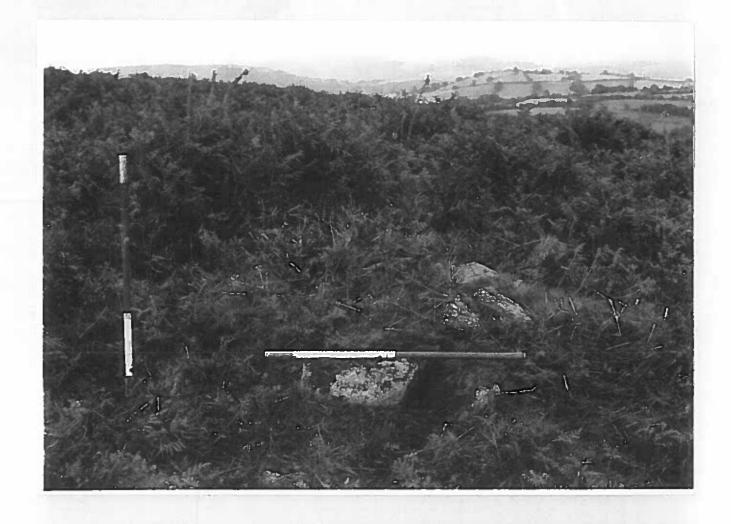
FIELD VISIT TO BANC BWLCH TRE BANNAU

Banc Bwlch Tre Bannau is a small steeply sided hill situated near Porthyrhyd , Llanwrda which was visited by the Sites and Monuments Record staff on 30 July 1987 in response to a proposal to afforest by a Mrs M Dugaid of Bwlch Tre Bannau .

The hill , 20 hectares in area , was extremely rocky and steeply sloping on all sides and at the time of visiting was covered almost completely by a dense blanket of bracken , which thrives on acidic soil . The rock-type which outcrops and is strewn over the whole mountain is a poorly sorted quartz-rich conglomerate of Upper Ordovician / Lower Silurian origin . There is at least one small disused quarry at the foot of the hill on its western side , but overall there seems to have been little exploitation of the stone . In view of the ground conditions , it was not surprising to find that , for the greater part , the hill seems to have been used exclusively as rough grazing land - The steepness and extremely rocky nature of the ground having deterred most attempts at cultivation . No evidence for enclosure of the hill was found . However , at the central section of the narrow , irregular hill plateau , there was definite evidence of agricultural clearance of a small (c.1500 sq M) , level , approximately circular area of ground , somewhat lower and sheltered by the surrounding terrain (\mbox{PRN} 13185) . The most striking feature of this small area was the almost complete lack of stone which was distributed extensively elsewhere across the hilltop . On the periphery of the cleared area were a small number of clearance cairns - Three examples were positively identified as such , the largest being 2 metres in diameter and up to about 0.6 metres high , the smallest being 1.5 metres in diameter and about 0.5 metres in height. Presumably other stone removed during clearance operations was thrown amongst the surrounding outcrops . Interestingly , the clearance cairns were almost completely grown over by mosses and grasses which were very well established upon a soil covering of a few centimetres . This suggests that the cairns are the result of an early attempt at cultivation on the mountain . No such activity is known to the present residents . Also notable was the scarcity of bracken within the cleared area and the untypical predominance of rye grass , again hinting that this area had once been cultivated .

On the North-West facing side of the mountain set into the hillslope was a small , approximately square , level area (c. 7m across) Which was clear of stones (SN 7159 3710) This location would seem credible as a hut platform site , but this remains in doubt as a possible natural feature because of the lack of any stone building foundations which would be expected to have survived at this location (PRN 13184) . After the visit , it was learnt from Mrs Dugaid that Dyfed County Council have insisted that the hilltop , an area of about 10 hectares , should remain unplanted before a grant will be allocated . It is therefore safe to assume that the only certain site of archaeological interest will be preserved . It is a pity that this area was not visited earlier in the year before the bracken started growing although taking the ground conditions into account , it would seem likely that the most significant archaeology was identified .

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CONSULTATIONS : FELLING LICENCE APPLICATIONS
FORESTRY GRANT SCHEME / BROADLEAVED WOODLAND GRANT SCHEME

Under the provisions for consultation with Planning and other Authorities on proposals for felling and new planting, the Forestry Commission has forwarded a copy of the attached application for observations:-

Proposal . 20:0 ha rend planting. 17 ha conifers.

Observations are required by the Forestry Commission by

Would you please forward any observations you may wish to make to this department at the earliest opportunity.

For your information the County Council:

- 1. Does not wish to make any observations.
- 2. Wisnes to pursue the matter further.
- 3. Wisher to make the following observations:

Yours faithfully,

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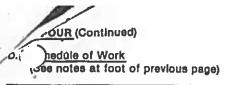
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ITES ON COMPLETION OF SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3

- a. The totals of columns 2 to.9 must agree with the areas shown at items lil. to vi. of section B of this plan.
- b. Brief details of species to be planted and the number of plants to be used per hectare, and species and age of crops to be thinned or felled, should be shown in column 10.
- c. Column II will be completed by the Forestry Commission at the time the application is approved.
- d. Where clear felling is proposed, the applicant may be required to restock the area. In that event he will be asked to submit restocking proposals for approval if these have not already been provided.
- e. Any variation or departure from this plan once approved will require the prior written agreement of the Forestry Commissioners.
- f. Additional sheets for continuation of the Schedule of Work are available on request.



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