

**Scheduled Ancient Monument Management Plan
August 2015**

DAREN CAMP (CD028)



Figure 1. Aerial view from NW (©RCAHMMW 2012)

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Farm name: Rhosgoch



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Grid reference	SN 67876 82999
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I. Site Description

The following provides a general description of the Scheduled Ancient Monument.

- The monument comprises the remains of a large hillfort in good condition, situated nearly 300m above sea level and probably dating to the Iron Age period (c. 800 BC - AD 74, the Roman conquest of Wales). Hillforts are usually located on hilltops and surrounded by a single or multiple earthworks of massive proportions, and must have formed symbols of power within the landscape, while their function may have had as much to do with ostentation and display as defence. Daren Camp is a large oval hilltop enclosure surrounded by a single bank up to c.5m externally and 2m internally, with simple entrances on the west and east. Another break through the bank on the north-west is likely to be modern. A second bank along the western side, lying up to c.20m outside the first, has been disturbed by mining activity and field boundaries; there are traces of yet a third another c.20m beyond this, which survives towards its south end but has been even more disturbed by field boundaries and by the adjacent mining cut.
- The monument is of national importance for its potential to enhance our knowledge of later prehistoric defensive organisation and settlement. The site forms an important element within the wider later prehistoric context and within the surrounding landscape. The site is well preserved and retains considerable archaeological potential. There is a strong probability of the presence of evidence relating to chronology, building techniques and functional detail.
- The scheduled area comprises the remains described and areas around them within which related evidence may be expected to survive.

Additional information:

The boundary of the site adjoins that of the Daren Lead Mine Workings & Adit, scheduled ancient monument CD144, along much of its west side.

