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*Cover photograph: A ruined post-medieval cottage at Bryn Du on the slopes of Bryngwyn Bach (NPRN 5197) near Pontrhydfendigaid.*

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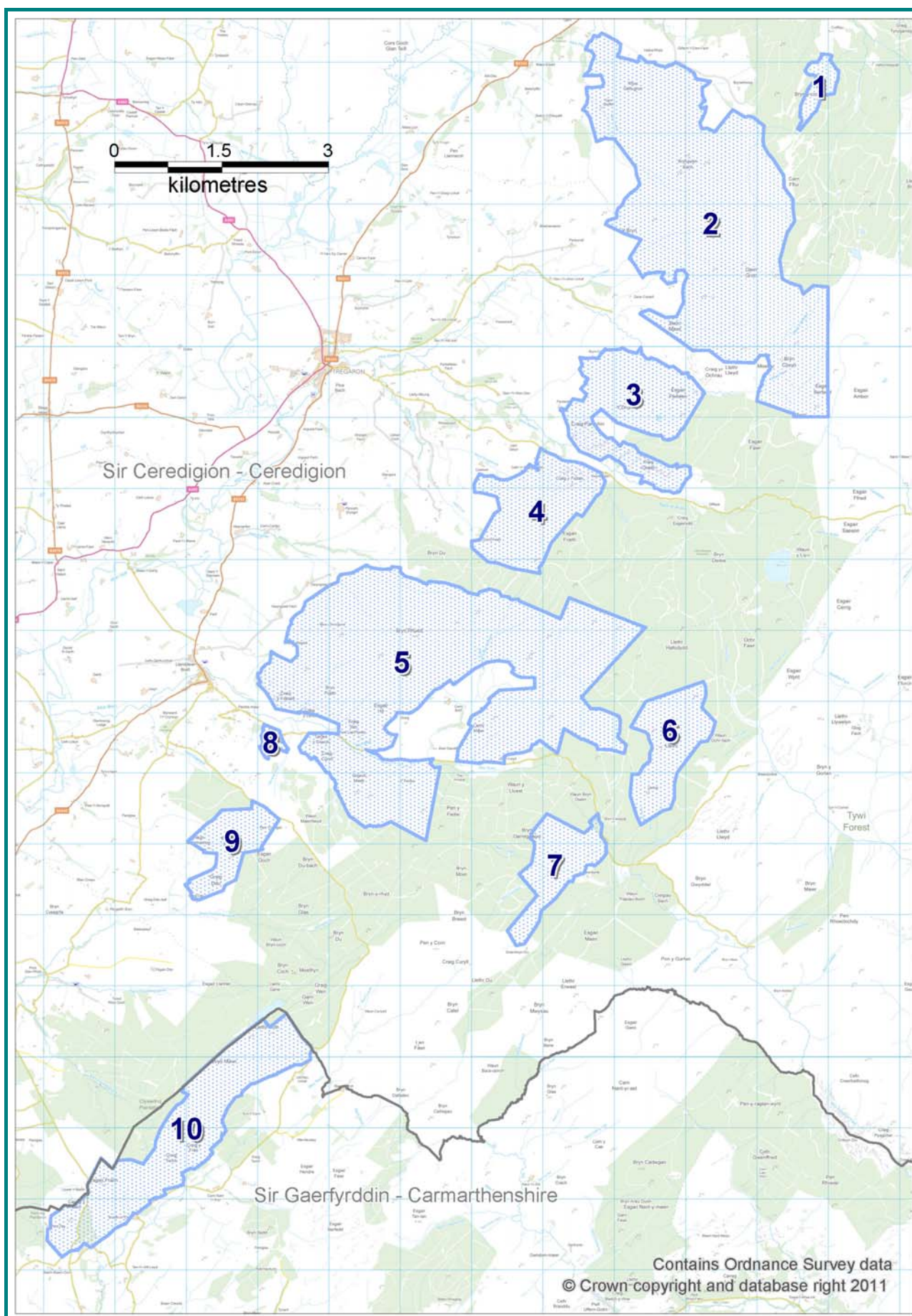
## **Introduction**

The South West Cambrians Mountains upland survey was carried out by Trysor during 2012-2013, with the support of grant-aid from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales as part of the Uplands Initiative project.

The survey covered just over 30 km<sup>2</sup> of upland terrain, which fell within 10 separate areas of unenclosed land within the counties of Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire.

The project results are presented in a three-part report, of which this document forms Part Two;

- Part One presents an analysis and breakdown of the findings of the overall project.
- Part Two (this document) contains short overviews of each of the 10 survey areas, including a site distribution map of each area and details pertaining to the geology and topography of each area. Information is also provided in for each area on previous archaeological work and a summary of the results of the 2012-2013 survey. For each area, a list of the sites recorded in the National Monuments Records is also included, which can be used as a key to the relevant map and also to the Site Gazetteer in Part Three.
- Part Three is a detailed Site Gazetteer, in which full descriptions of all of the sites recorded in the field are presented in numerical order (by NPRN).



Map showing the location of the 10 study areas.

## 1 Bryn y Crofftau

This study area covers 0.27 square kilometres in Ystrad Fflur community.

### Geology

Bryn y Crofftau is underlain by sedimentary rocks of Lower Silurian age, chiefly sandstones of the Rhuddnant Grit Formation, which form a series of upstanding ridges. These form part of a dissected plateau which extends across a wider area. The survey area includes one of these ridges and part of a second ridge to the north, both of which are masked by glacial clay, with the intervening valley depression itself filled with glacial clays.

### Topography

The steep-sided ridge of Bryn y Crofftau forms most of this survey area. The ridge runs southwest to northeast and rises to an altitude of 448 metres. The northeastern end of a parallel ridge to its northern side is also included within the survey area. Between the two ridges is a boggy valley, through which a drainage channel allows a minor tributary stream of the Glasffrwd to flow northeastwards off the hill. The survey area reaches its lowest point at just below 350 metres at its northern tip.

### Vegetation

Most of Bryn y Crofftau does not appear to have been extensively grazed for many years and the hill itself has now become thickly vegetated with heather, sphagnum moss and purple moor-grass, with bracken on lower slopes, to the extent that the surface is completely obscured and difficult to cross on foot. The valley below is similarly obscured by a carpet of *Molinia*. Only the ridge at the northern side of the survey remains clear of this mat of vegetation, and here there is grass pasture, with reeds in damp hollows and some bilberry.

### Previous Fieldwork

No known previous fieldwork has been undertaken in this survey area.

### Overview

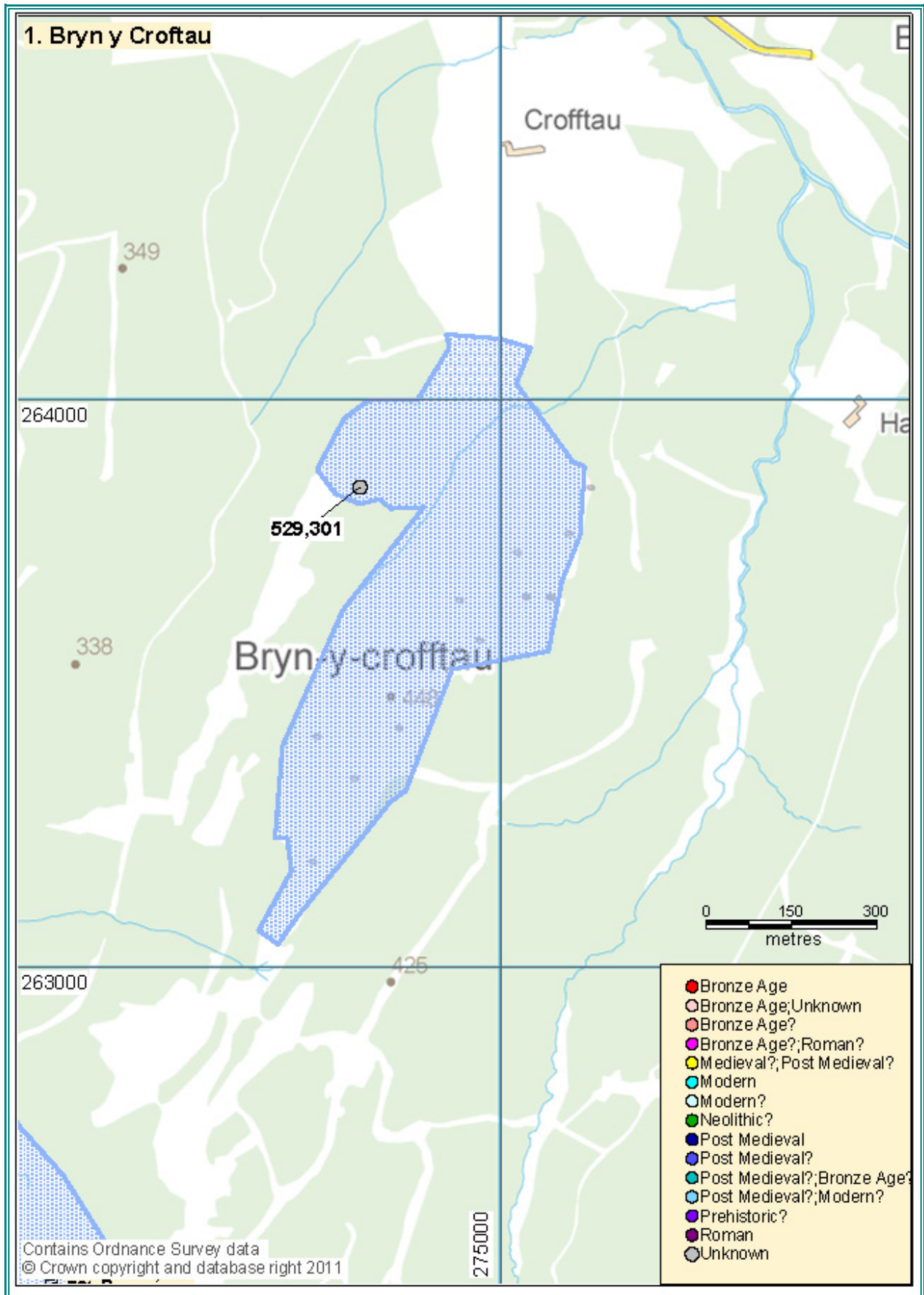
Prior to the 2012-2013 Uplands Survey project, there was no recorded archaeology in this survey area. The fieldwork undertaken in February 2013 succeeded in identifying only a single archaeological feature (NPRN 529301), which is a sub-circular enclosure partly formed out of a natural rock outcrop. Ground conditions in this area are very difficult, due to thick vegetation across almost the whole area.

