated with the enclosure. None of the earthworks is sufficiently well defined to indicate the presence of an enclosure.

On aerial photographs the site shows as three sides of a ditched cropmark enclosure approximately 30m east - west and perhaps 40m north - south. An entrance lies mid-way along the west side. Linear cropmarks in the same field may be of a contemporary field system.

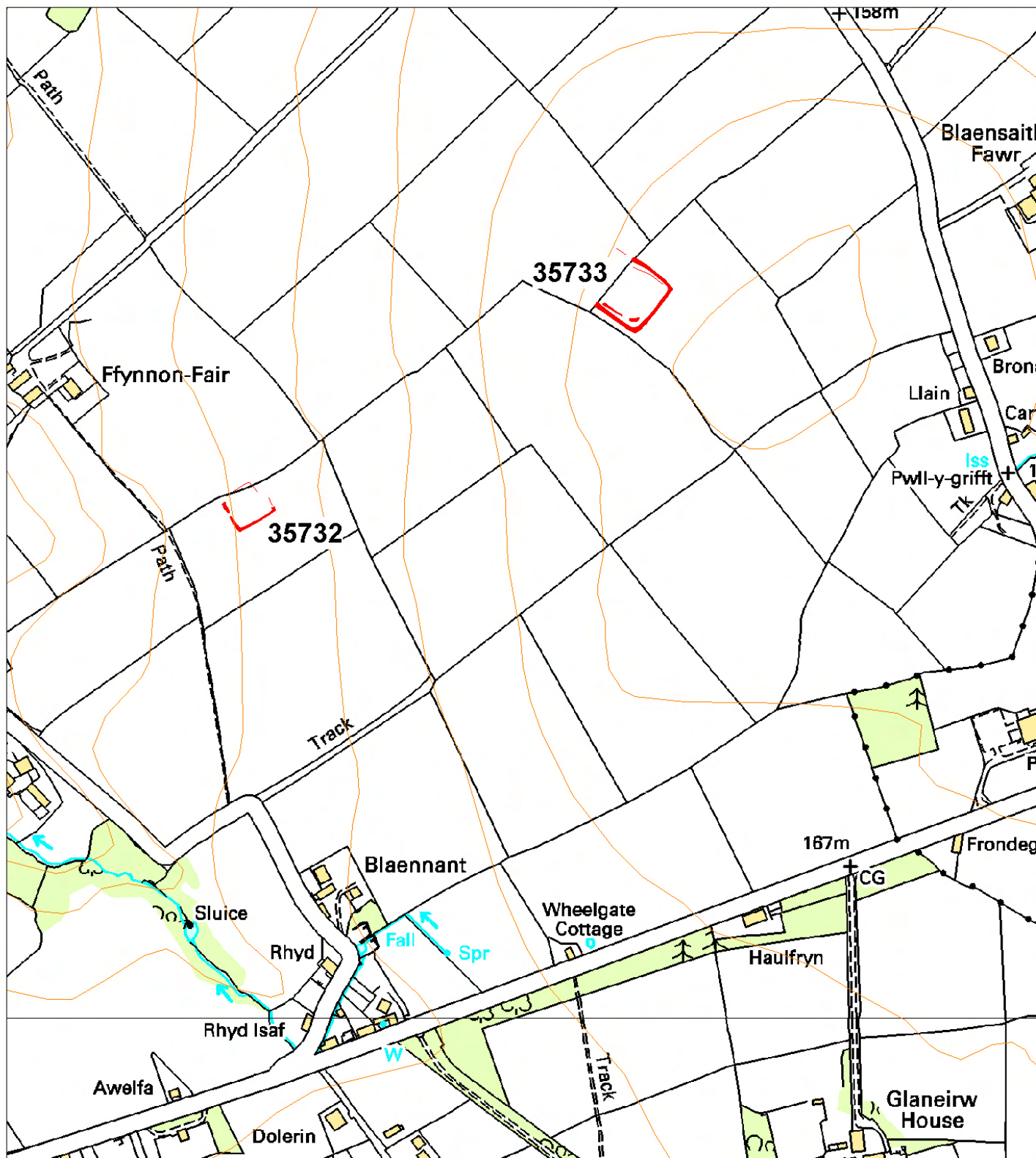
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Ground photograph with slight hollow marking position of the cropmark enclosure.



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35733 BLAENSAITH

PRN 35733 NGR SN27594967

SITE NAME BLAENSAITH

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

A well-defined, sharp cornered, crop-marked enclosure, assumed to be almost square (the northwest side is assumed to lie beneath a hedgebank), internally measuring approximately 52m north-northeast to south-southwest and 47m north-northwest to south-southeast, 0.24 ha in area. The ditch is between 2.7 and 3.5m wide. The entrance must lie on the northwest side beneath the hedgebank. Internal crop-marks parallel to the ditch on the southwest and northeast may represent occupation deposits against a bank. Low earthworks mark part of the circuit of the bank. The results of geophysical survey suggest that this is a well-preserved site.

An internal bank accompanies the enclosure ditch, which is surrounded by a counterscarp bank. The results from the east ditch area show how the bank has collapsed into the ditch; the different intensities representing different types of material from bank (light) and ditch (dark). The bands of assumed occupation deposit on the northeast and southwest side of the enclosure, visible on aerial photographs, are also shown on the geophysical plot. The locations of two round-house gullies are clearly visible. The one in the south corner of the enclosure is approximately 12m in diameter, possible with an east-facing entrance defined by two post-holes. The house in the north corner is smaller, approximately 10m in diameter and is of two phases, with a west-facing entrance, towards the assumed enclosure entrance. There are hints of other internal features, including post-holes and other possible round-houses. Overall the richness of the readings over the ditches and gullies suggests deeply-cut features, or fills of high magnetic content.

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35735 HAFOD-FACH

PRN 35735 NGR SN25754683

SITE NAME HAFOD-FACH

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Lying on gentle southeast-facing slopes, Hafod-fach is a cropmark enclosure with no earthwork or other surface evidence. It is sub-rectangular in shape, having sharp corners on its north side and more rounded corners on its south site, approximately 35m east - west and 30m north - south. The cropmark indicates only a ditch, there is no evidence for a bank. There is a simple entrance in the north side. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

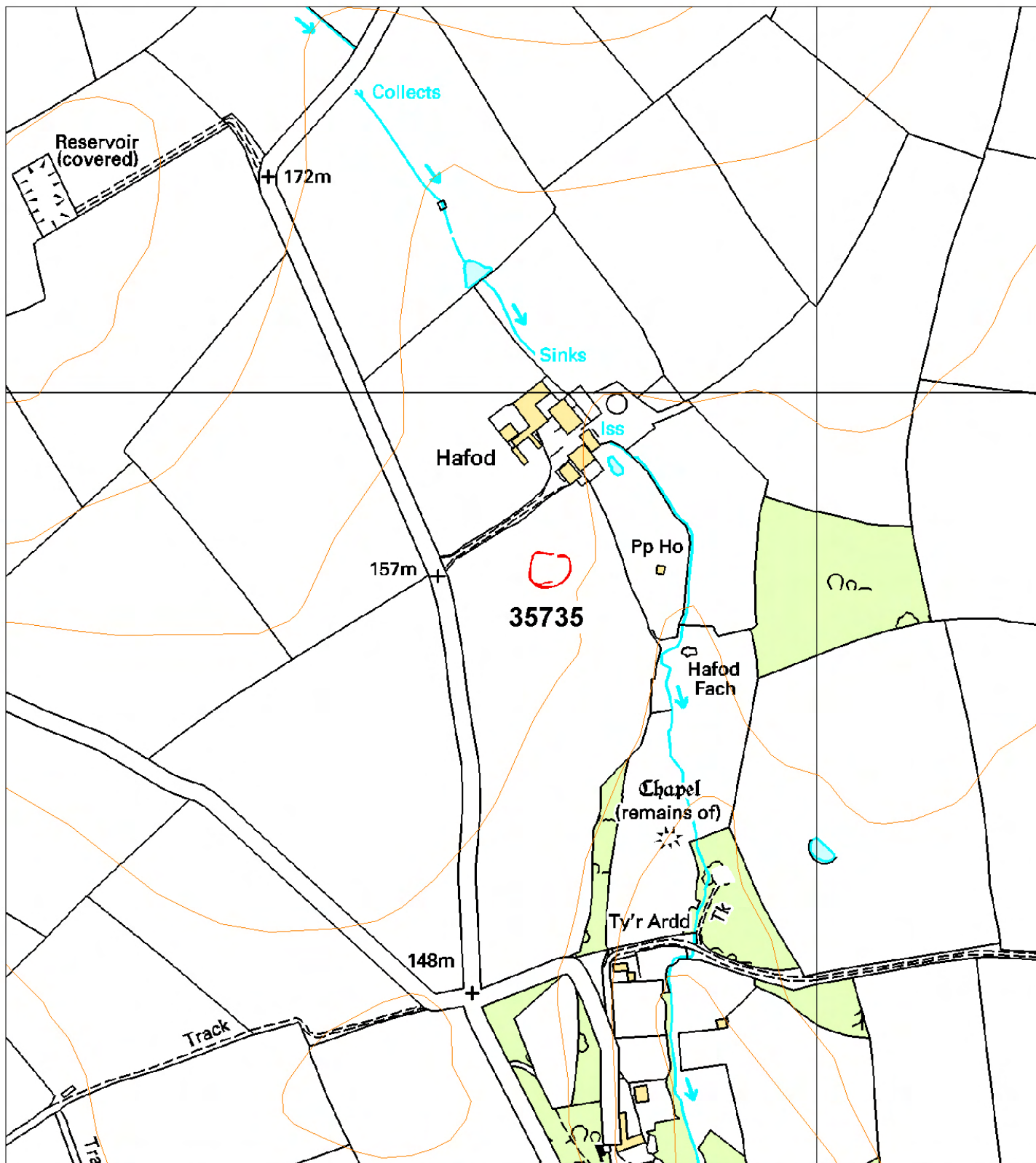
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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35736 PLAS NEWYDD

