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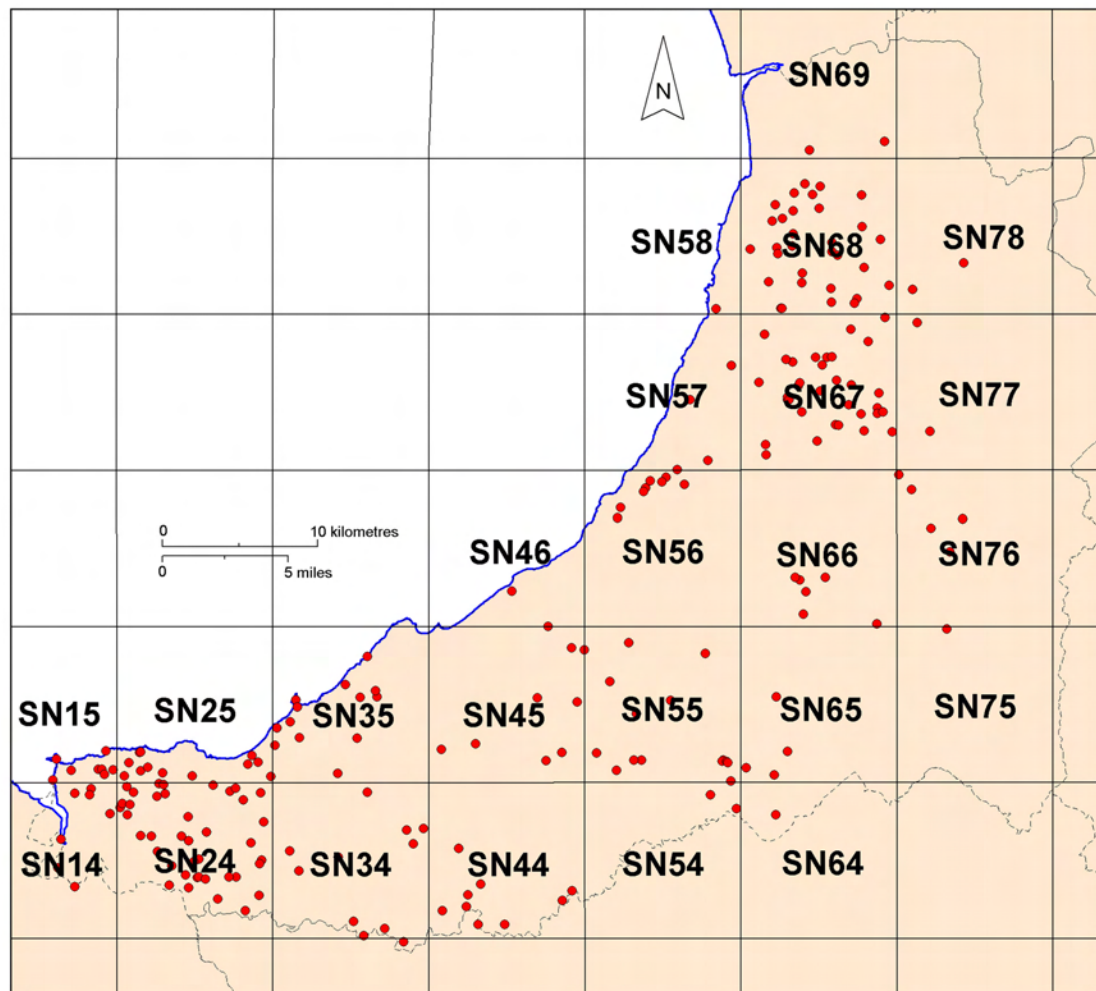
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ARRANGEMENT OF THE SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations have been arranged in the same sequence as the site gazetteers, by Ordnance Survey 10km grid squares. The map below provides an index to the several gazetteer reports.



CRITERIA USED TO ASSESS SITE VALUE FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATIONS

The following criteria were used to assess the value of sites. The criteria are weighted in favour of preservation, with good upstanding earthworks and an undisturbed enclosure interior scoring highly.