### Bibliography

### Sites recorded

All sites recorded in the study area are listed below, ordered by NPRN, and further details can be found in the survey gazetteer.

NPRN NAME	NGR	TYPE	PERIOD
529301 BRYN CROFFTAU, ENCLOSURE	SN7475363845	ENCLOSURE	Unknown





## **2 Rhos Gelligron, Bryngwyn Bach, Bryn Cosyn**

This study area covers 9.22 square kilometres in Ystrad Fflur; Tregaron community.

### **Geology**

The underlying bedrock of this survey area is of mudstones of Lower Silurian age, from the Rhayader and Devil's Bridge Formations, as well as some strata of the Rhuddnant Grit Formation. The bedrock only outcrops on hillocks and knolls across the area, due to a thick blanket of glacial clays which masks much of the landscape. Particularly striking is the steep-sided hill known as Y Bryn, at the western side of the study area, which is formed of sandstones of the Devil's Bridge Formation. More Lower Silurian sandstones of the Rhuddnant Grits Formation underlie the southeastern corner of the survey area, to the north of the Groes Fawr valley. Peats have formed in a number of locations, including Rhos Gelligron, Blaen Nant Gorffen, to the southeast of Carn Gron and in the higher reaches of the Groes Fawr valley and its tributary valleys.

### **Topography**

This survey area includes the relatively featureless landscape of Rhos Gelligron at its northwestern corner, which borders a higher upland massif to the south east, where the land rises progressively, firstly on Bryngwyn Bach (395 metres) and Y Bryn (422 metres) and then up to 541 metres at Carn Gron, the highest point in the survey area. This massif is dissected by numerous river and stream valleys. At the northern side of the area the Afon Fflur flows northwest to the Teifi valley. The Nant Gorffen also flows northwest from the heart of the area, with the Groes Fawr valley running in the same direction at the southern end of the area and the Groes Fechan just to its north. Tributary streams and valleys run off the higher ground towards both the Fflur and Groes Fawr, further enhancing the strongly undulating character of the survey area.

### **Vegetation**

This extensive area is characterised largely by rough upland grasses, often mixed with sphagnum moss or, less frequently, heather or bilberry. There is relatively little gorse or bracken in the area. Damper areas are often reed-covered, such as parts Rhos Gelligron, whilst purple moor-grass obscures some areas, particularly in the southeast of the survey area, in the Groes Fawr valley and its tributaries. There are small areas of semi-improved or improved, enclosed pasture around the deserted farmsteads of the Groes Fechan valley and at Gwndwn Gwinau in the northeast of the area, or the still occupied cottage of Cwm Gorffen in the northwest.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

Known previous fieldwork in this survey area include two Cadw-funded projects; the Deserted Rural Settlements Project (Dyfed Archaeological Trust, 1999) and the Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Project, also undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust (2006). An earlier survey was undertaken in 1992 in the south of the survey area, along the Groes Fawr valley, by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust (Muckle & Williams, 1992). Specific site visits were also undertaken in the 1990s by Stephen Briggs of the RCAHMW to record a number of the Bronze Age cairns of the area, such as those at Carn Fflur (NPRNs 303653, 303654 & 303657), published in the Cardiganshire County History (Briggs, 1994).

### **Overview**

Prior to the 2012-2013 Uplands Survey project, there were 23 known archaeological sites

recorded within this survey area and a larger number of sites also recorded in the regional HER. Most of these features were cairns of varying date. Scheduled groups of Bronze Age funerary cairns were known at Bryngwyn Bach (NPRN 529106), Carn Fflur (NPRNs 303653, 303654 & 303657) and Carn Gron (NPRN 529119), for example, along with a number of smaller cairns which were thought to be clearance cairns of later date. There were also a small number of settlement-related features in the area, such as an abandoned cottage at Bryn Du (NPRN 5197) and deserted farmsteads at Gwndwn Gwynau (NPRN 5567) and in the Groes Fechan (NPRN 5121), as well as long huts in the Groes Fawr (e.g. NPRN 529434).

One notable feature in the area is the bank and ditch known as Cwys yr Ychen Bannog (NPRN 303652), which runs intermittently for over 2km on a west-northwest to east-southeast alignment between Y Bryn and Carn Gron. In 2013, traces of this feature were noted further to the east (NPRN 529423), demonstrating that it may well extend almost 400 metres to the east of Carn Gron.

Fieldwork during February 2013 succeeded in greatly increasing the quantity and variety of archaeological sites and features within this survey area. A total of 237 sites were identified, representing an increase of over 1000%.

Eight cairnfields were identified on, or close to, Bryngwyn Bach hill alone (NPRNs 529102, 529104 - 529108, 529098 & 529111), and in the process a significant number of previously unrecorded cairns were found. It seems likely that most of these are funerary cairns. Another cairnfield was recorded at Carn Fflur (NPRN 529103)

Evidence of peat cutting was noted in several locations and it seems likely that considerable areas of peat have been stripped in the past here, with most of the old cuttings no longer easily recognisable on the ground. This is particularly true across Rhos Gelligron and west of Nant Gorffen in the northwest of the survey area, where extensive turbaries are evident on aerial photographs (NPRN 529099 & 529316). Another large turbarry was evident on the ground to the west of Carn Gron, where some clearly identified individual cuttings were recorded (NPRN 529429 & 529355). Also added to the NMR were a small number of previously unrecorded settlement sites, including a platform at Carn Fflur (NPRN 529419).

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## **Sites recorded**

All sites recorded in the study area are listed below, ordered by NPRN, and further details can be found in the survey gazetteer.

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
5121 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, HOUSE	SN7366060240	HOUSE	Post Medieval

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
5197 BRYN-DU	SN7320562863	HOUSE	Post Medieval
5567 GWNDWN-GWINAU;CARON-UWCH-C LAWDD	SN7388162891	FARMHOUSE	Post Medieval
303628 BRYN COSYN I, CAIRN	SN7444859522	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303647 TAN BYLCHAU, CAIRN I	SN7245060410	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303649 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXI	SN7285862849	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303650 Y GARN	SN7321960683	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303651 GARN GRON, CAIRN I	SN7398261070	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303652 GWYS-YR-YCHEN-BANNOG, BOUNDARY BANK	SN73076148	BOUNDARY BANK	Unknown
303653 CARN FFLUR	SN7395262344	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303654 CARN FFLUR W, CAIRN	SN7427562296	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303657 CARN FFLUR II	SN7420762458	CAIRN	Bronze Age
400905 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXII	SN7282762858	CAIRN	Bronze Age
400906 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXIII	SN7283462852	CAIRN	Bronze Age
400907 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXIV	SN7285362903	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
400908 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXV	SN7286062929	CAIRN	Bronze Age
400909 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXVI	SN7283462942	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
400921 TAN BLYCHAU, CAIRN II	SN7246660412	CAIRN	Bronze Age
400924 GARN GRON W, CAIRN	SN7379361160	CAIRN	Bronze Age
400925 GARN GRON, CAIRN II	SN7400261083	CAIRN	Bronze Age
406547 BRYN COSYN CAIRN CEMETERY, CAIRN	SN7473259333	CAIRN	Bronze Age
406548 BRYN COSYN CAIRN CEMETERY, CAIRN	SN7448659459	CAIRN	Bronze Age
406556 BRYN COSYN CAIRN CEMETERY, CAIRN	SN7423659601	CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529000 CASTELL FFLUR, STRUCTURE	SN7236563916	STRUCTURE	Post Medieval
529001 BLAEN GORFFEN, LONG HUT	SN7236662264	LONG HUT	Post Medieval

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529002 BRYNGWYN BACH, LONG HUT	SN7289262368	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529003 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, SHEEP FOLD	SN7379860583	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529041 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, BIELD II	SN7294061862	BIELD	Post Medieval
529042 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, STONE PILE I	SN7283261866	CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Post Medieval?
529043 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, STONE PILE II	SN7273762023	CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Post Medieval?
529044 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, STONE PILE III	SN7273562034	CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Post Medieval?
529045 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, CAIRN II	SN7375860438	CAIRN	Post Medieval?;Bronze Age?
529046 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, CAIRN I	SN7364760306	CAIRN	Post Medieval?;Bronze Age?
529068 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, FIELD SYSTEM	SN7351060240	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529075 CWM GORPHEN ISAF; CWM GORFFEN	SN7183963352	HOUSE	Post Medieval
529076 CWM GORFFEN, FIELD SYSTEM	SN7190463361	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529078 NANT GORFFEN, POND	SN7164563616	POND	Post Medieval
529092 CWYS YR YCHEN BANNOG, CENTRAL PART	SN7317261438	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529093 CWYS YR YCHEN BANNOG, EASTERN PART	SN7369761210	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529094 BRYNGWYN BACH, CULTIVATION MARKS	SN7255563279	CULTIVATION MARKS	Unknown
529095 GROES FECHAN, FIELD	SN7322860353	FIELD	Post Medieval?
529097 BRYN COSYN, STONE	SN7422659604	STONE	Bronze Age
529098 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRNFIELD	SN7248062720	CAIRN CEMETERY?	Bronze Age?
529099 NANT GORFFEN, PEAT CUTTING	SN7180063170	PEAT WORKINGS	Post Medieval?
529100 NANT GORFFEN, LEAT	SN7168563530	LEAT	Post Medieval
529101 BLAEN NANT FFLUR, PEAT WORKINGS	SN7366062330	PEAT WORKINGS	Post Medieval?
529102 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, CAIRNFIELD	SN7293862327	CAIRNFIELD	Unknown