PRN 35736 NGR SN28594617

SITE NAME PLAS-NEWYDD

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE? FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age?; Roman? CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

An extremely faint cropmark on level ground. The cropmark seems to be of three sides of a rectangular enclosure approximately 27m southwest - northeast, with a possible entrance in the southeast side. There are no earthworks or other surface evidence for this site. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

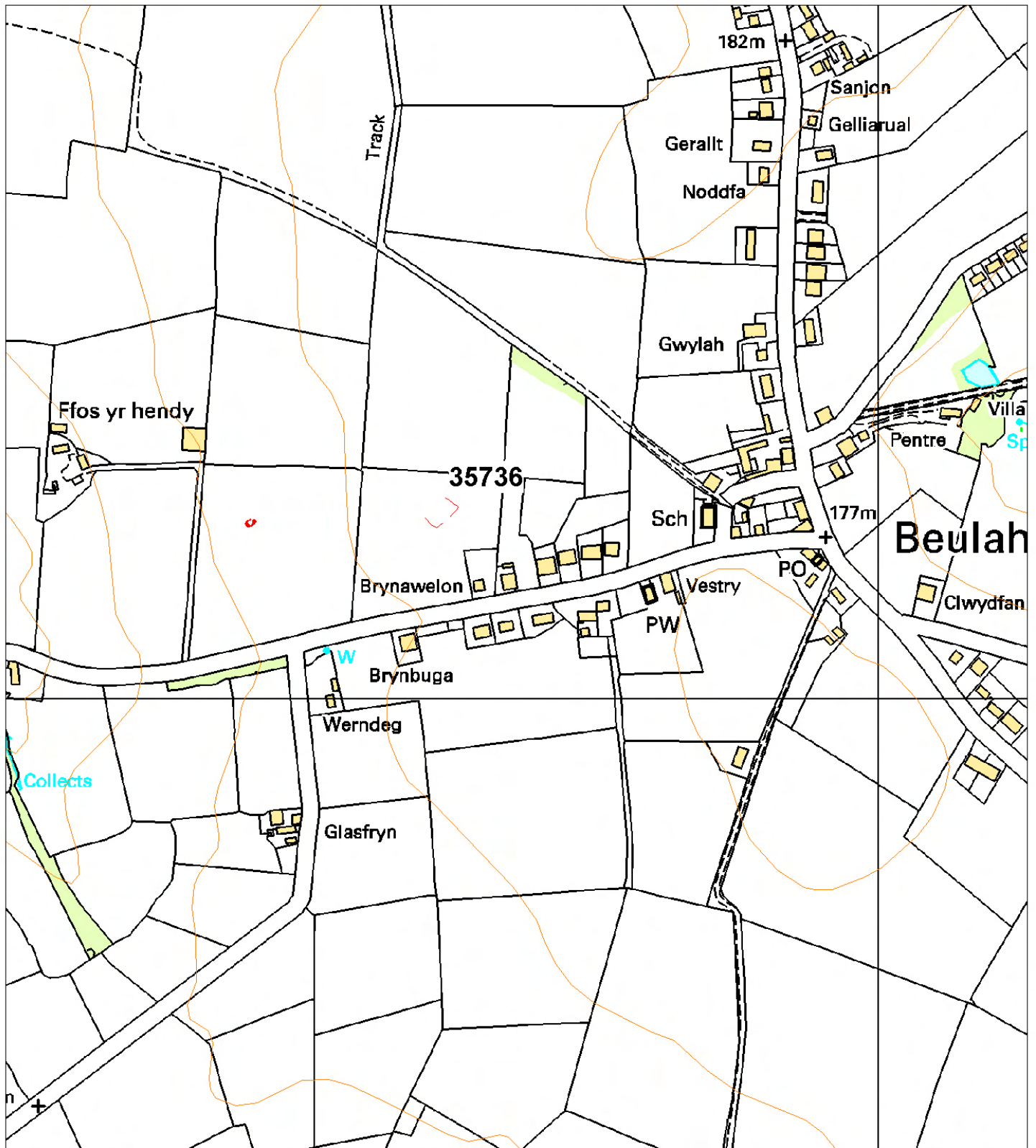
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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35737 PENCRAIG-FACH

PRN 35737 NGR SN25264512

SITE NAME PENCRAIG-FACH

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

A cropmark enclosure for which there is no earthwork or other surface evidence. It is cut across by hedge-banks and therefore lies in three separate fields. It is situated on a gentle southeast-facing slope. Aerial photographs show a sub-rectangular cropmark ditch enclosing an area approximately 70m east - west and 55m north - south. There is a simple entrance in the south side. There is no evidence for a bank on the aerial photographs. In 2005 the site was partly under improved pasture and partly under a root crop.

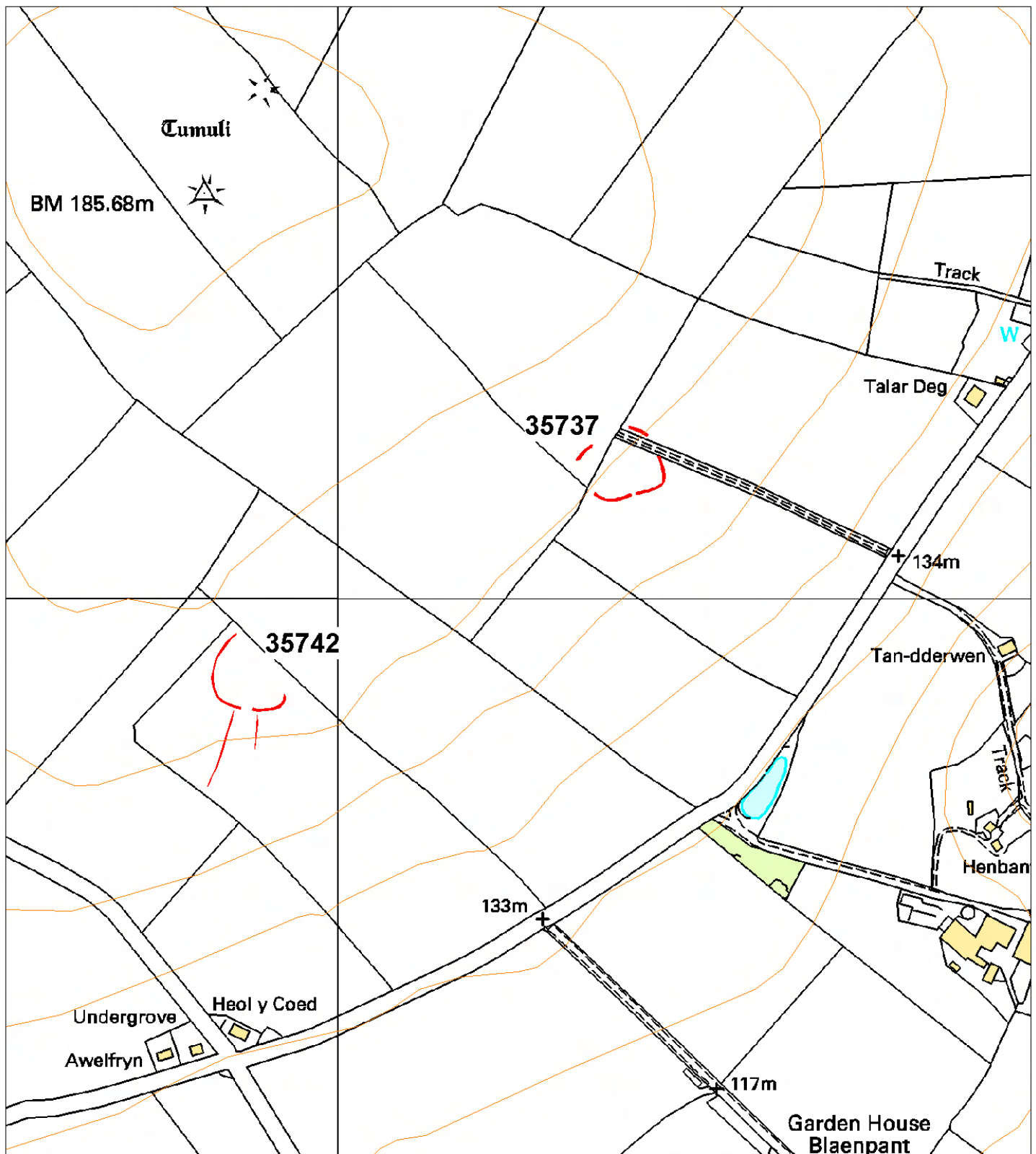
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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35738 BRYN GWYN (PENBWLIAD)

PRN 35738 NGR SN29284504

SITE NAME PENBWLIAD

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

A rectangular cropmark enclosure located midway down a fairly steep slope towards the head of a small, open valley at approximately 133m above sea level. The site is overlooked on all sides. A stream formerly ran on the western side of the hedgebank immediately to the west of the enclosure. The enclosure itself is sited on slightly flatter land than the general slope. Even so there is a east to west down slope of 4.5 across the interior of the enclosure. To the southwest the slope steepens considerably. Apart from a dip alongside the hedge there are no earthworks to indicate the surface presence of this site. Aerial photographs indicate a strongly rectilinear ditched enclosure approximately 40m north - south and 37m east - west, with an entrance in the south side. There is no trace of a bank on the aerial photographs.

