

Visited by J H Williams, 26/4/77

Ring motte & bailey.

The site is largely as described (1). The apparently dry stone wall which can be traced on the crest of the ringwork is only about 3/4 M thick, but behind it the remains of a platform can perhaps be traced in places, although erosion makes this uncertain. An area to the NE of the interior of the ringwork (opposite the entrance) has apparently been recently disturbed & is strewn with slate slabs.

Slate slabs scattered on the bank of the bailey very doubtfully represent walling. This bank does not reach the ditch of the motte on the north, although this is probably not an original feature as the ditches seem continuous. The present entrance to the bailey on the SE is probably original. A large low mound in the bailey is probably natural.

The bailey has not been ploughed in the last 40 years (2). No threat apart from erosion. The quarrying which has destroyed the W bank of the bailey has been discontinued.

1) OS 108 SN 23 SE6

2) Inf. The Tenant, Pen Rhw Castell, Slwynnadrain, Dyffed. ~~Dyffed~~ Slanfygnach, Dyffed.

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OWNERSHIP AND TENANCY DETAILS

Owner. E Davis, Hendre Willyn, Slwynnadrain, Slanfygnach.

Tenant. Mr James ~~Pen~~ Castell, Slwynnadrain, Slanfygnach.