<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529103 CARN FFLUR, CAIRNFIELD	SN7422362471	CAIRNFIELD	Bronze Age;Unknown
529104 BRYNGWYN BACH WEST, CAIRNFIELD I	SN7270863052	CAIRNFIELD	Unknown
529105 BRYNGWYN BACH WEST, CAIRNFIELD II	SN7266862902	CAIRNFIELD	Unknown
529106 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN CEMETERY	SN7284362848	CAIRN CEMETERY	Bronze Age
529107 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRNFIELD I	SN7285162943	CAIRNFIELD	Unknown
529108 BRYNGWYN BACH EAST, CAIRNFIELD	SN7304162943	CAIRNFIELD	Bronze Age;Unknown
529111 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRNFIELD II	SN7309362865	CAIRNFIELD	Unknown
529119 GARN GRON, CAIRN CEMETERY	SN7389761106	CAIRN CEMETERY	Bronze Age
529123 BLAEN MOELAU, PEAT CUTTING	SN7443160904	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval?
529147 BANC MAWR, STONE BANK	SN7268160251	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529161 BRYN COSYN, SHEEP FOLD	SN7485059800	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529250 BRYN DU, SHELTER	SN7325462900	SHELTER	Post Medieval?
529251 BRYN DU, EARTHWORK I	SN7326462928	POTATO CLAMP?	Post Medieval
529252 BRYN DU, EARTHWORK II	SN7322162916	POTATO CLAMP?;SUNKEN SHELTER?	Post Medieval
529253 BRYN DU, BUILDING	SN7321362887	BUILDING	Post Medieval
529254 BRYN DU, STONE PILE	SN7325662812	CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Post Medieval?
529255 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XIX	SN7319962674	CAIRN	Unknown
529256 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN VIII	SN7302562696	RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age
529257 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN III	SN7294962457	CAIRN?;RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age
529258 BRYNGWYN BACH, MOUND I	SN7288062416	MOUND	Unknown
529259 BRYNGWYN BACH, STONE PILE II	SN7287962418	POST?	Post Medieval?
529260 BLAEN GORFFEN, WALL	SN7237162515	WALL	Post Medieval?
529261 CWM GORFFEN, HOUSE	SN7199563336	HOUSE	Post Medieval

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529262 CASTELL FFLUR, FIELD	SN7227863974	FIELD	Post Medieval
529263 RHOS GELLIGRON, RIDGE AND FURROW	SN7246863925	CULTIVATION MARKS	Post Medieval?
529264 RHOS GELLIGRON, EARTHWORK BANK III	SN7200764035	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval
529265 RHOS GELLIGRON, EARTHWORK BANK IV	SN7177164052	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529266 RHOS GELLIGRON, TRACKWAY	SN7176064300	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529267 RHOS GELLIGRON, EARTHWORK BANK I	SN7315663618	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval?
529268 RHOS GELLIGRON, SUNKEN SHELTER	SN7289063325	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529269 BRYNGWYN BACH, EARTHWORK	SN7246563233	LONG HUT?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529270 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XX	SN7263963047	CAIRN	Unknown
529271 BRYNGWYN BACH, STONE PILE III	SN7264162989	CAIRN	Unknown
529272 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN X	SN7266363018	CAIRN	Unknown
529273 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN I	SN7289562954	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529274 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XII	SN7263562935	CAIRN	Unknown
529275 BRYNGWYN BACH, PLATFORM	SN7283762844	HUT PLATFORM?	Prehistoric?
529276 BRYNGWYN BACH, MOUND III	SN7284062822	MOUND	Unknown
529278 BRYNGWYN BACH, TRACKWAY I	SN7270262318	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529279 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, STONE PILE IV	SN7287962324	CAIRN?	Unknown
529280 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, STONE PILE V	SN7292162297	CAIRN?	Unknown
529281 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, CAIRN III	SN7297462343	RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529283 BRYNGWYN BACH, TRACKWAY II	SN7303663013	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529284 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XIII	SN7302662941	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529285 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XIV	SN7301362939	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529286 BRYNGWYN BACH, MOUND II	SN7299462920	CAIRN?	Unknown

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529287 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XV	SN7298762955	CAIRN?	Unknown
529288 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XVI	SN7307262918	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529289 BRYNGWYN BACH, LINEAR STONE PILE I	SN7307162853	STONE PILE - LINEAR	Unknown
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529291 BRYNGWYN BACH, LINEAR STONE PILE III	SN7307362842	STONE PILE - LINEAR	Unknown
529292 BRYNGWYN BACH, LINEAR STONE PILE IV	SN7307362835	STONE PILE - LINEAR	Unknown
529293 BRYNGWYN BACH, STONE PILE V	SN7310862899	STONE PILE - LINEAR	Unknown
529294 BRYNGWYN BACH, SHELTER	SN7307062958	SHELTER	Post Medieval?
529295 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XVIII	SN7306962974	CAIRN	Unknown
529296 BRYNGWYN BACH, STONE SPREAD	SN7308162956	CAIRN	Unknown
529297 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN IX	SN7306862939	CAIRN	Unknown
529298 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XI	SN7307662930	CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529299 BRYN DU, STRUCTURE	SN7325762884	SHELTER?;SHEEP FOLD?	Post Medieval
529300 CWM GORFFEN, Paddock	SN7201363344	FIELD	Post Medieval
529302 RHOS GELLIGRON, EARTHWORK BANK II	SN7338163003	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval
529303 GWNDWN GWYNAU, ENCLOSURE	SN7378762960	ENCLOSURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529304 GWNDWN GWYNAU, CLEARANCE	SN7390763020	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Post Medieval
529305 GWNDWN GWYNAU, FARMSTEAD	SN7387962851	FARMSTEAD	Post Medieval
529306 GWNDWN GWYNAU, BUILDING	SN7387762906	BUILDING	Post Medieval
529307 CARN FFLUR, STRUCTURE II	SN7390762374	SHEEP FOLD?	Post Medieval
529308 CARN FFLUR, ENCLOSURE	SN7396862338	ENCLOSURE	Prehistoric?
529309 CARN FFLUR, STRUCTURE I	SN7395362363	STRUCTURE	Unknown
529310 CARN FFLUR, EARTHWORK STRUCTURE	SN7394262357	SHELTER	Unknown

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529311 CARN FFLUR, WALL II	SN7414862397	WALL?	Unknown
529313 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN II	SN7290363207	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529314 CARN FFLUR, LONG HUT	SN7431762413	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529315 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XVII	SN7275663106	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529316 RHOS GELLIGRON, TURBARY	SN7208763375	PEAT WORKINGS	Post Medieval?
529317 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN IV	SN7273763105	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529318 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN V	SN7273563087	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529319 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN XI	SN7253462760	CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529320 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN XII	SN7252562710	CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529321 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN X	SN7248062734	MOUND	Unknown
529322 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN IX	SN7249462757	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529323 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN VIII	SN7243162739	CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529324 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN VII	SN7244662725	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529325 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN VI	SN7243562697	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529326 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN V	SN7246562701	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529327 BLAEN GORFFEN, ENCLOSURE	SN7236162246	ENCLOSURE	Post Medieval
529328 BRYN MAWR, POTATO CLAMP II	SN7216062049	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529329 BRYN MAWR, EARTHWORK BANK	SN7214562043	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval?
529330 BRYN MAWR, STRUCTURE I	SN7215561938	LONG HUT?	Post Medieval?
529331 BRYN MAWR, STRUCTURE II	SN7215061825	SHELTER?;SUNKEN SHELTER?;LONG HUT?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529332 Y BRYN, WATER SUPPLY	SN7213361818	WATER SUPPLY SITE	Modern
529333 Y BRYN, TRACKWAY	SN7216161803	TRACKWAY	Modern?
529334 Y BRYN, CAIRN	SN7235761841	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529337 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN VI	SN7286462958	CAIRN	Bronze Age