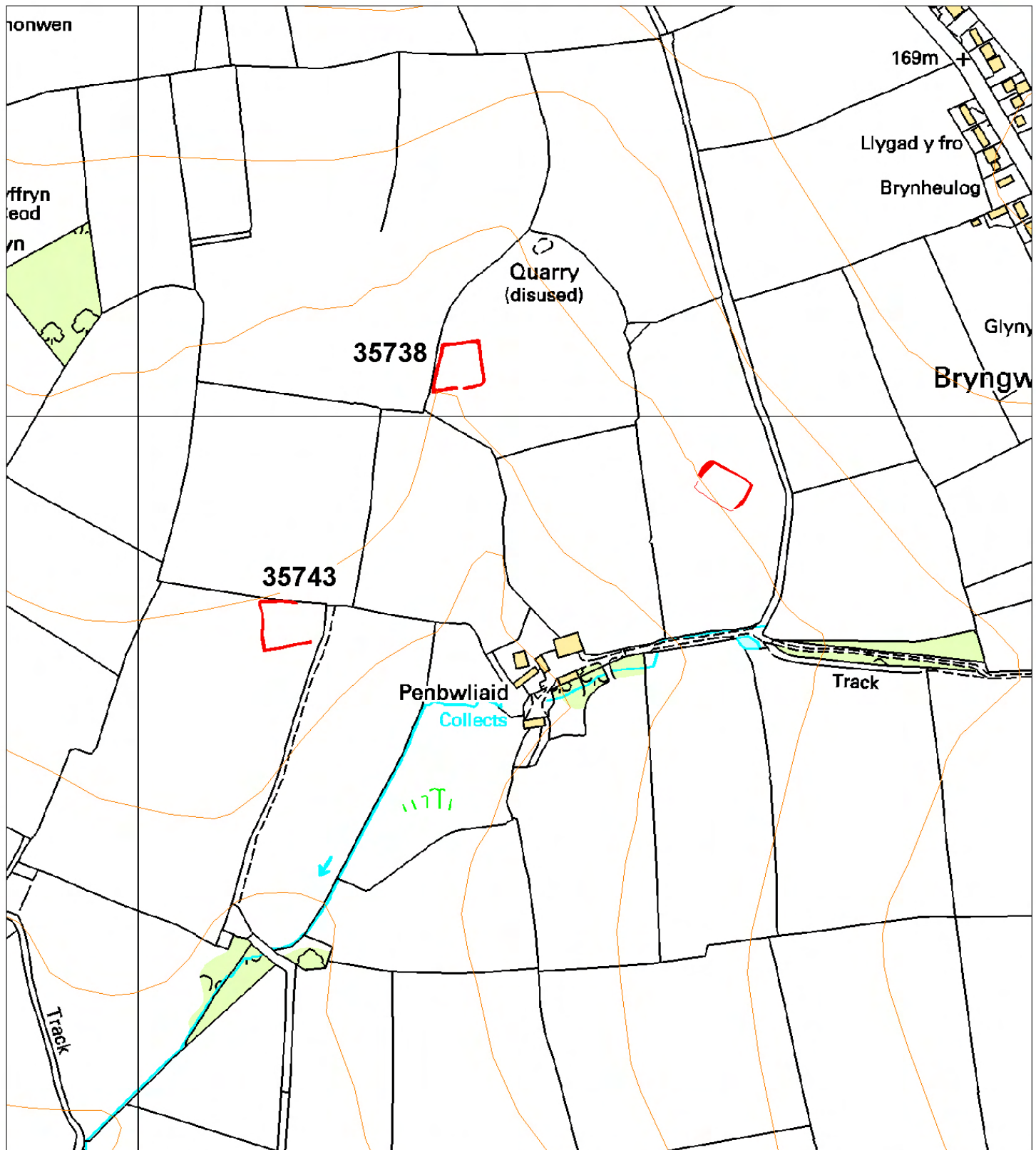
In 2004 a gradiometer survey was undertaken. The survey plot clearly shows the main enclosure ditch. The shape of the enclosure is squarer than on the aerial photography plot. An internal bank and a counterscarp bank are visible on the plot. Several internal features are present. These include a roughly circular area, c. 8m diameter, of high readings in the southwest corner of the enclosure which may be a floor deposit of a round -house. There is a possible round-house gully, c. 10m diameter, in the northeast corner and other possible round-house gullies in the centre of the enclosure. An internal dividing ditch runs north from the eastern side of the entrance. In 2004 the site was under improved pasture.

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35741 CWM-EIFED

PRN 35741 NGR SN23524470

SITE NAME CWM-EIFED

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

This site is located on a gentle west-facing slope at the edge of a narrow valley. The valley side falls away steeply to the west and northwest. It is a cropmark enclosure with no earthwork or other surface evidence. Aerial photographs show a sub-rectangular enclosure bounded by a ditch to the east, south and north. On the west side the steep slope forms the edge of the enclosure. The enclosure is approximately 70m square, with an entrance towards the northern end of the east side. A short section of ditch meets the northeast corner of the enclosure tangentially; this also has an entrance through it. There is no trace of a bank on aerial photographs. The site is under improved pasture.

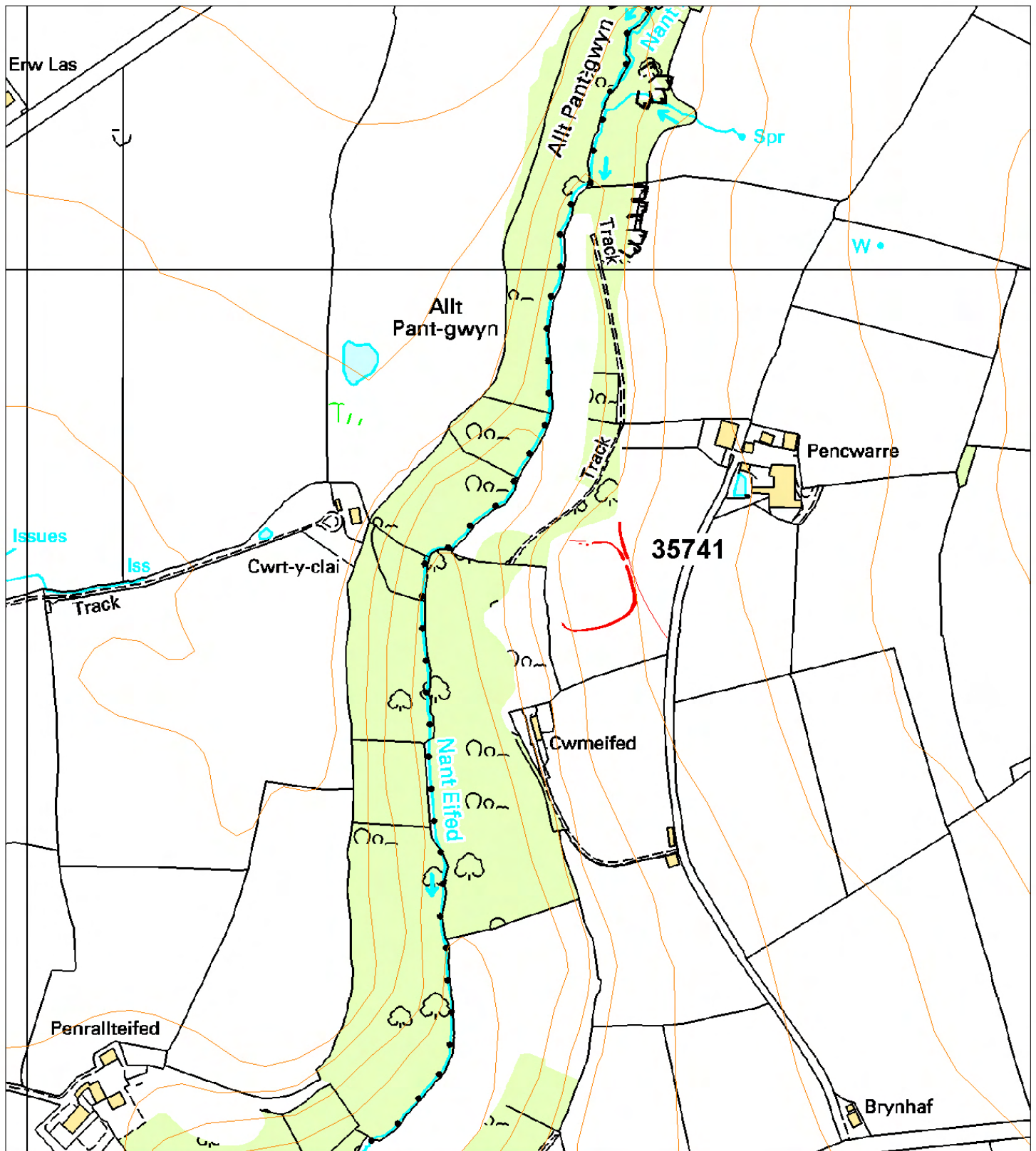
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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35742 BLAEN-PANT