SURVIVAL - DEFENCES

Over 66% of upstanding defences present	Score 6
33 to 66% present	Score 4
Less than 33% present or reduced to cropmark	Score 2
Defences destroyed	Score 0

SURVIVAL - INTERIOR

Over 66% of interior present and largely undisturbed	Score 6
33 to 66% present	Score 4
Less than 33% present and/or evidence of heavy ploughing	Score 2
Interior destroyed or heavily damaged	Score 0

GROUP VALUE

Three or more possibly associated sites/features within 1km (e.g. other fort, enclosures, huts, fields)	Score 3
Two possibly associated sites/features within 1km	Score 2
One possibly associated sites/features within 1km	Score 1
None	Score 0

POTENTIAL

Three or more of: rare type/rare in area/buried features/significant finds/multiple period/annexes or nearby associated enclosures present	Score 3
Two of: ...	Score 2
One of: ...	Score 1
None	Score 0

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DOCUMENTATION

Medium to large scale excavation and report	Score 3
Small scale excavation or survey/description and report	Score 2
Noted only	Score 1
None	Score 0

AMENITY VALUE

Good site visibility with open and public access	Score 3
Medium site visibility with open public access	Score 2
Medium to poor site visibility and restricted public access	Score 1
Poor site visibility and/or no public access	Score 0

EVALUATION SCORES

10 - 18	National Importance - scheduling recommended
7 - 9	Regional importance
4 - 8	Local Importance
<3	Minor Importance or needs further investigation

NOTE OF THE THREE LEVELS SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

All the sites included in this report score within the range 10-18 (ie are they considered to be of potential national importance). However, a qualitative distinction has been made with the identification of three levels of scheduling recommendation within this scoring band. These are:

SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

This category of site has good upstanding earthwork defences and probably a largely undisturbed interior. It may also score highly in other categories. There is no doubt that the site should be scheduled.

SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

This category of site has upstanding earthwork defences and a largely undisturbed interior. Some reduction of the defences or other damage may have occurred. It may also score highly in other categories.

CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

There is earthwork evidence for this site, but the scoring places it marginally in the national importance category. There may also be some ambiguity concerning the nature of the site.

SN14 and 15

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1041 FOEL Y MWNT

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

A difficult site to comprehend. The surviving earthworks are slight and enclose a large area of little archaeological interest. However, the site is open access, so it is worth a visit to consider for scheduling.

Contact details

The National Trust

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1046 CARDIGAN ISLAND

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

This site was not visited during the current survey. However, from existing records it would seem that this is an unusual earthwork survivor of a small rectangular defended enclosure with earthwork house platforms. If a visit is made to the island, then other archaeological remains should also be considered for scheduling.

Contact details

South West Wales Wildlife Trust

SITE PRN AND NAME: 7735 CRAIG Y GWBERT

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

A promontory fort with massive upstanding defences. The interior is used as a golf course, but this does not seem to have affected buried remains. Coastal erosion has revealed buried archaeology, demonstrating the high potential for buried remains. Scheduling will include a good example of a mid 19th century limekiln.

Contact details

The Cliff Hotel, Gwbert, Cardigan.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 35740 PLAS-WAUN

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

Low earthworks mark this small bivallate enclosure. It is unusual to have any earthworks on such small site in S. Ceredigion/N. Pembrokeshire and therefore consideration should be given to scheduling it. Only seen from neighbouring lanes/tracks.

Contact details

The owner, Mrs Thomas?, lives at Waun Segur Isaf, just to the north of the site. Several site visits were made but on no occasion was the owner at home. The neighbours said in Autumn 2005 that owner was considering (in the process of?) selling the property.

SN24

SITE PRN AND NAME: 2084 GAER

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

A slightly unusual site, small with good upstanding earthworks - a defensive site, but possibly not Iron Age.

Contact details

Llwynderis Farm, Llandygwydd, Newcastle Emlyn - the farm is farmed by two brothers. Their name is not known.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 5848 PONTDANIEL

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

An enclosure with good upstanding earthworks. Probably the best preserved enclosure of its size in Ceredigion.

Contact details

Contact with the owner could not be made. It is assumed that he/she lives at Pantdaniel Farm, but on six or seven site visits at different times of the day I failed to find anyone at home. On two or three occasions wet tyre tracks led out of the farmyard, but not a trace of anyone was seen!