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529338 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN VII	SN7281562968	CAIRN?	Bronze Age
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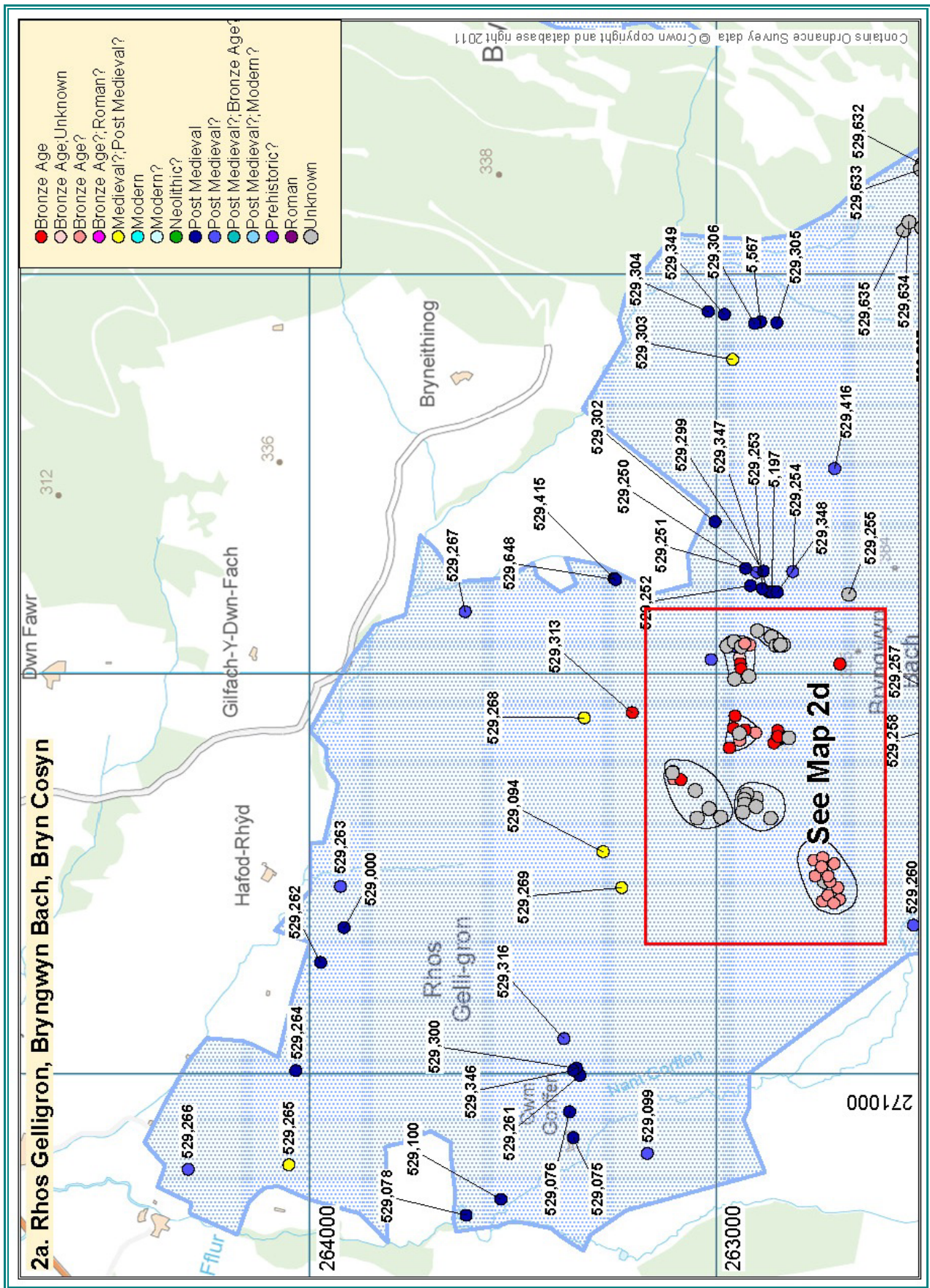
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529366 GROES FECHAN, ENCLOSURE II	SN7316960125	ENCLOSURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529367 GROES FECHAN, STONE PILE I	SN7319760154	CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Unknown
529368 GROES FECHAN, STRUCTURE I	SN7318860104	SHELTER	Post Medieval
529369 NANT Y MOELAU, LONG HUT II	SN7404659417	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529403 CWYS YR YCHEN BANNOG, WESTERN PART	SN7230861727	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
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529405 Y BRYN, RING CAIRN	SN7279661700	RING CAIRN	Bronze Age
529406 NANT Y CASTELL, CAUSEWAY	SN7225861254	BRIDGE;CAUSEWAY	Modern
529407 GARN GRON, LONG HUT	SN7333861579	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529415 RHOS GELLIGRON, POTATO CLAMP I	SN7323963252	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529416 GWNDWN GWYNAU, TRACKWAY	SN7351462709	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
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529418 CARN FFLUR, SHELTER	SN7442761936	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
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529422 GARN GRON, SHEEP FOLD	SN7427660999	SHEEP FOLD	Modern
529423 GARN GRON, EARTHWORK BANK	SN7427760810	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529424 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, WALL	SN7389260403	WALL	Post Medieval
529425 BLAEN GROES FECHAN, LONG HUT	SN7396260589	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
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529429 GARN GRON, PEAT CUTTING III	SN7341261247	PEAT CUTTING?	Post Medieval?
529430 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, BIELD I	SN7343561819	BIELD	Post Medieval
529431 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, WALL	SN7335061849	BIELD?	Post Medieval
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529433 BLAEN NANT GORFFEN, STONE PILE VI	SN7326062007	CAIRN?	Unknown
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529435 NANT Y MOELAU, SHELTER	SN7606459455	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529437 GROES FECHAN, TRACKWAY I	SN7327660369	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529445 GROES FECHAN, STONE PILE II	SN7292260371	CAIRN	Unknown
529446 GROES FECHAN, SHEEP WASH	SN7292460365	SHEEP WASH	Post Medieval
529447 GROES FECHAN, TRACKWAY II	SN7293160380	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529448 GROES FECHAN, EARTHWORK BANK	SN7302360342	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval
529449 GROES FECHAN, ENCLOSURE III	SN7313860326	SHEEP FOLD?	Post Medieval
529450 GROES FECHAN, HOUSE II	SN7322760336	HOUSE	Post Medieval
529453 GARN GRON, PEAT CUTTING VI	SN7370160877	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval?
529618 GARN GRON, PEAT CUTTING II	SN7367560846	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529619 GARN GRON, PEAT CUTTING IV	SN7353760975	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529620 CARN FFLUR, WALL I	SN7426462276	WALL	Unknown
529621 CARN FFLUR, CAIRN VI	SN7427262288	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
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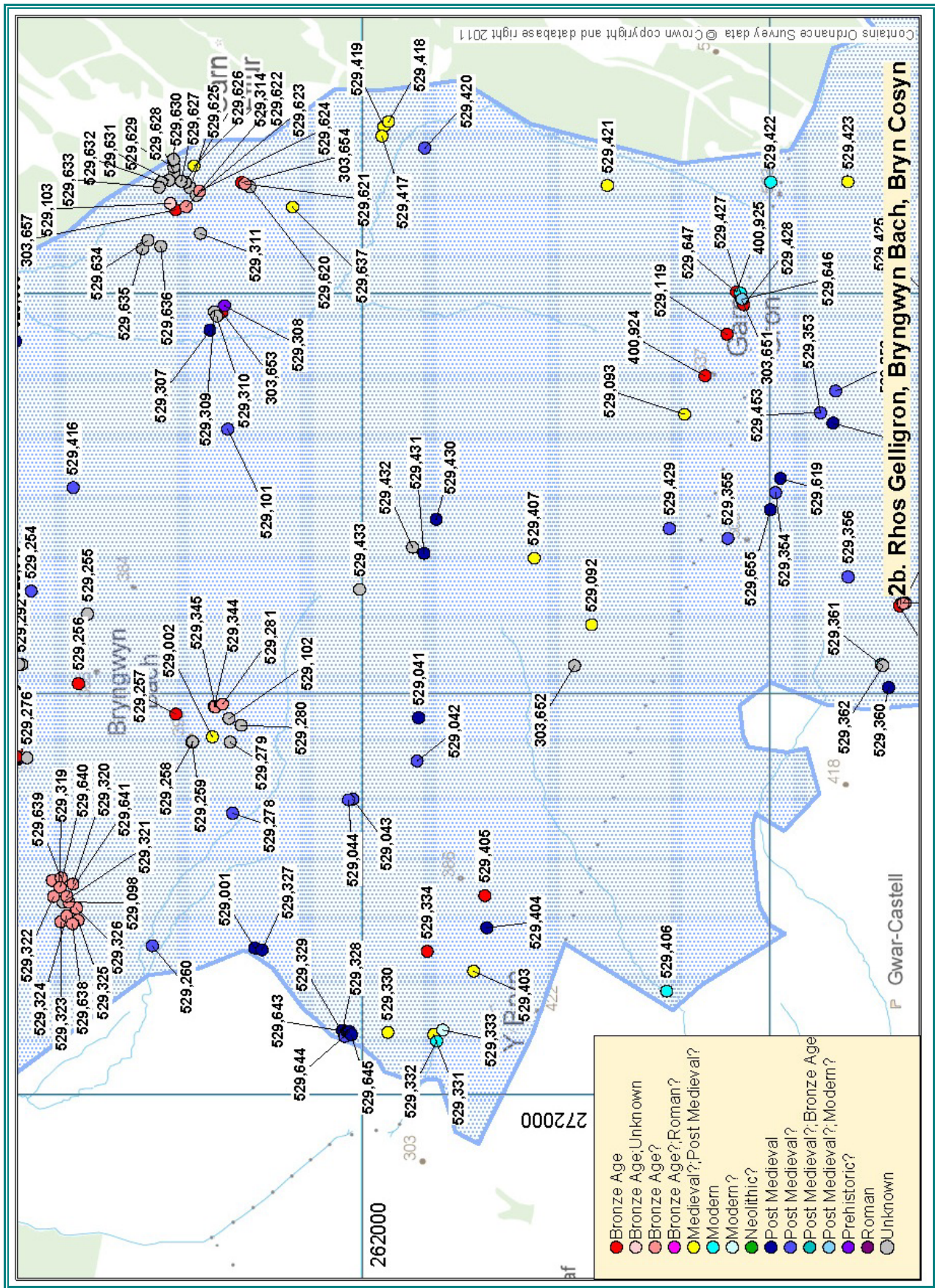
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529637 CARN FFLUR, PLATFORM I	SN7421462171	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529638 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN I	SN7242662711	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529639 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN IV	SN7254062738	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529640 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN III	SN7251762741	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529641 RHOS GELLIGRON, CAIRN II	SN7249462725	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529642 BRYNGWYN BACH, CAIRN XXI	SN7275263108	CAIRN	Unknown
529643 BRYN MAWR, POTATO CLAMP I	SN7215762038	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529644 BRYN MAWR, POTATO CLAMP III	SN7215762032	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529645 BRYN MAWR, POTATO CLAMP IV	SN7214962027	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529646 GARN GRON, SHELTER	SN7398461069	SHELTER	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529647 GARN GRON, MARKER CAIRN	SN7400261083	MARKER CAIRN	Post Medieval?;Modern?
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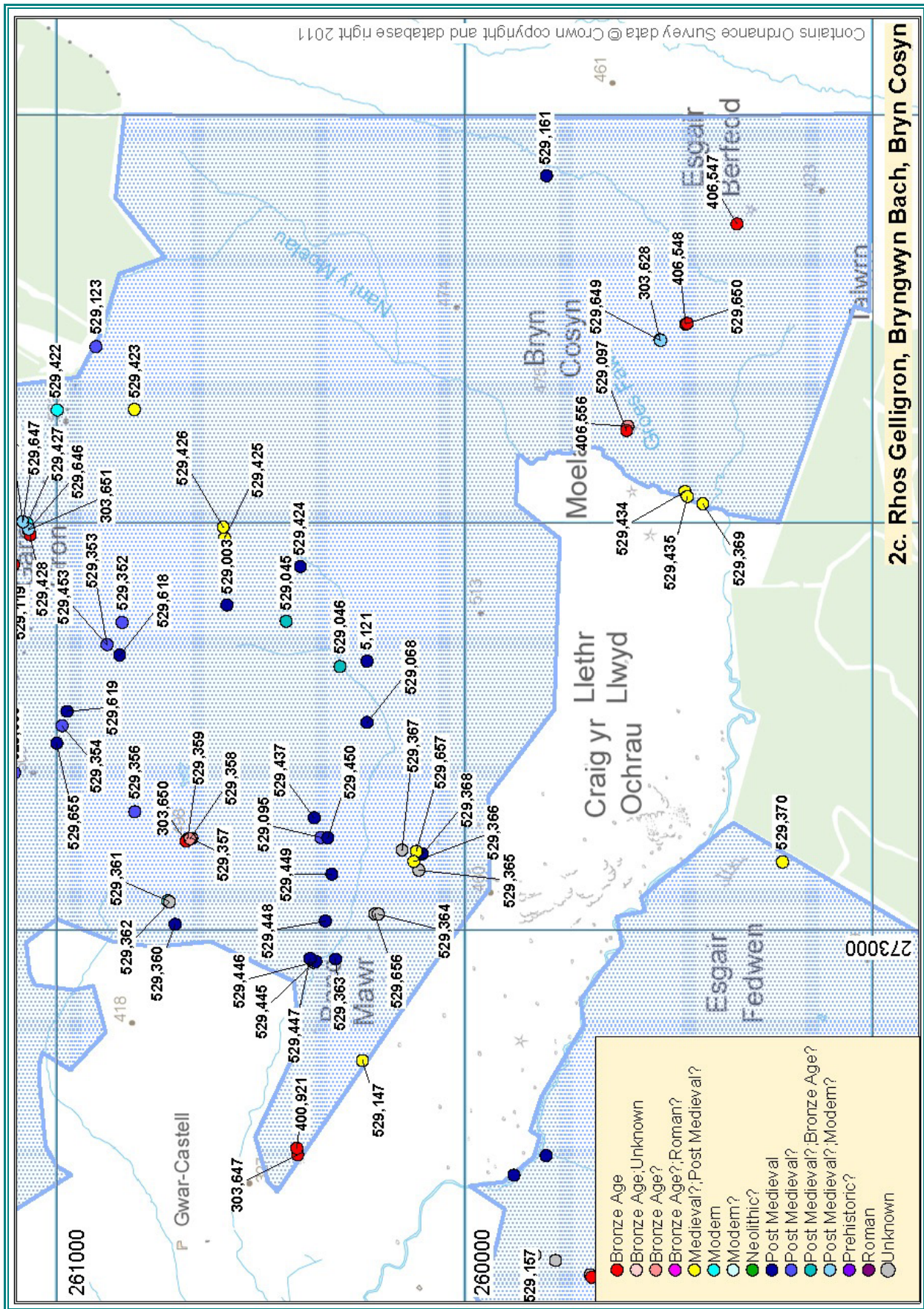
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529655 GARN GRON, PEAT CUTTING VII	SN7345961000	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529656 GROES FECHAN, STONE PILE III	SN7304060221	CAIRN?;CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Unknown
529657 GROES FECHAN, STRUCTURE II	SN7319460119	STRUCTURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?