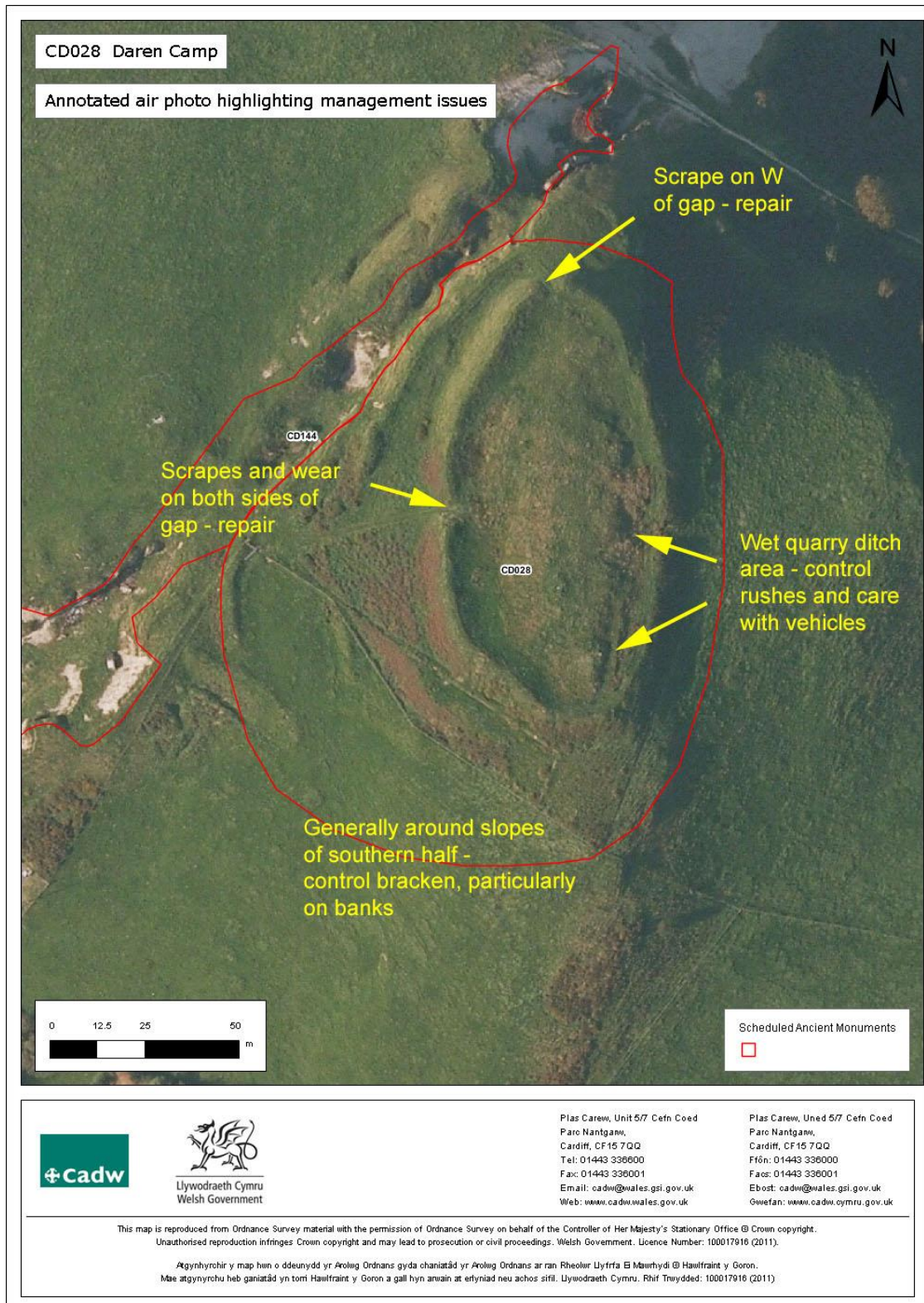
2. Current Condition

- The site is in a generally good condition with the earthworks for the most part well turfed.

Management Issues

- There are several small stock scrapes, concentrated around the entrance gaps in the main rampart on the north and especially the west (see photographs in Section 4 below).
- There is a good deal of bracken around the southern slopes of the site.
- Bracken root systems are substantial and penetrate deeply into the ground, causing potential damage to buried archaeological remains.
- The cover bracken provides may encourage animal burrowing.
- Part of the quarry ditch around the south-eastern quarter of the site tends to remain naturally wet for long periods.
- This tends to encourage the growth of rushes, and presents a risk of damage to the ground surface if wheeled vehicles are driven across it while wet.
- For further information please see the annotated air photograph in Section 3 and the ground photographs in Section 4 below.

3. Annotated air photo highlighting management issues



4. Photographs



Figure 2. Scrapes on S side of W entrance gap, from N (Cadw 2015)



Figure 3. Erosion on N side of W entrance gap, from S (Cadw 2015)



Figure 4. Scrape on W of N gap, from E (Cadw 2015)

5. Management Advice

The following works are recommended to improve the condition of the scheduled ancient monument. Cadw Field Monument Wardens are available to provide help and advice, and can be contacted via details shown on page 4.

Prioritised list of management works:

- In-fill the erosion scars to either side of the western entrance gap and to the west of the northern entrance gap.
- Maintain a short grass cover with other vegetation not exceeding a maximum height of 50cm through an appropriate grazing regime and / or annual vegetation cut to ground level.
- Reduce stocking levels if over grazing is causing damage to the grass sward.

The table below summarises the works and necessary consent procedures. Specific method statements are provided in the following pages.

Summary Table

5.1 Category 1 Works	5.2 Category 2 Works	Category 3 Works
<p>These works can be undertaken without scheduled monument consent if they are carried out according to the guidance specified in section 5.1 below.</p>	<p>These minor works require Section 17 scheduled monument consent.</p> <p>Consent will be granted automatically by completing and returning the form provided at the end of this management plan. The works may then be carried out according to the guidance specified in section 5.2 below.</p>	<p>These works require scheduled monument consent under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.</p> <p>The works may only be undertaken following written consent from Cadw.</p> <p>The works must then be carried out according to conditions specified in the consent.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bracken and rush management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion repairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Applicable

5.1. Category I works

These works can be undertaken without scheduled monument consent provided that they are carried out according to the guidance specified below:

Vegetation management

- ***Maintain a short grass cover with other vegetation not exceeding a maximum height of 50cm through an appropriate grazing regime and / or annual vegetation cut to ground level.***
- ***Reduce stocking levels if over grazing is causing damage to the grass sward.***
- Cutting of rushes in the wet area in the south-east of the interior should be undertaken by hand. Initially a strimmer should be used with the string attachment head, but if no surface stones are noted, then a brush-cutter may be used.
- Care should be taken to avoid damage arising due to the passage of vehicles through this area in wet conditions.
- Stones within the scheduled area should not be disturbed.
- Stems to be cut at ground level, leaving the roots to decay in-situ.
- Bracken management should prioritise the earthwork banks and should be undertaken between mid June and early August, when the shoots are about 30cm high. Bracken will need to be cut or bruised every year.
- Mechanical equipment may be used for bracken control if feasible provided that no surface stones are present and that vehicle tracks do not damage the ground surface.
- Appropriate herbicides may be used if available, provided they are acceptable to the applicant and within the remainder of the scheme.