PRN 35742 NGR SN24924493

SITE NAME BLAEN-PANT

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

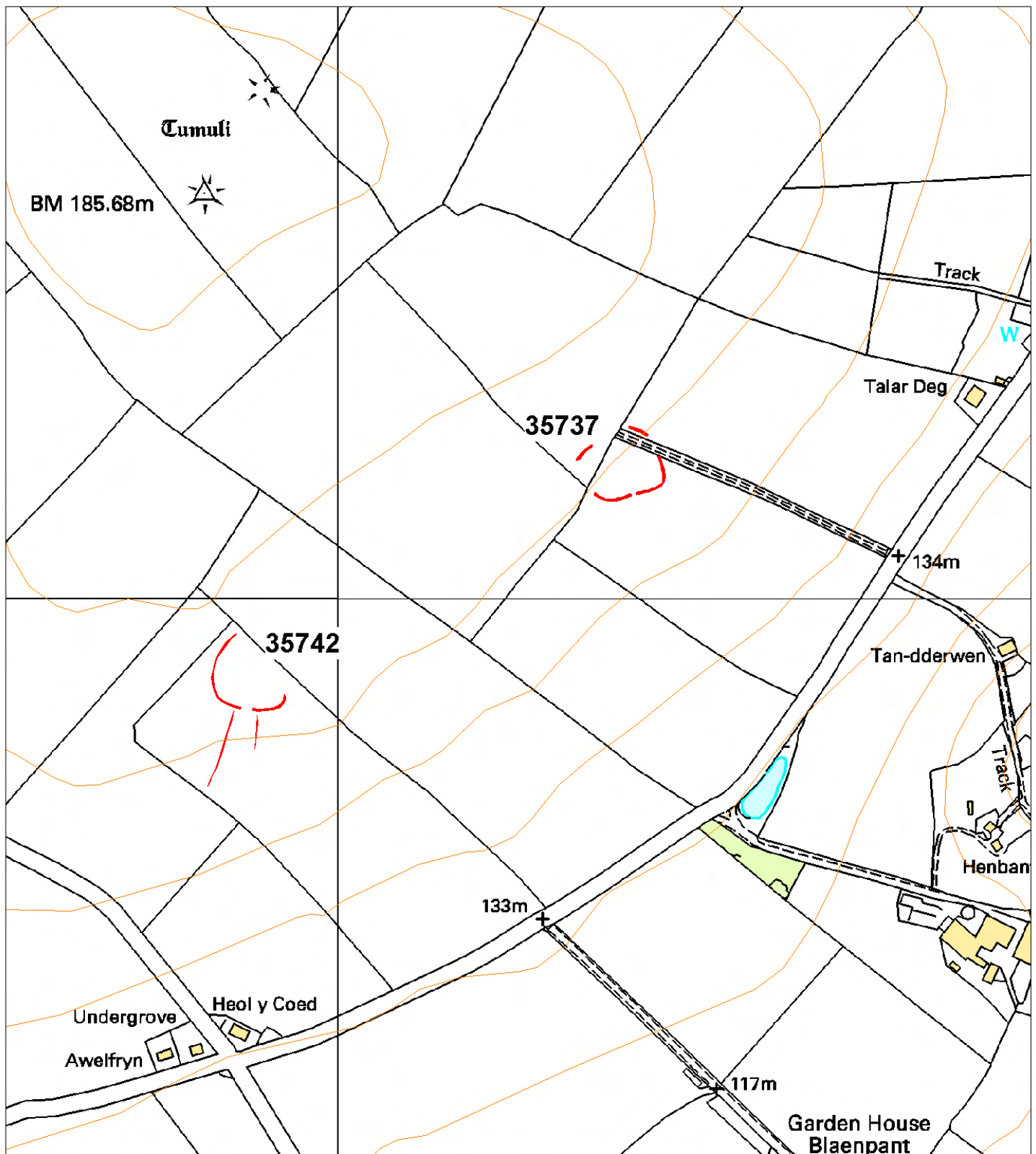
DESCRIPTION

Located on a gentle south-facing slope, Blaen-pant is a sub-circular cropmark defended enclosure approximately 65m across. Aerial photographs show a clear ditch on the west, south and southeast sides. A field boundary cuts across the enclosure, and to the north of this boundary, in a different field and under a different crop, there is no sign of the enclosure ditch. There is a south-facing entrance to the enclosure approached by two ditches, which presumably flank a track. There is no trace of a bank on aerial photographs. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

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35743 PENBWLIAD

PRN 35743 NGR SN29144480

SITE NAME PENBWLIAD I

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

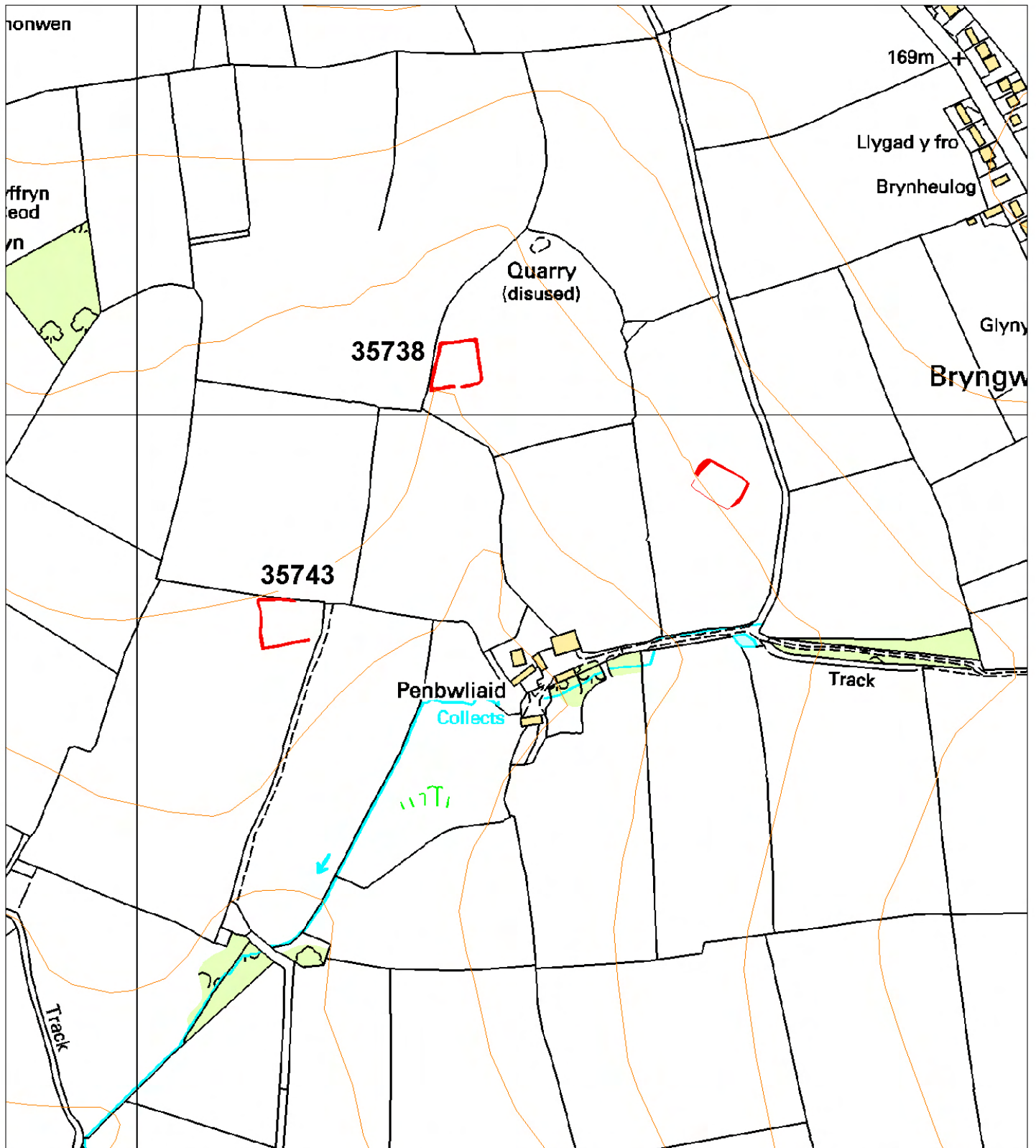
Located on a gentle southeast-facing slope towards the head of a small valley, Panteinion is a cropmark rectangular defended enclosure in the corner of a field. There are no earthworks or other surface indications of the site. Aerial photographs show a ditch on the north, west and south sides of a strongly rectangular enclosure approximately 60m east - west by 45m north - south. There is no indication of an entrance (though this could lie beneath a hedge-bank which defines the east side of the site) and no banks show on the photographs. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