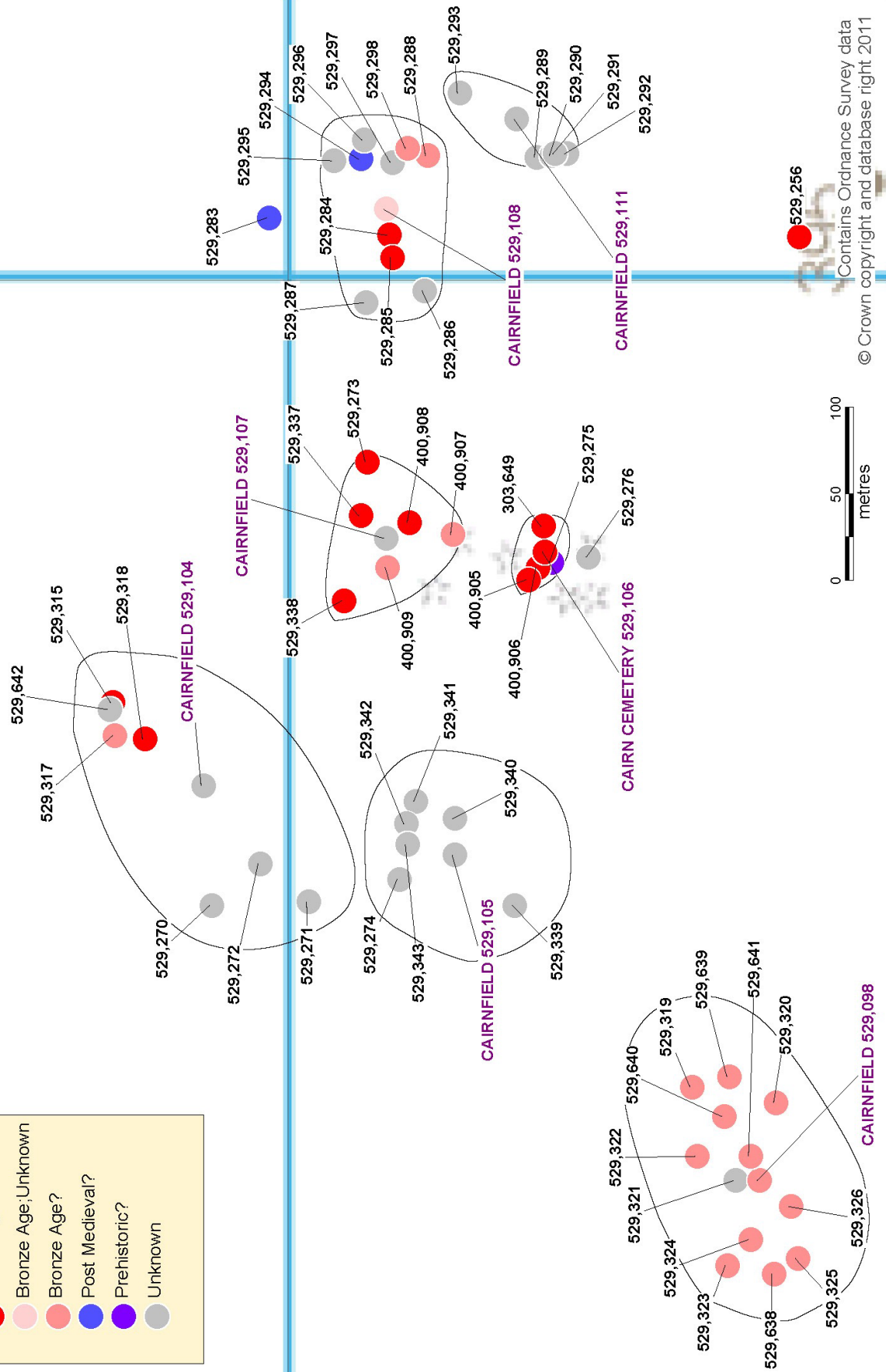
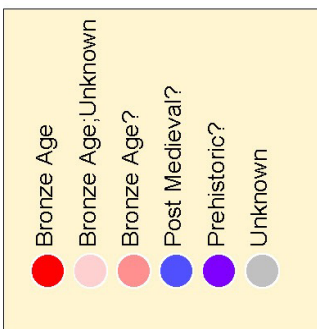








## 2d. Detail of cairnfields and cairn cemeteries on Rhos Gelligrn, Bryngwyn Bach



### **3 Y Drum, Gopa Isaf, Esgair Fedwen, Craig Clogan**

This study area covers 2.18 square kilometres in Tregaron community.

#### **Geology**

This survey area is underlain by strata of Lower Silurian age, including sandstones, mudstones and slate of the Rhuddnant Grit and Blaen Myherin Mudstones Formations. There is little outcropping rock across most of the area, but its southern edge is dominated by the craggy valley slopes of the northern side of the Berwyn valley, where Lower Silurian sandstones are exposed in cliffs with considerable scree deposits down the valley slope. The surface is generally masked by glacial boulder clays and peat has formed in some hollows across the high ground.

#### **Topography**

This is an undulating upland area, which crosses the ridge between the Groes Fawr valley to the north and the Berwyn valley to the south. It rises from about 350 metres on the floor of the Groes Fawr valley, up to 509 metres on Y Gopa, at its southeastern corner. Along its southern side, the altitude drops to about 250 metres at the bottom of the steep and craggy side of the Berwyn valley. The area is characterised by an uneven surface, with small hillocks and ridges divided by streams and hollows that are often peat filled.