5.2. Category 2 works

The works included within section 5.2 require Section 17 Scheduled Monument Consent. If you sign and return the form (at the end of this document) to the Cadw FMW, prior to undertaking the works, consent will be granted automatically. The works must then be carried out according to the guidance specified. In addition:

- **The Cadw FMW must be notified prior to the commencement of work and upon completion of the works;**
- **A digital photographic record showing the site before and after completion of the works must be submitted to the Cadw FMW within 1 month of completion of the work.**

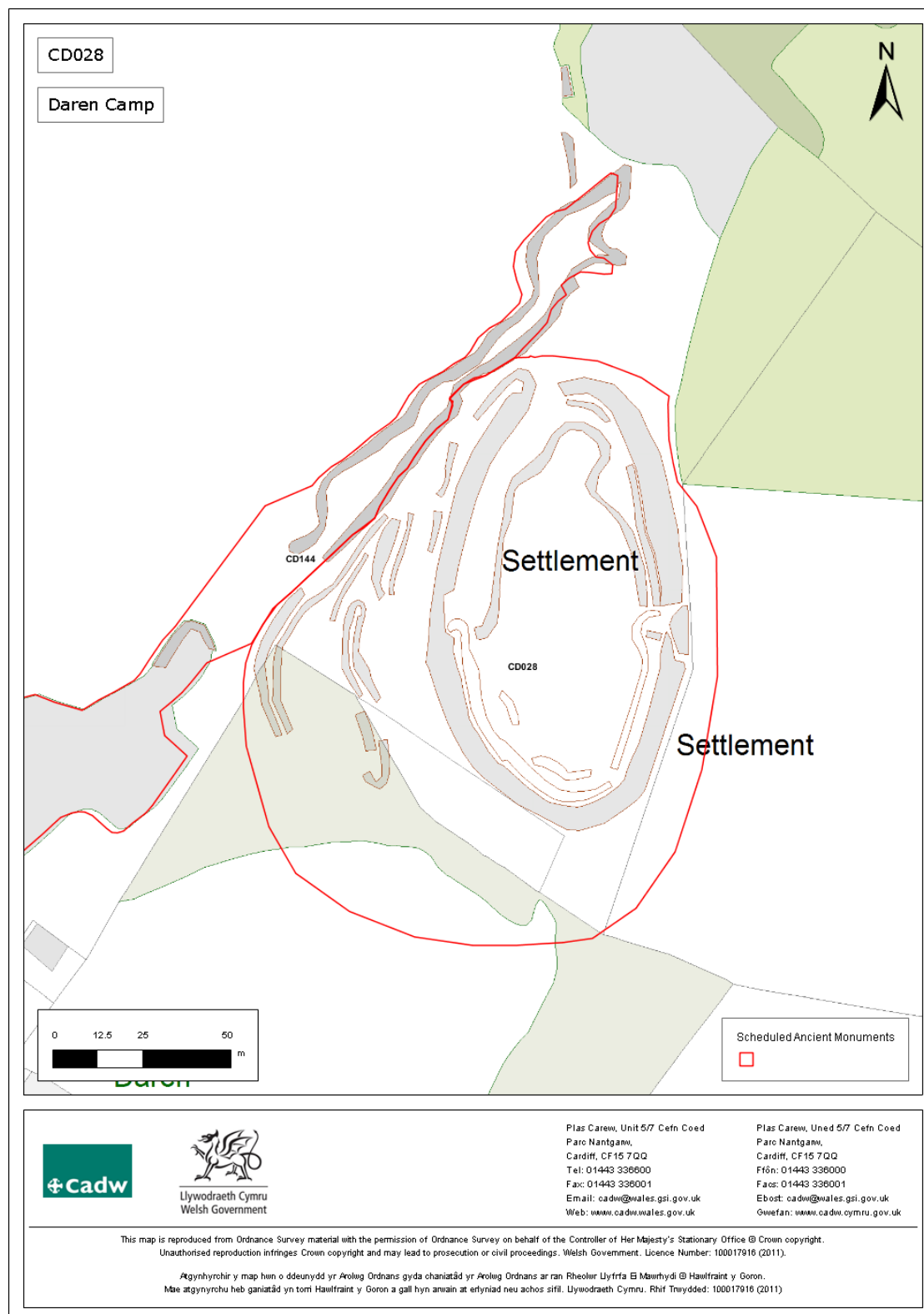
Erosion repairs

- ***In-fill the erosion scars to either side of the western entrance gap and to the west of the northern entrance gap.***
- In-fill the holes with stone topped with soil, and reseed with a local grass seed mix. Alternatively, in-fill with some soil and level up to the local profile with thick turf cut locally.
- Stone, soil or turf used in the repairs should not be sourced from within the scheduled area, the ground surface of which should not be damaged during the repair work
- Protect the site, using temporary electric fencing, to allow the grass to recover (re-seed if necessary).
- Wire mesh may be pinned over the repairs if necessary to help them to become established.