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35745 BLAEN-PANT I (BAILEY)

PRN 35745 NGR SN25164392

SITE NAME BLAEN-PANT

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located on gentle north-facing slopes approximately 100m to the north of a rounded summit, Blaen-pant is one of two cropmark enclosures in the same field (see PRN 35746). These two enclosures are clearly related. PRN 35745 is a strongly rectangular enclosure. Aerial photographs show strong cropmark ditches on the north, west and east sides, but with only a weak cropmark along the south side. It measures c. 45m east - west and 40m north - south. There is an entrance midway along the north side. There are no earthworks or other surface evidence for the site. The aerial photographs do not show any banks. The adjacent enclosure is of a similar size and form.

In 2005 the site was under a barley crop.

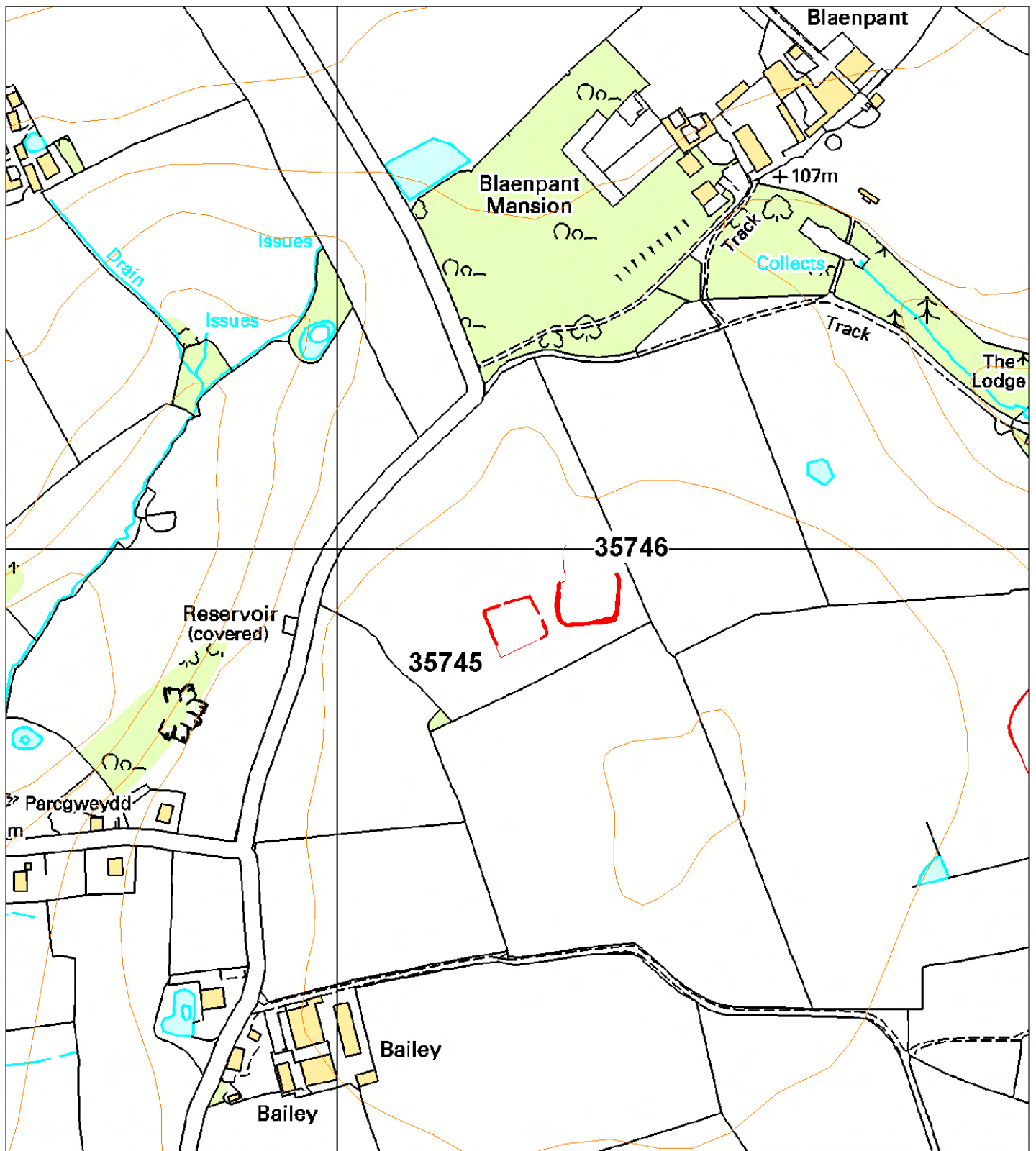
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Ground photograph looking towards site of cropmarked enclosures.



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35746 BLAEN-PANT II (BAILEY)

PRN 35746 NGR SN25234396

SITE NAME BLAEN-PANT

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located on gentle north-facing slopes approximately 100m to the north of a rounded summit, Blaen-pant is one of two cropmark enclosures in the same field (see PRN 35745). These two enclosures are clearly related. Aerial photographs show three sites of a rectangular enclosure (west, south and east). The north side is open; this seems to be a constructed feature, rather than a differential cropmark. A slight ditch runs off to the north from the northwest corner of the enclosure. The enclosure measures approximately 60m east - west by 50m north - south. The aerial photographs do not show banks alongside the ditches. In 2005 the site was under a barley crop.