SITE PRN AND NAME: 9620 GAER

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

A good example of a small bivallate enclosure with reduced but nevertheless upstanding earthworks.

Contact details

Tony Brookin, Rhippinllwyd, Cwm Cou, Newcastle Emlyn SA38 9PR. His mother lives at the farm 'Y Gaer', on which the site is located.

SN25

SITE PRN AND NAME: 14820 DYFFRYN SAITH

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

Slight earthworks of this site survive and the interior appears to be intact. It should be considered as a reserve site for scheduling.

Contact details

Dyffryn Saith Farm, Tresaith, Ceredigion - I did not get the owner's name.

SN33 and 34

SITE PRN AND NAME: 2341 CAERAU

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

There is little surface evidence for this fort. However, historic descriptions and maps demonstrate that the site has not seriously degraded over the past 100 years. Excavations in the 1940s demonstrated that important below ground archaeology survives. The site is on the edge of a WWII camp and small industrial estate and is potentially vulnerable to development, therefore the category of SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED has been applied.

Contact details

Mr Thompson, Henllan Industrial Estate, Henllan, Newcastle Emlyn.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 7317 GAER WEN

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

A promontory fort much damaged. Sections of the defensive bank are upstanding, and the interior appears undamaged.

Contact details

Birdlip Farm, Llandysul - I did not get the owner's name.

SN35

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1101 YNYSLOCHDIN

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

A good example of a small promontory fort. One difficulty will be deciding the exact area to be scheduled - should it include the island?

Contact details

This is an open access site. Ownership is uncertain, possibly the National Trust.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1373 LLANGRANNOG

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

This is an outside contender for scheduling, perhaps as a reserve. The site is very difficult to define on the ground as it is very overgrown. Good winter aerial photographs would assist in its assessment.

Contact details

Mr Davies, Nantymawr, Llangrannog, Llandysul, SA44 6RP

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1375 GAER LLWYD

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

Good example of a small fort, although much reduced. Few sites of this size are scheduled, and therefore its inclusion on the list should be considered.

Contact details

Morfa Ganol Farm, Penbryn, Aberporth - I did not get the owner's name.

SN44

SITE PRN AND NAME: 11818 LLANFAIR

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

This site is currently under investigation by Gemma Bezant of Lampeter University. On completion of her work it would be worth reviewing the evidence for this site and consider scheduling.

Contact details

Mr and Mrs Hall, Llanfair Farm, Llandysul

SN45 and 46

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1850 Y GAER

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

This is a relatively rare survivor - a small enclosure with upstanding earthworks, although reduced. Scheduling is therefore recommended.

Contact details

Parc County House, Ciliau Aeron, Aberaeron - I did not get the owner's name.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 12280 PEN Y GAER

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

A rare survivor - upstanding earthworks of what seems to have been a lightly defended enclosure. Scheduling is therefore recommended.

Contact details

Rhydlydan Farm, Talgerreg, Ceredigion. I did not get the owner's name. However, I believe he already has one SAM on his land.

SN54 and 55

SITE PRN AND NAME: 3989 CAER-FACH

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

A rare survivor - a small enclosure with high upstanding earthworks. The earthworks seem to have been modified and new entrances constructed, and a cottage, now gone, was built in the interior. Nevertheless, it is worthy of scheduling.

Contact details

This site lies alongside a public road, and the landowner was not contacted. The owner, I understand lives at Rhydybannau Farm, just down the road from the site.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 4790 PEN CLAWDD-MAWR

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

Good upstanding defensive bank with the interior of the promontory fort apparently surviving in good condition.

Contact details

It is probable that the owner lives at Felindre Uchaf Farm, below the site. Several calls were made to this farm and the neighbouring farms, but each time there was no-one home. The site was viewed from a public footpath.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 4791 PEN-Y-GAER

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

Hillfort with upstanding defences and apparently intact interior.

Contact details

Pistyll, Nantcwnlle, Nr Lampeter - I did not get the owner's name.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 5885 PEN-Y-GAER

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

The defences have been partially levelled. However, they are still traceable and house platforms in the interior demonstrate that important buried remains survive below ground.