#### **Vegetation**

Most of this survey area is covered with moorland grasses, often mixed with sphagnum and other mosses. There are many wet areas, such as hollows and minor stream valleys where dense patches of reeds grow. There is some heather but it is not widespread and appears in an early stage of regeneration, possibly due to a de-intensification of sheep grazing here in modern times.

#### **Previous Fieldwork**

No known previous fieldwork has been undertaken in this survey area.

#### **Overview**

There were no archaeological sites recorded in the NMR database in this survey area prior to the 2013 Uplands Initiative fieldwork, although two cairns were recorded on Y Drum in the Bronze Age chapter of Cardiganshire County History. The fieldwork identified 34 sites or features, most of these medieval or post-medieval in date. The only prehistoric feature was a low, denuded cairn was recorded on the northeast facing slope, NPRN 529138.

A long hut and sunken shelter (NPRNs 529039 and 529149) were found on the western side of Y Drum in a saddle. A longhouse NPRN 529133 and two further medieval or early post-medieval long huts (NPRNs 529370 & 529039) which are typical of the deserted settlements found along the Groes Fawr valley and its hinterlands were found on small terraces on the northeastern facing slope

An abandoned sheep wash in the river (NPRN 529115) also serves as a reminder of the pastoral community that once lived in the valley.

The 13 stone piles were recorded on the slopes in the northwest of the survey area. They are often roughly coursed and many of them linear, but their purpose is unknown.

Three trackways (NPRNs 529134, 529384 & 529372) run through the area, which occasionally disappear into boggy areas and seem to have been out of use for a considerable period of time. Two slightly unusual circular quarries (NPRN 529040 & 529151) were also noted, seemingly where the two cairns listed in the Bronze Age section of the Cardiganshire County History were located.

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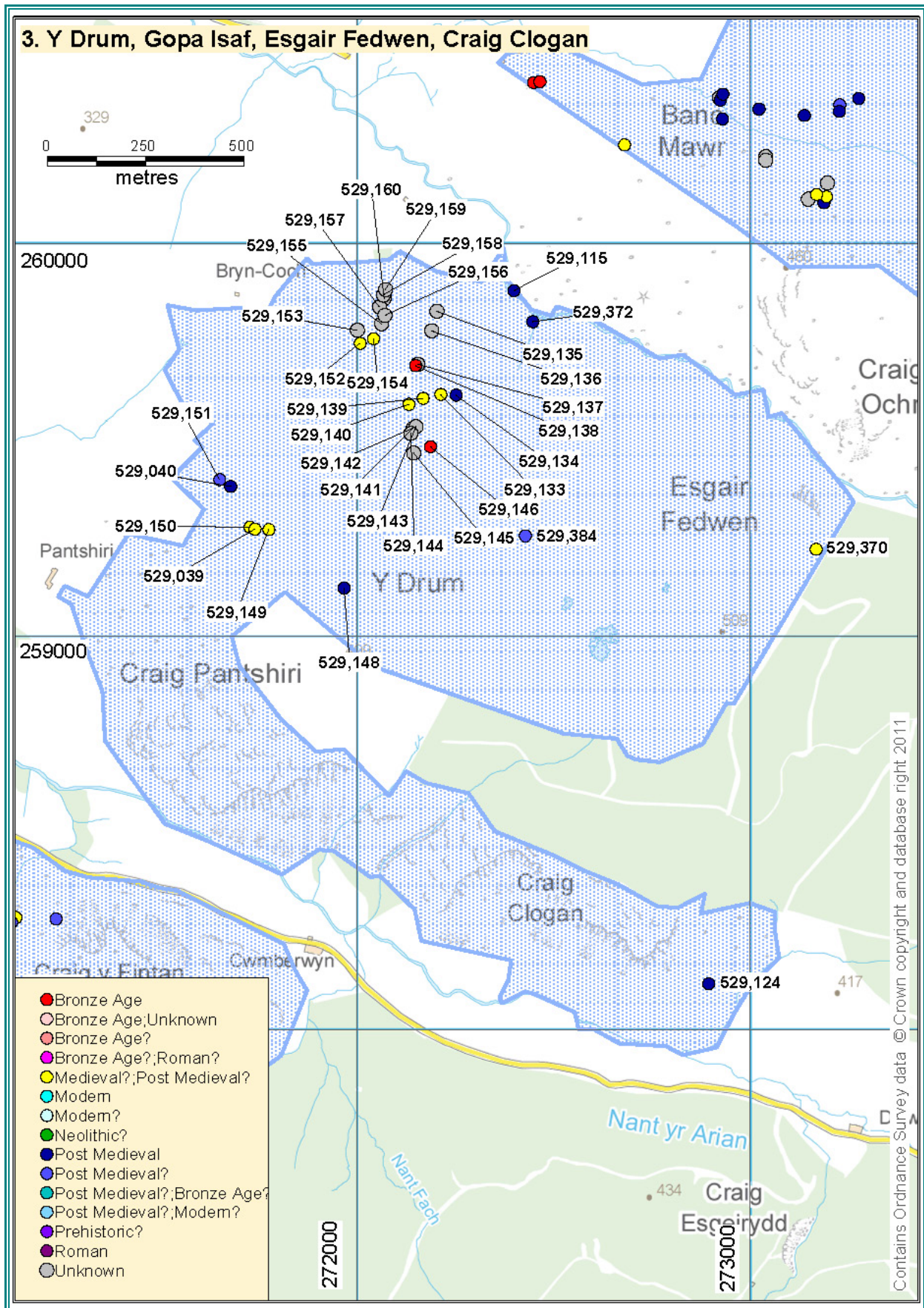
## Sites recorded

All sites recorded in the study area are listed below, ordered by NPRN, and further details can be found in the survey gazetteer.

NPRN	NAME	NGR	TYPE	PERIOD
529039	GOPA ISAF, LONG HUT	SN7173559269	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529040	GOPA ISAF, QUARRY	SN7166259387	QUARRY	Post Medieval
529115	GROES FAWR, SHEEP WASH	SN7240059880	SHEEP WASH	Post Medieval
529124	CAE NEWYDD, FIELD SYSTEM	SN7289558116	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529133	GOPA ISAF, LONGHOUSE	SN7221459616	LONGHOUSE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529134	GOPA ISAF, TRACKWAY	SN7225359614	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529135	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE V	SN7220459828	STONE PILE	Unknown
529136	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE II	SN7219159778	STONE PILE	Unknown
529137	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE III	SN7215659693	STONE PILE	Unknown
529138	GOPA ISAF, CAIRN I	SN7215059689	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529139	GOPA ISAF, SHELTER I	SN7216959606	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529140	GOPA ISAF, SHELTER II	SN7213359591	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529141	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE XII	SN7214459530	STONE PILE	Unknown
529142	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE VI	SN7214459530	STONE PILE	Unknown
529143	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE I	SN7215159534	STONE PILE	Unknown
529144	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE XIII	SN7213859517	STONE PILE	Unknown
529145	GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE IV	SN7214559467	STONE PILE	Unknown

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529146 GOPA ISAF, CAIRN II	SN7218859483	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529148 GOPA ISAF, PEAT CUTTING	SN7196859123	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529149 Y DRUM, SUNKEN SHELTER	SN7177759272	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529150 GOPA ISAF, MOUND	SN7172959278	MOUND	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529151 Y DRUM, QUARRY I	SN7165259399	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529152 GOPA ISAF, STRUCTURE	SN7200959746	LONG HUT?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529153 GOPA ISAF, QUARRY I	SN7200259779	QUARRY	Unknown
529154 GOPA ISAF, WALL I	SN7204359758	WALL	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529155 GOPA ISAF, WALL II	SN7206459796	WALL	Unknown
529156 GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE XI	SN7207259817	STONE PILE	Unknown
529157 GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE X	SN7205859839	STONE PILE	Unknown
529158 GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE IX	SN7206859869	STONE PILE	Unknown
529159 GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE VII	SN7207459883	STONE PILE	Unknown
529160 GOPA ISAF, STONE PILE VIII	SN7207059860	STONE PILE	Unknown
529370 ESGAIR FEDWEN, LONG HUT	SN7316859222	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529372 GROES FAWR, TRACKWAY	SN7244859801	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529384 ESGAIR FRAITH, TRACKWAY I	SN7242959256	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?





## **4 Esgair Fraith, Craig y Fintan**

This study area covers 1.81 square kilometres in Tregaron community.

### **Geology**

This survey area is underlain by strata of Lower Silurian age, including sandstones, mudstones and slate of the Rhuddnant Grit and Blaen Myherin Mudstones Formations. There is little outcropping rock across most of the area, but its northern edge is dominated by the steep and craggy Craig y Fintan, where Lower Silurian sandstones are exposed in a cliff line which overlooks the Berwyn valley to the north.

### **Topography**

This survey area lies to the south of the Berwyn valley and the land here rises from as low as 250 metres at its northern edge in the valley to a peak of 485 metres at Garn Fawr, over 1.3 kilometres to the southern end of the area. A second summit, reaching 450 metres, is found above Craig y Fintan, at the northern end of the area, overlooking the Berwyn valley. Craig y Fintan is a steep-sided, craggy slope, with considerable scree below, but the rest of the area is mostly stone free and masked in boulder clays and peat.