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35747 PENTREGWINEBACH

PRN 35747 NGR SN25684383

SITE NAME PENTREGWINEBACH

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

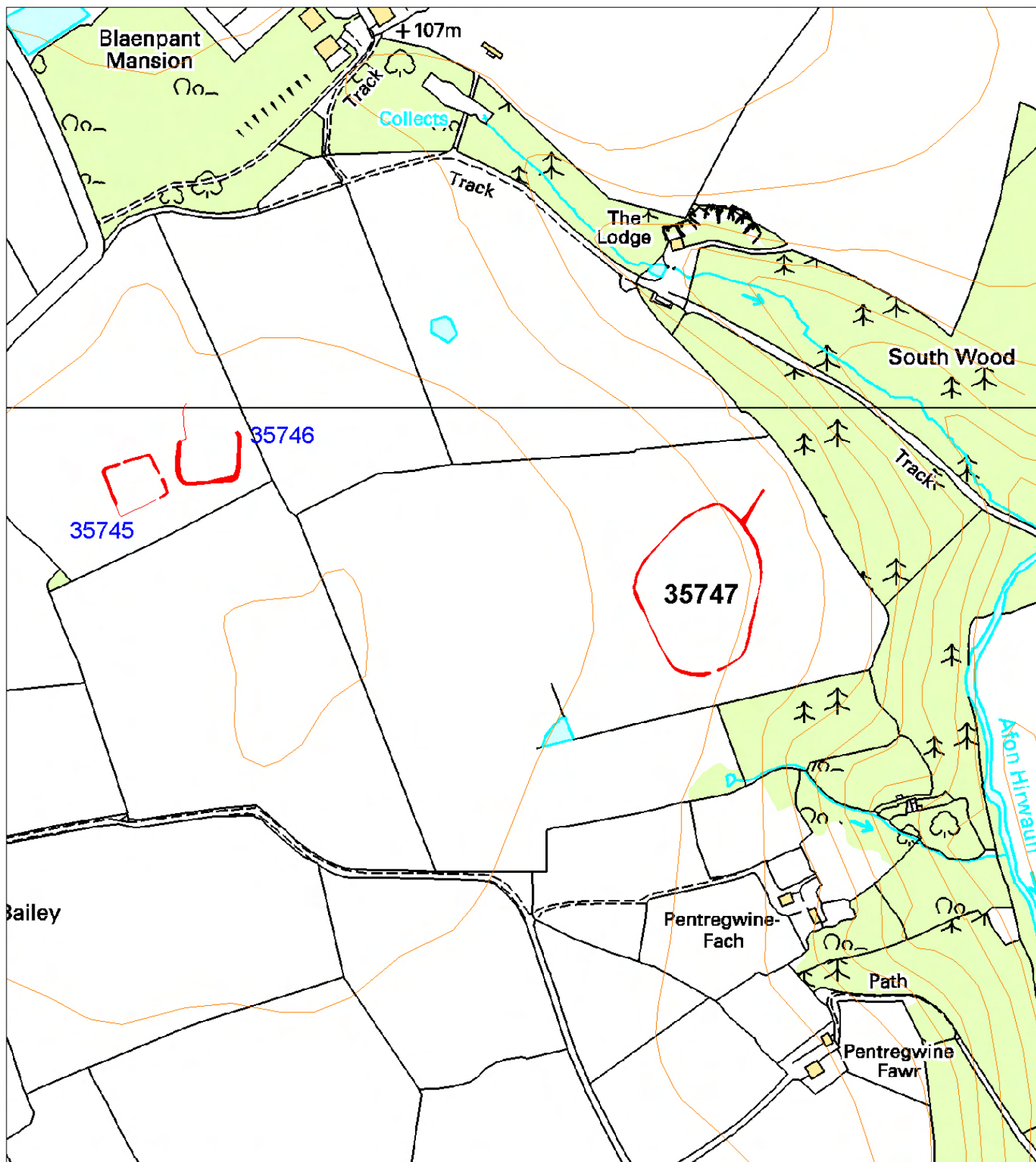
DESCRIPTION

Located on gentle east facing slopes above a steeply sloping valley side, Pentregwinebach is a irregularly-shaped cropmark enclosure. Aerial photographs show a ditch surrounding an area approximately 150m north - south and 110m east - west. There is a possible entrance in the south side. There are no earthworks or other surface traces of this site, and the aerial photographs do not show any banks alongside the ditch. Under improved pasture in 2005.

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35750 FFOS-LAS

PRN 35750 NGR SN26454257

SITE NAME FFOS-LAS

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Ffos-las enclosure is located in a good defensive position on the crest of a flat-topped hill. Immediately to the east and south of the enclosure land falls steeply away. To the west the land falls gently away and is level to the N. The site commands wide-ranging views in all directions. It is a cropmark site discovered by aerial photography. There are no earthworks or other surface indications of the site. The site consists of a sub-circular enclosure, approximately 40m diameter, defined by a ditch to the north, west and southwest and by the steep natural slope to the south and east. Two further closely-spaced, concentric lines of ditch defend the site to the west and northwest. The entrance shows as a west-facing gap through all three ditches. The ditch terminals on the inner and middle ditch are expanded, hinting at a complex entrance arrangement. Further cropmarks to the north, west and southwest could be field systems, perhaps contemporary with the enclosure. In 2005 the site was under improved pasture.

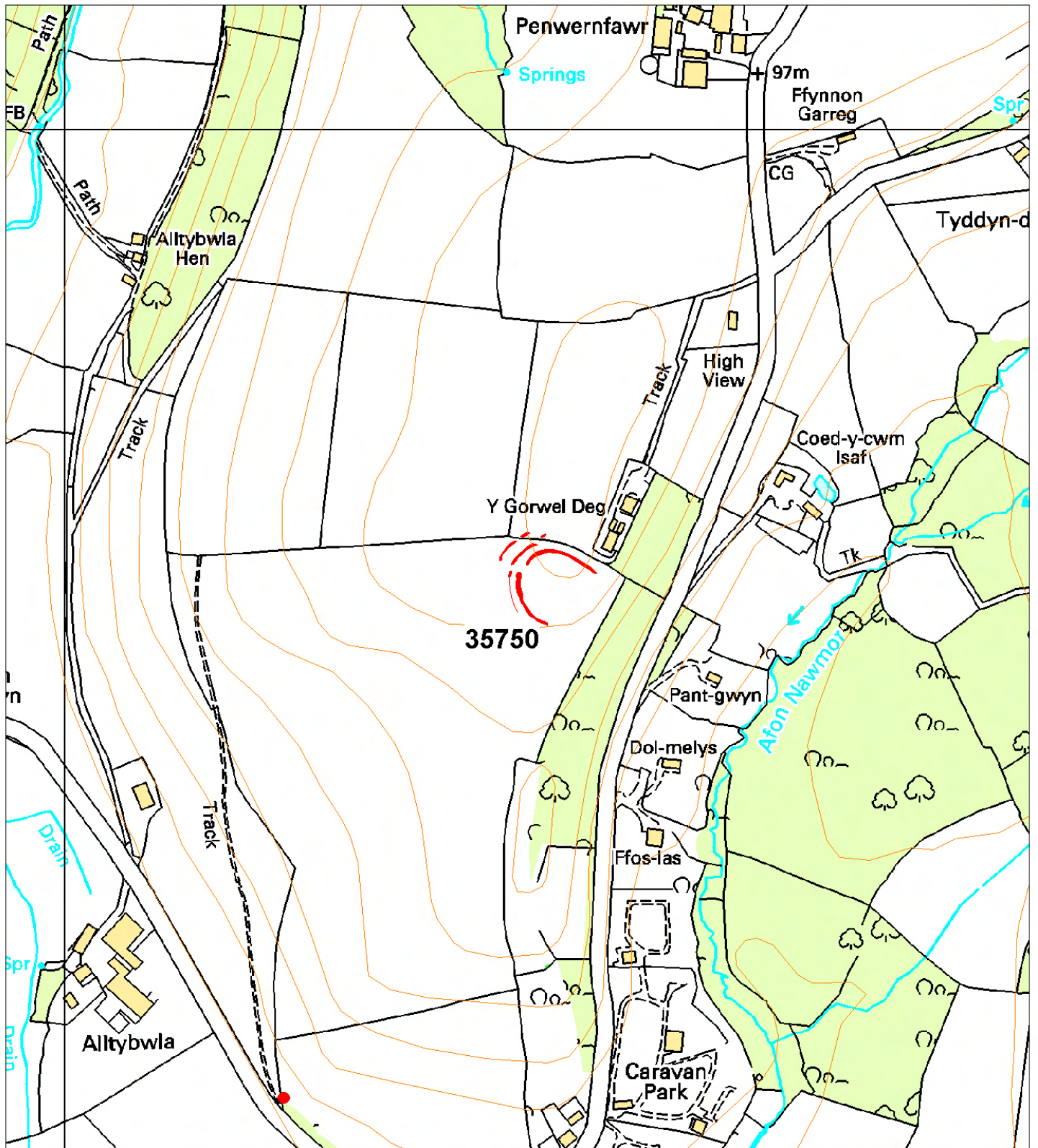
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Ground photograph looking towards site on cropmark enclosure on hillock.



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35752 PENYWENALLT

PRN 35752 NGR SN28224179

SITE NAME PENYWENALLT

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age: Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located at the western end of a low, rounded, but rocky, ridge, Penywenallt is a small, sub-rectangular cropmark enclosure. To the south, west and north land falls gently but steadily away from the enclosure. To the east the land rises gently. The site commands long-ranging views in all directions except the east. There are no earthworks or other surface indications of the enclosure. Aerial photographs show a ditch surrounding a sub-rectangular area approximately 40m east - west and 30m north - south, with an entrance in the west side. In 2005, the site was under improved pasture.

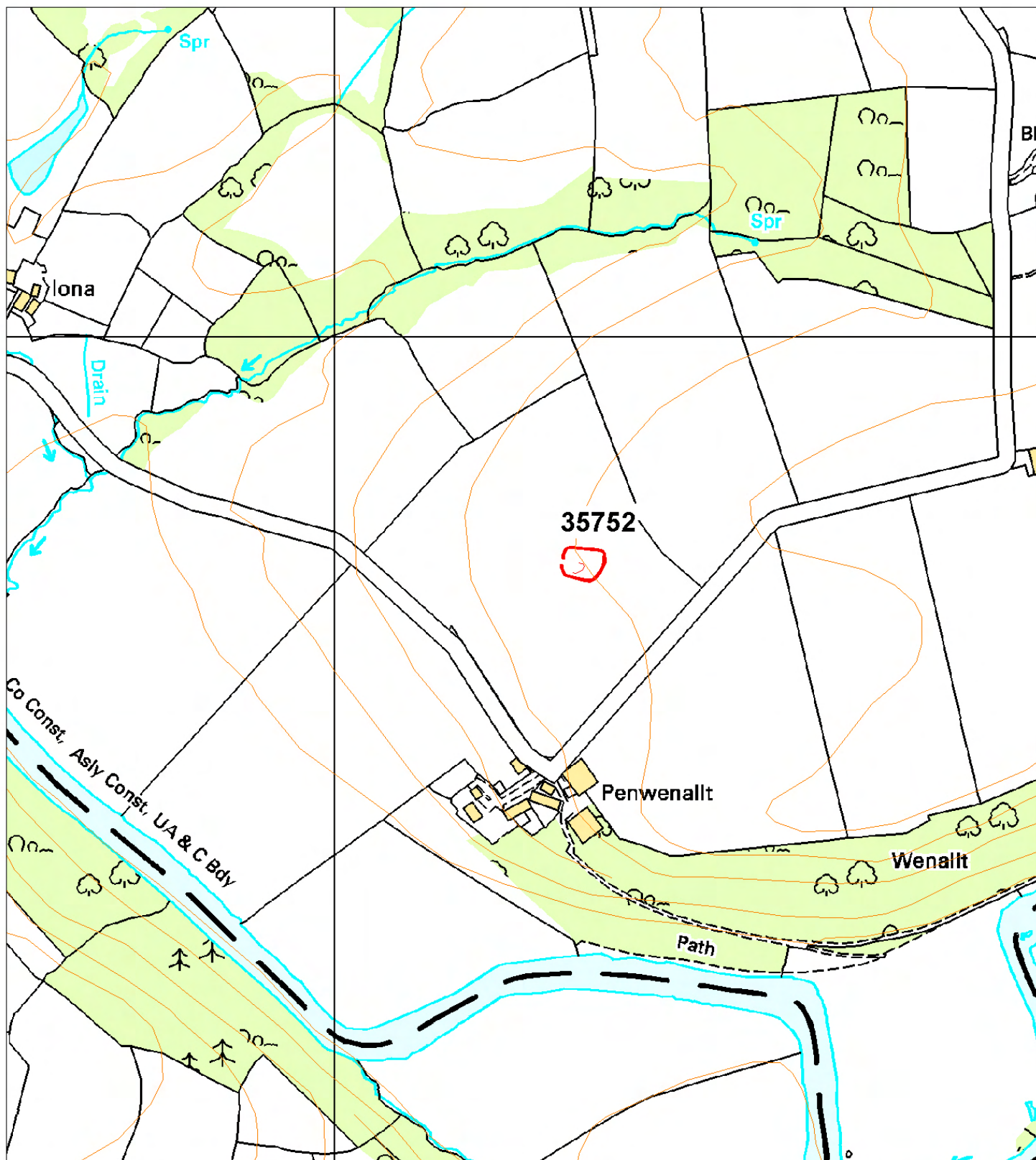
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Ground photograph looking towards site of cropmark enclosure located on hummock.