Contact details

Permission was granted to visit the site from the owner of Bank Green Grove. Subsequent to the visit it was discovered that she is not the site's owner. The owner is John Price, Ciliau Uchaf, Ciliau Aeron. Contact was not made with him.

SN56, 57 and 58

SITE PRN AND NAME: 756 CASTELL-BACH

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

This is a must for scheduling. A fine upstanding site. Schedule with its neighbour 757 (below).

Contact details

A mistake on our records had this as a scheduled site, and on seeing the fort I had no reason to doubt this designation. It was only later I discovered it was not scheduled. As I assumed it was scheduled and a footpath runs past the site, I did not make contact with the landowner. However, Toby Driver has spoken with the landowner, who is aware of the site's importance.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 757 CASTELL-MAWR

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

Upstanding, but reduced earthworks of fort. Schedule with its neighbour 756 (above).

Contact details

A mistake on our records had this as a scheduled site, and on seeing the fort I had no reason to doubt this designation. It was only later I discovered it was not scheduled. As I assumed it was scheduled and a footpath runs past the site, I did not make contact with the landowner. However, Toby Driver has spoken with the landowner, who is aware of the site's importance. I understand the owner lives at Penfor-fawr farm 750m to the southwest.

SN64, 65 and 66

SITE PRN AND NAME: 4021 PEN Y GAER

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

Although the defences have been reduced and part of the site destroyed by quarrying, the interior appears intact. Place on reserve list for scheduling.

Contact details

Mrs Powell, Pen Castell 01974 298335

SN67

SITE PRN AND NAME: 1988 NEW CROSS

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

Although partly destroyed by a quarry, most of this site survives. Unusually it is a small enclosure with a relatively large annexe - schedule all.

Contact details

Two owners - Mr Jenkins, Ynysforgan, Lledrod - 01974 261610 and Mr Rees, Brysgaga, Bow Street, 01970 828789

SITE PRN AND NAME: 2002 COED ALLT FEDW

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

This lies to the east of 2001, a scheduled site (CD025). The scheduled area should be extended to include this area.

Contact details

Forest Enterprise

SITE PRN AND NAME: 2005 CASTELL CAREG-WEN

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

Upstanding earthworks of a small enclosure.

Contact details

Mrs Jones, Llwyniorwerth Uchaf, Capel Bangor, Aberystwyth SY23 3LL - 01979 880238

SITE PRN AND NAME: 8381 PEN Y CASTELL

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

This rectangular earthwork enclosure lies close to the scheduled fort 1995 (CD024). The scheduled area should be extended to include this site.

Contact details

Mt Loxdale, Castle Hill (close to site) - 01974 241220

SITE PRN AND NAME: 52058 PANT DA WOOD

RECOMMENDATION: CONSIDER FOR SCHEDULING

Comments

On aerial photographs this appears as an upstanding earthwork. It has not been visited. Toby Driver tried to get access a couple of years' ago following the site's discovery and was denied. He told me not to try.

Contact details

The owner lives at Ffynnon-wen, just below the site.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 56249 COED TY'N CWM

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

Good upstanding promontory fort. One of a group with 2003 and 2004 (CD125). Include in the schedule of those two forts?

Contact details

Possibly on Forest Enterprise land, or land owned by IGER, Plas Gogerddan, Aberystwyth.

SN68 and 69

SITE PRN AND NAME: 2009 CAER ALLT-GOCH

RECOMMENDATION: EXTEND SCHEDULED AREA

Comments

Extend the scheduled area (CD169) to include the outer defences to the north and northwest.

SN76, 77 and 78

SITE PRN AND NAME: 2044 CAREG-LWYD

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING RECOMMENDED

Comments

A small enclosure with upstanding earthworks.

Contact details

Mr J Jones, Gareg-lwyd Farm. Not on phone.

SITE PRN AND NAME: 52078 GILFACH Y DWN FAWR

RECOMMENDATION: SCHEDULING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Comments

A hillfort with good upstanding defences.

Contact details

Gilfach y Dwn Fawr, Pontrhydfendigaid, Tregaron - I did not get the owner's name.