### **Vegetation**

This survey area displays marked changes in ground vegetation at different altitudes. The highest ground at the southern end of the area is chiefly covered in short moorland grasses and mosses, with some heather also found. The land descends northwards onto a belt of wetter ground which stretches across the middle of the survey area, where grasses such as *Molinia*, better suited to the wet conditions, are dominant. Drier conditions return along the northern edge of the upland block, above Craig y Fintan, where a moorland grass and moss pasture is generally present, broken up by reed-filled hollows and gullies. This continues down the valley side into Cwm Berwyn where there is some limited bracken invasion of the lower slopes.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

The only known previous fieldwork undertaken in this area was the inclusion of the Garn Fawr summit cairn (NPRN 303622) in the Cadw-funded Funerary and Ritual Sites Project for Ceredigion, undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust (2006).

### **Overview**

Prior to the 2013 Uplands Initiative survey, only two sites were recorded in the National Monuments Record in this survey area. These were the Garn Fawr cairn (NPRN 303622) and a long hut near Craig y Fintan (NPRN 410441).

The 2013 survey succeeded in markedly increasing the number of archaeological sites recorded in the National Monuments Record for the area, to 36, a rise of 1800%. The newly recorded sites include settlement features such as a platform at Craig y Fintan (NPRN 529400) and a long hut on Esgair Fraith (NPRN 529389). An extensive, and now abandoned, post medieval field system (NPRN 529131) also occupies much of the northwestern quadrant of this survey area. Some particularly significant sites have been identified in this area for the first time. These include an old metal mine level, now collapsed and infilled, to the west of Craig y Fintan (NPRN 529402). Undoubtedly the most important new discovery is a Bronze Age funerary cairn to the south of Craig y Fintan (NPRN 529398), which is surrounded by seven small upright stones (NPRNs 529085-529091). These include a pair of quartz blocks (NPRNs 529085 & 529086), just over 10 metres to its southern side. This cairn and stone setting compares with

a number of other cairns in the wider area, particularly ring cairn NPRN 529607 on Bryn Rhudd, Llanddewi Brefi, which has two associated stones (NPRNs 529033 & 529034).

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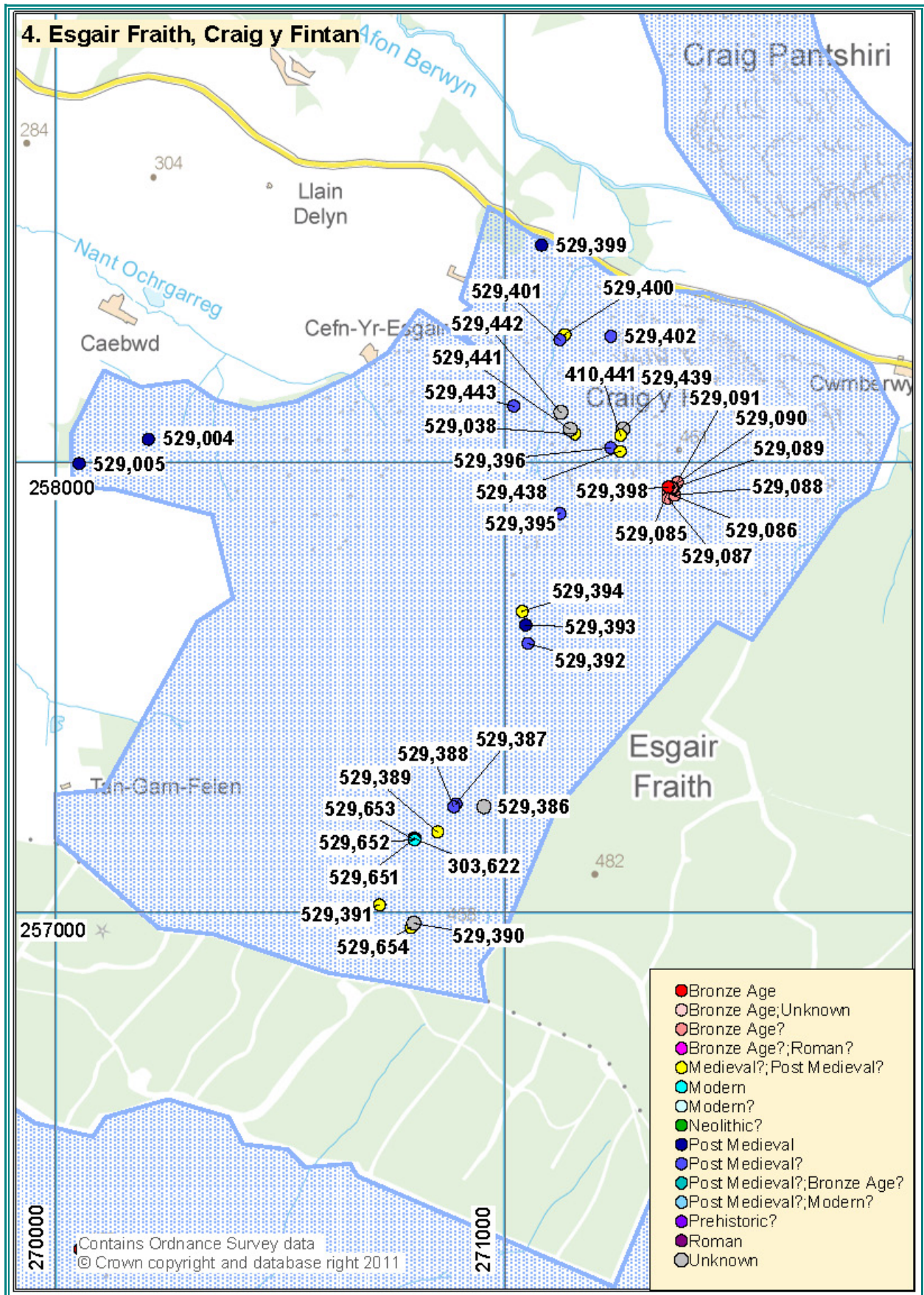
## Sites recorded

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NPRN	NAME	NGR	TYPE	PERIOD
303622	GARN FAWR	SN70779957165	CAIRN	Bronze Age
410441	CRAIG Y FINTAN DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT, TREGARON	SN7125858061	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529004	CEFN YR ESGAIR, BUILDING	SN7020858052	BUILDING	Post Medieval
529038	CRAIG Y FINTAN, TRACKWAY	SN7115658064	TRACKWAY	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529085	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE VI	SN7136357934	STONE	Bronze Age?
529086	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE I	SN7136457932	STONE	Bronze Age?
529087	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE V	SN7136357921	STONE	Bronze Age?
529088	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE VII	SN7137857928	STONE	Bronze Age?
529089	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE IV	SN7137457943	STONE	Bronze Age?
529090	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE III	SN7137257945	STONE	Bronze Age?
529091	ESGAIR FRAITH, STONE II	SN7138457956	STONE	Bronze Age?
529131	CEFN YR ESGAIR, FIELD SYSTEM	SN7082157974	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529386	ESGAIR FRAITH, PLATFORM	SN7095457235	PLATFORM	Unknown
529387	ESGAIR FRAITH, CAUSEWAY	SN7089257241	CAUSEWAY?	Post Medieval?
529388	ESGAIR FRAITH, TRACKWAY III	SN7088757235	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529389	ESGAIR FRAITH, LONG HUT	SN7085157179	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529390	ESGAIR FRAITH, EARTHWORK I	SN7079856976	EARTHWORK	Unknown
529391	ESGAIR FRAITH, SHELTER	SN7072257017	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?

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529393 ESGAIR FRAITH, TRACKWAY II	SN7104757639	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529394 ESGAIR FRAITH, STRUCTURE	SN7103957669	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529395 ESGAIR FRAITH, QUARRY II	SN7112357887	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529396 CRAIG Y FINTAN, QUARRY	SN7123658033	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529398 ESGAIR FRAITH, CAIRN IV	SN7136457946	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529399 CEFN YR ESGAIR, TRACKWAY II	SN7108258484	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529400 CEFN ESGAIR FACH, PLATFORM	SN7113458285	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529401 CEFN YR ESGAIR, TRACKWAY I	SN7112358273	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529402 CRAIG Y FINTAN, LEVEL	SN7123658281	LEVEL	Post Medieval?
529438 CRAIG Y FINTAN, SHELTER II	SN7125758025	SHELTER?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529439 CRAIG Y FINTAN, SHELTER I	SN7126358075	SHELTER	Unknown
529441 CRAIG Y FINTAN, STONE SPREAD I	SN7114658074	STONE SPREAD	Unknown
529442 CRAIG Y FINTAN, STONE SPREAD II	SN7112558112	PEAT DRYING STAND?	Unknown
529443 CEFN ESGAIR FAWR,QUARRY	SN7102058126	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529651 GARN FAWR, MARKER CAIRN	SN7080157164	MARKER CAIRN	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529652 GARN FAWR, TRIANGULATION POINT	SN7080057161	TRIANGULATION POINT	Modern
529653 GARN FAWR, WALL	SN7080057161	WALL	Modern
529654 ESGAIR FRAITH, EARTHWORK II	SN7079256966	PLATFORM?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?





## **5 Llethr Mawr, Figyn Blaenbrefi, Bryn Rhudd, Banc y Gwyngoed, Bryn Poeth**

This study area covers 10.43 square kilometres in Llanddewi Brefi community.

### **Geology**

This survey area lies to the north of Cwm Brefi and is underlain by Lower Silurian sedimentary rocks of the Rhuddnant Grits and Blaen Myherin Mudstone Formations, including sandstones, mudstones and slates. The bedrock is rarely exposed, apart from the crags of Craig Ifan and Craig y Foelallt, both on the upper valley side of Cwm Brefi. Craig y Foelallt has been quarried for slate during the 19th century. Most of the survey area is masked by glacial clays and there are also thick peat deposits, especially at the eastern side of the survey area above Blaen Brefi and Figyn Blaen Brefi, the latter being protected as a SSSI.