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52059 BRONGWYN-MAWR

PRN 52059 NGR SN20844862

SITE NAME BRONGWYN-MAWR

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Brongwyn-mawr enclosure is located across a low hillock composed of glacial sands and gravels. It is a cropmark site. There are no earthworks or other surface evidence for the site. On aerial photographs it shows as a strongly rectilinear enclosure defined by cropmark ditches in a barley crop. The enclosure measures approximately 60m square. An entrance lies on the southeast side. Here a second ditch is visible parallel and approximately 10m from the main enclosure ditch. Several cropmark splodges within the enclosure may mark the site of pits or large post-holes. In 2005 the site was under barley. The emerging cropmark and some of the pits could be seen during July of that year on the ground. Further cropmarks to the southwest may be part of this site.

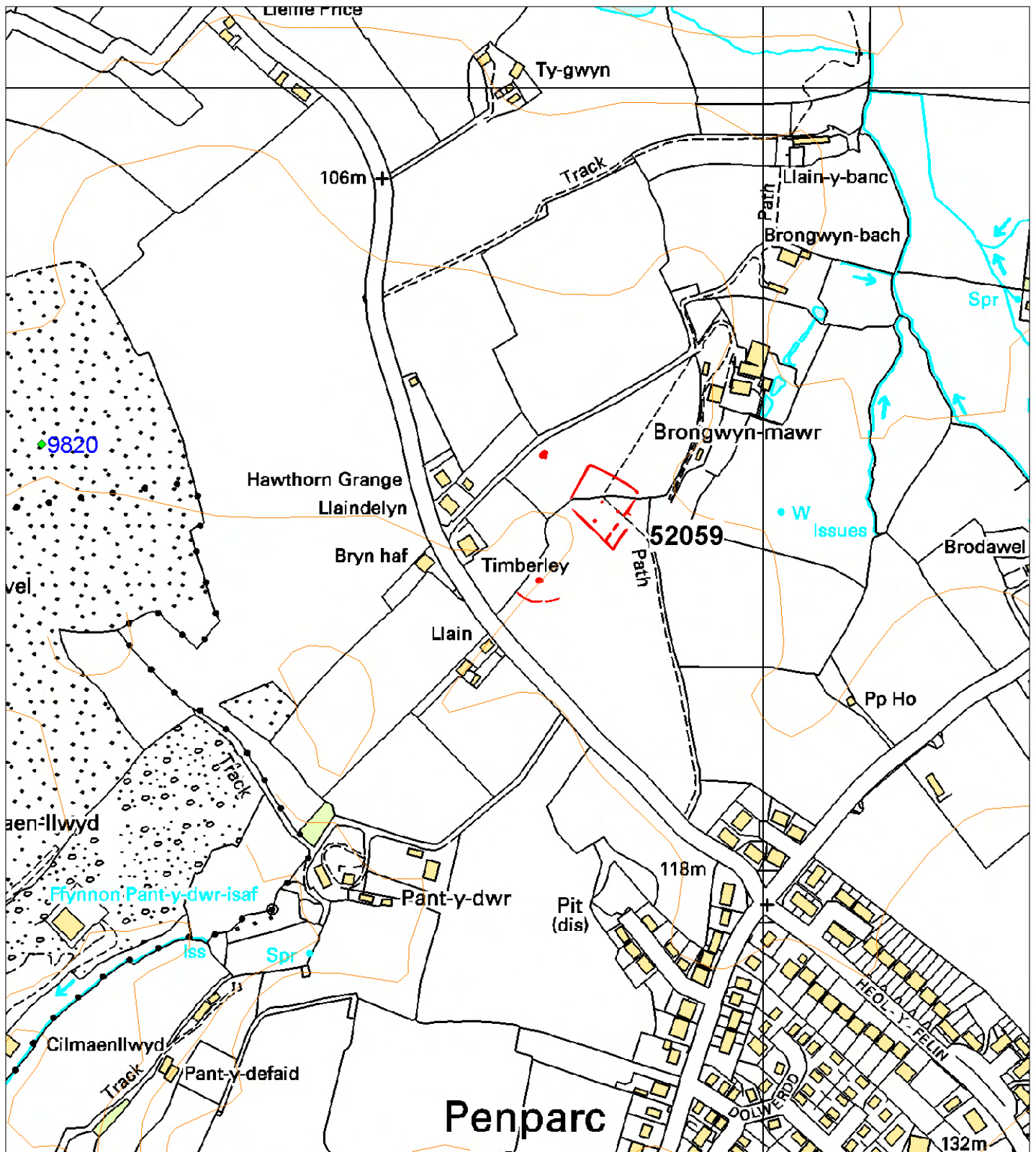
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Ground photograph looking across site of cropmark enclosure.



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52060 PENPARC

PRN 52060 NGR SN20654796

SITE NAME PENPARC

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

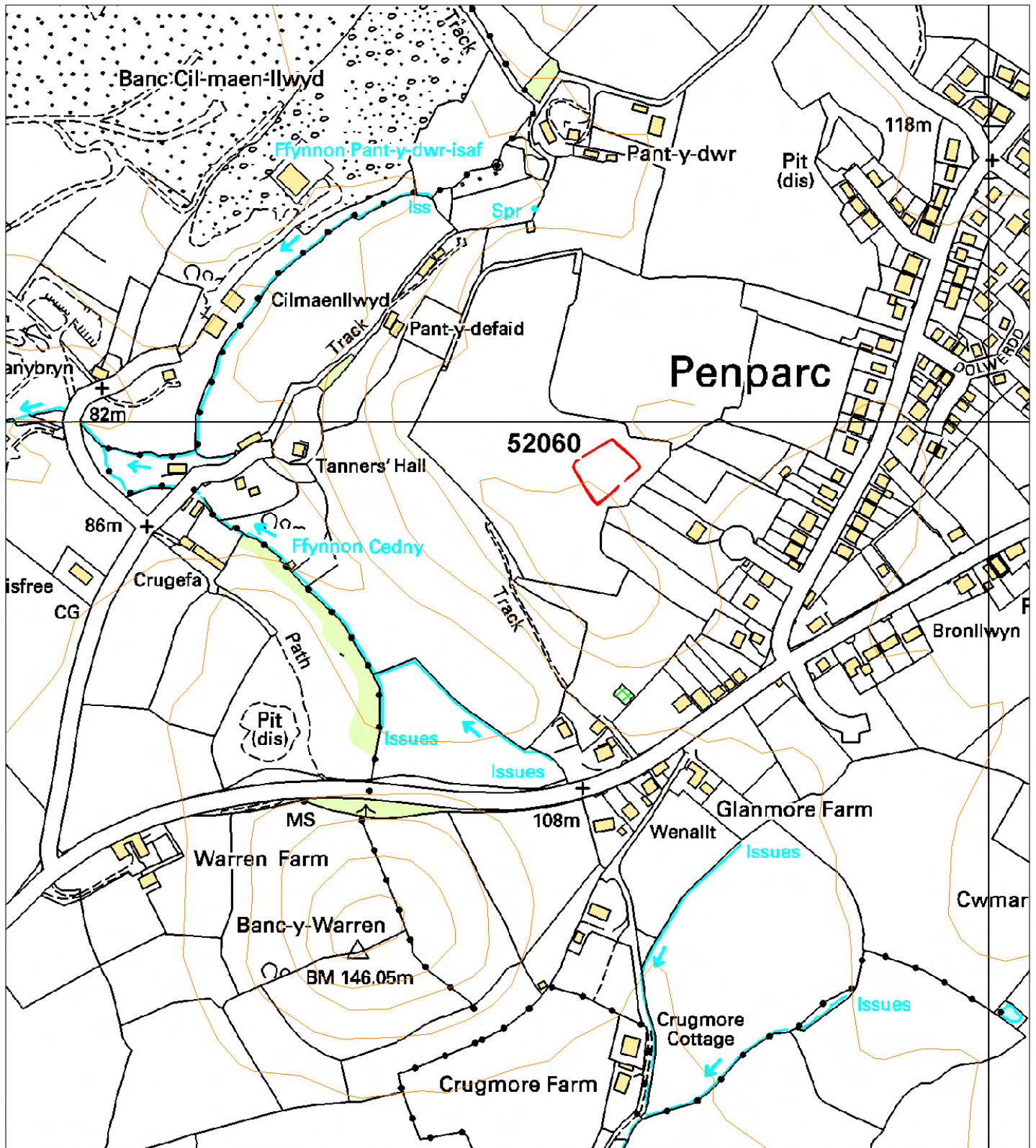
Located in a saddle between low hillocks to the northeast and southwest, Parparc enclosure commands wide-ranging views to the northwest. It is situated on sands and gravels, which produce a loose, free-draining soil. The site is regularly cultivated for barley.