5.3. Long-term management recommendations / best practice

- Ensure that the grazing regime on the site does not encourage further areas of erosion to develop; particular care needs to be taken in both very wet and very dry conditions.
- Monitor the ground surface for erosion; protect with wire mesh and reseed with a local grass mix in spring or autumn if necessary to encourage natural recovery, or repair as required in the manner specified above.
- Maintain a short grass cover with other vegetation not exceeding a maximum height of 50cm through an appropriate grazing regime and / or annual vegetation cut to ground level in the manner specified above.
- Any recurrence of bracken growth should be controlled as specified above.
- Care should continue to be taken to avoid damage arising due to the passage of vehicles through the south-eastern part of the interior in wet conditions.
- Note should also be taken of the general requirements given in Section 7 below.

6. Indicative Map of the Scheduled Area



7. Requirements

7.1. Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act, 1979

Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs) are monuments deemed to be of national importance and as such are protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act, 1979. It is an offence under the legislation to cause damage or disturbance to a SAM.

Damage or disturbance would include – any unauthorised works that involve ground disturbance (including fencing), but also importing material into the scheduled area, metal detecting, rewetting, burning etc.

Any operations involving ground disturbance, the importation of material or rewetting require Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) to have been approved by Cadw prior to the works being undertaken

7.2. Cross Compliance

Scheduled Ancient Monuments are afforded further protection under Cross - Compliance GAEC 7 Landscape Features.

GAEC 7 States:

- No work to a Scheduled Ancient Monument may be carried out without formal consent from Cadw e.g. ploughing, fencing, drainage, track upgrades etc
- Comply with all consent requirements in full
- Do not destroy or damage a Scheduled Ancient Monument
- Do not damage scheduled historic features through activities which cause or encourage soil erosion or ground disturbance on ancient monuments, e.g.:
 - overgrazing
 - growth of invasive scrub or vegetation

- trampling and poaching
- vehicle tracking, particularly on steep slopes or when ground conditions are wet
- supplementary feeding
- cultivation encroachment
- storage of equipment, materials and rubbish

7.3. Glastir - Whole Farm Code

The Glastir Whole Farm Code states:

You must not damage any historic feature identified on your agreement map

Definitions of damage to a historic feature include ANY of the following:

- Ground disturbance or excavation especially extending beneath topsoil
- Dumping or storage of material, including temporary storage
- Removal of any material, including stones, soil or subsoil
- Visible signs of active erosion (loss and disturbance of topsoil) caused by livestock and vehicles or other agricultural practice
- Planting trees
- Allowing scrub to develop
- Ploughing or reseeding
- Displacing individual stone features

8. Section 17 Scheduled Monument Consent

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AGREEMENT PROVIDING SCHEDULED MONUMENT CONSENT FOR THE WORKS SET OUT BELOW DAREN CAMP (CD028)

1. By signing this agreement with the Welsh Government - which is made under section 17 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 - and returning a signed copy to Cadw, you will be granted scheduled monument consent for the **minor** works set out below by virtue of Class 8 of the Ancient Monuments (Class Consent) Order 1994.
2. **Minor Works Hereby Granted Consent:**
 - **Erosion repairs according to the recommendations in section 5.2 of the management plan.**
 - **Further erosion repairs as required according to the recommendations in section 5.3 of the management plan.**
3. The agreement shall operate for a period of five years and the works should be undertaken as timetabled in the associated Glastir Advanced contract.
4. The extent of the area covered by this agreement is shown outlined in red on the map of the scheduled area showing management issues.
5. The works must be undertaken in a safe manner by competent persons and in accordance with the guidance set out in section 5.2. This agreement does not convey any approval or consent required under any enactment, bylaw, order or regulation other than Section 2 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.
6. This agreement will commence on the date it is signed on behalf of the Welsh Government.

Signed :
[NAME OF APPLICANT]

Date :

Signed by authority on behalf of the Welsh Government:

Signed : *H B Burnham*
An Officer in the Welsh Government

Date : 27th August 2015

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