A very strong crop-mark of a trapezoid, ditched enclosure, internally measuring 47m northeast to southwest and 40m northwest to southeast, 0.18 ha in area. The ditches are between 2.2m and 2.5m wide. A 6m wide entrance is located midway along the southeast side. No external or internal features are visible. The results of a geophysical survey were very faint with a very low range of readings. The ditched enclosure is visible on the plot, but its magnetic range is limited. Traces of an internal bank can be seen on the southwest side. Apart from a possible circular ditched anomaly towards centre of the enclosure there are no internal features. Given the loose soils, it is likely that this site has suffered agricultural degradation and that, apart from the main ditch, nothing may survive below ground.

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52064 TROEDYRHIW

PRN 52064 NGR SN20624975

SITE NAME TROEDYRHIW; TRECEFN-ISAF

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron Age CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

A strong ditched crop-marked rectangular enclosure, internally measuring 50m east to west and 45m north to south, 0.22 ha in area. A lane bisects it. The ditch is between 3.5m and 5m wide. A 3.8m wide entrance lies slightly off-centre of the mid point on the eastern side. A rectangular annexe, 50m by 28m, marked defined by a 1m wide crop-marked ditch lies, on the south side of the main enclosure. A 1.75m wide entrance into this annexe is visible on its east side. A geophysical survey plot clearly identified the ditches, banks and water pipe. There is little trace of a bank internal to the main enclosure ditch. However, the annexe ditch does seem to be accompanied by an internal bank. There are faint traces of a possible circular ditch southwest of the entrance through the main enclosure, although this is cut through by the water pipe. Faint traces of internal features are visible in the annexe including possible hearths. A track/path can also be seen running through the entrance of the annexe.

Cambria Archaeology and the University of York undertook excavation in 2005, following on from the 2004 geophysical survey. Excavation of the entrance area demonstrated the defensive character of the ditch surrounding the enclosure. The enclosure entrance was a simple gateway represented by two phases of two post-holes. No definite evidence for structures was found within the enclosure, although a sufficient number of gullies, post-holes and trenches were excavated to indicate that evidence for buildings is likely to survive elsewhere within the interior. An assemblage of over 200 sherds of Roman pottery indicated occupation in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD.

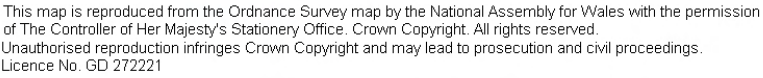
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Ground photograph - panorama of site under excavation.



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56243 SWN Y GWYNT

PRN 56243 NGR SN24134659

SITE NAME SWN Y GWYNT

SITE TYPE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE FORM Cropmark

PERIOD Iron age; Roman CONDITION D

SITE STATUS

DESCRIPTION

Located on gently sloping ground a few metres off the crest of plateau, Swn y Gwynt is cropmark defended enclosure lying at approximately 155m above sea level. To the west, south and east the land is fairly level; to the north it falls gently away into a valley.

Aerial photographs show a ditch of an almost square enclosure approximately 35m across. A possible break in the ditch midway along the western side probably marks the site of an entrance. There are no earthworks or other evidence to mark the location of this site on the ground. In 2005 it was under barley.

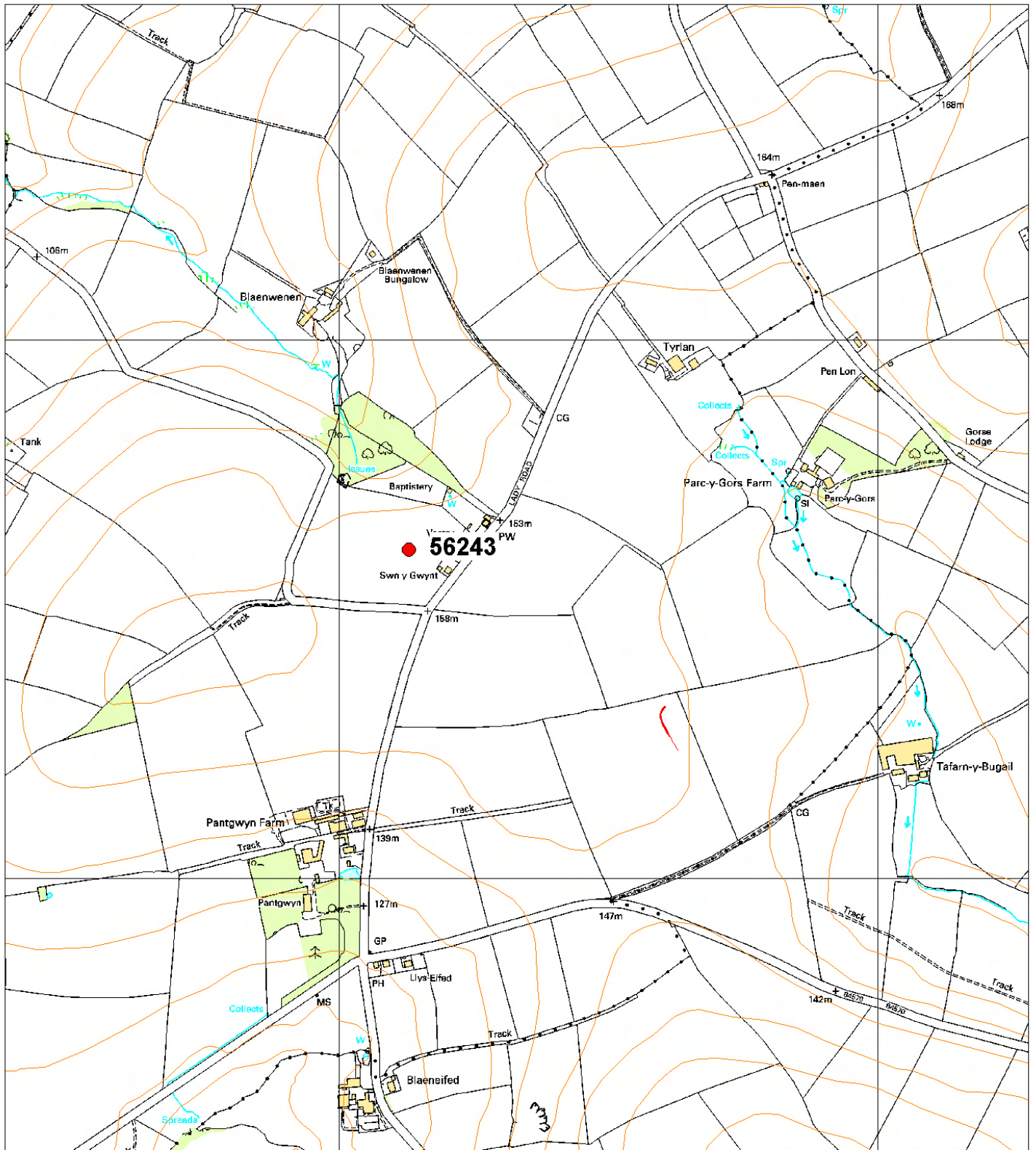
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Ground photograph looking over site of cropmark enclosure.



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No PRN no

REJECTED SITES

Three sites originally recorded as defended enclosures or similar on the Historic Environment were rejected:

35744 - recorded from aerial photographs, this site was downgraded to a natural feature following geophysical survey in 2004.

35748 - recorded as an enclosure this site has been reclassified as a field system

35749 - recorded as an enclosure this site has been reclassified as a field system

8384 - this site was recorded as an enclosure, but its location was wrongly identified from aerial photographs - the real site of the enclosure is PRN 12135