### **Topography**

This is a large block of undulating upland landscape, lying between the Brefi and Berwyn valleys. The land rises up to 480 metres on Bryn Rhudd with several local summits exceeding 440 metres, and the whole of the survey area over 300 metres in altitude. The lowest point is found along the bottom of the steep, craggy south-facing valley slope in Cwm Brefi, where the land falls to about 200 metres. Much of the landscape is poorly drained, with quite extensive peat bogs present, especially at the eastern and northeastern sides of the area, where the Afon Brefi rises. The Figyn Blaen Brefi peat bog, a SSSI, is found here. A number of small mountain streams run from the upland bogs, southwards into the Brefi and northwestwards towards the Teifi.

### **Vegetation**

This is a survey area of great variation in terms of vegetation cover. The wetter areas around the eastern and northern margins of the area, as well as the numerous valleys within the area, are dominated by purple moor-grass, which grows thickly in most of these places. The drier, better-drained slopes to the west, including the hills and ridges that rise above the bogs and valleys, are generally covered with dense carpets of bilberry, moorland grasses and mosses. Heather occurs also on some hills, particularly across the top of Banc y Gwyngoed in the west. There is some gorse also on the south-facings slope below Craig y Foelallt and Craig Ifan.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

There are several examples of previous fieldwork being undertaken in this area. The earliest was reported in the Transactions of the Cardiganshire Antiquarian Society in 1927, relating to a series of site surveys and excavations in the vicinity of Craig Ifan, Cors y Clochydd and Bryn Poeth (Lewis, 1927). In 1988, the Ceredigion Archaeological Survey undertook an upland archaeological survey on the hills to the west of Carnau (Ray, 1988). More recently, two Cadw-funded projects included sites within the area; the Deserted Rural Settlements Project (Dyfed Archaeological Trust, 1999) and the Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Project, undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust (2006).

### **Overview**

This area was known to be archaeologically rich prior to the 2013 field survey with numerous Bronze Age cairns and medieval or later deserted settlement sites. As early as 1927, antiquarian studies had identified a large number of potentially important sites, including prehistoric funerary monuments, medieval or later deserted settlements and possible pillow mounds, although much of the evidence was misinterpreted at the time (Lewis, 1927). The Ceredigion

Archaeological Survey in 1988, working to the west of Carnau farm, identified a significant group of Bronze Age cairns (Ray, 1988), including three fine ring cairns (NPRNs 529025, 529600 & 529607), although few of these sites were entered into the National Monuments Record at that time. Further sites were documented by fieldwork associated with the Cadw-funded Deserted Rural Settlements and Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites projects undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust in 1999 and 2006 respectively. Again, these sites were mostly recorded in the Historic Environment Record, with few included in the National Monuments Record.

The culmination of these projects did however see some of the more important sites scheduled, including a longhouse at Blaenbrefi (NPRN 529373), the aforementioned ring cairns and summit cairns such as that on Bryn Rhudd (NPRN 303527).

One potentially important site already recorded in the area was the Bryn Rhudd long hut (NPRN 529412). This long-deserted site may correspond with a 'llyuest' or shepherd's cottage mentioned in an early 17th century documents at the National Library of Wales as a newly-built dwelling known as "llyest John David Vain yn nhalken y bryn Rhydd" and described as a "cottage or turf house (Davies, 1984). The name signifies that the dwelling must have been at the "talcen" or end of Bryn Rhudd and NPRN 529412 is the only known settlement found at either end of the hill, apart from the post medieval cottage at Gelmast (NPRN 5434), although this could have been on the site of "llyest John David Vain".

The 2013 fieldwork has seen a large increase in the number of sites recorded in the National Monuments Record, which has risen from just 4 to 202 (an increase of some 5000%). It must be noted that 94 sites were previously recorded in the regional Historic Environment Record, most of which correspond with new records added to the National Monuments Record by the 2013 survey. These were mostly deserted rural settlements or prehistoric funerary and ritual sites. Amongst the most significant sites recorded in 2013 were a number of previously unknown Bronze Age funerary cairns (such as NPRNs 529479, 529483, 529491 & 529504). An extensive cairnfield at Cors y Clochydd (NPRN 529109) was also recorded. The cairnfield had in fact been identified in 1927 (Lewis, 1927) and some of the small cairn mounds excavated, producing no archaeological results of importance. In 2013 it appears that fewer cairns were discovered than seen by Lewis in 1927, but an increase in ground vegetation may have obscured many of them.

Lewis also excavated three deserted settlement sites (NPRN 529503, 529466 & 529468) and what appears to have been one in a group of six pillow mounds. Only one of these pillow mounds was found in 2013 (NPRN 529513). Perhaps the most significant site Lewis examined was an unusual cairn known as Cerrig Clochesti. Re-examination of this site in 2013 suggests that it is in fact a Neolithic chambered cairn, as it includes cairn material as well as two large cists or chambers (NPRNs 529508 & 529509). If confirmed, this site would be the only Neolithic funerary monument known to survive in Ceredigion.

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All sites recorded in the study area are listed below, ordered by NPRN, and further details can be found in the survey gazetteer.

<b>NPRN</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
5434	GALDRE, RUINS	SN69245638	HOUSE	Post Medieval
303526	BANC-Y-GWYNGOED, CAIRN	SN6823256038	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303527	BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN XIII	SN6920355982	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303739	BRYN RHUDD PREHISTORIC FUNERARY AND RITUAL LANDSCAPE	SN6893055300	ROUND BARROW CEMETERY	Bronze Age
529015	CNWCH MAWR, SHELTER	SN6837853707	SHELTER	Post Medieval
529016	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP III	SN6839053392	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529017	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP II	SN6838953389	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529018	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP VIII	SN6838553401	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529019	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP VII	SN6838353404	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529020	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP IV	SN6838153406	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529021	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP VI	SN6839253412	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529022	NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP I	SN6839053414	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529023	BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN XIV	SN6890055268	CAIRN	Bronze Age



<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529024 CRAIG CRYLL, EARTHWORK BANK	SN6788754145	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval?
529025 BRYN RHUDD, RING CAIRN II	SN6921155402	RING CAIRN	Bronze Age
529026 ESGAIR HIR, EARTHWORK STRUCTURE	SN6918754951	SHEEP FOLD?	Post Medieval
529027 ESGAIR HIR, ENCLOSURE	SN6918054936	ENCLOSURE	Post Medieval
529028 ESGAIR HIR, FIELD SYSTEM	SN6920254959	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529029 ESGAIR HIR, LONG HUT	SN6919554945	LONG HUT	Post Medieval
529030 ESGAIR HIR, POTATO CLAMP III	SN6917554947	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529031 ESGAIR HIR, POTATO CLAMP II	SN6917754947	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529032 ESGAIR HIR, POTATO CLAMP I	SN6917954949	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529033 BRYN RHUDD, STANDING STONE II	SN6897855080	STANDING STONE	Bronze Age
529034 BRYN RHUDD, STANDING STONE I	SN6896055094	STANDING STONE	Bronze Age
529037 BRYN POETH, ENCLOSURE	SN6788955168	ENCLOSURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529062 CWM BREFI, LEVEL	SN6846454170	LEVEL	Post Medieval
529066 FIGYN BREFI, PEAT CUTTING	SN7185054340	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529067 LLEATHER MAWR, PEAT CUTTING	SN7038054650	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529069 GALDRE, FIELD SYSTEM	SN6918756458	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529070 GALDRE, STRUCTURE	SN6921056701	SHEEP FOLD?	Post Medieval
529071 BRYN RHUDD, SHELTER II	SN6920255980	SHELTER	Post Medieval?
529072 BRYN RHUDD, WALL	SN6920455981	BOUNDARY WALL	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529077 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN IX	SN6901755551	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529079 BLAEN BREFI, STONE VI	SN7077455574	STANDING STONE?	Bronze Age?
529080 BLAEN BREFI, STONE V	SN7079255564	STONE	Unknown
529081 BLAEN BREFI, STONE IV	SN7079255571	STANDING STONE?	Bronze Age?
529082 BLAEN BREFI, STONE III	SN7079155576	STONE	Unknown

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529083 BLAEN BREFI, STONE I	SN7078455584	STONE	Unknown
529084 BLAEN BREFI, STONE II	SN7077555579	STONE	Unknown
529096 BRYN POETH, STONE	SN6845755117	STONE	Bronze Age
529109 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRNFELD	SN6786555499	CAIRNFELD	Bronze Age?;Unknown
529112 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH	SN6814554965	DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529117 CRAIG Y FOELALLT, QUARRY I	SN6716755188	QUARRY	Post Medieval
529118 BRYN RHUDD, STONE	SN7016856237	STONE	Unknown
529371 CWNCH, BOUNDARY BANK	SN6826453928	BOUNDARY BANK	Post Medieval
529373 BLAEN BREFI, LONGHOUSE	SN7118755623	LONGHOUSE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529374 BLAEN BREFI, CAIRN	SN7107955327	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529375 BLAEN BREFI, LONG HUT II	SN7096255348	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529376 BLAEN BREFI, STRUCTURE II	SN7110855211	LONG HUT?;SHEEP FOLD?	Post Medieval
529377 BLAEN BREFI, STONE PILE	SN7111155203	CLEARANCE CAIRN?	Post Medieval?
529378 BLAEN BREFI, LONG HUT I	SN7112855210	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529379 BLAEN BREFI, SHELTER	SN7110455135	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529380 BLAEN BREFI, STRUCTURE I	SN7109555127	SHELTER?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529381 BLAEN BREFI, STRUCTURE III	SN7105554980	SHELTER?	Post Medieval?
529382 BLAEN BREFI, CAIRN AND STONES	SN7078055576	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529383 BLAEN BREFI, TRACKWAY	SN7024256115	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529408 BRYN RHUDD, STRUCTURE I	SN7007156108	SHELTER?	Post Medieval?
529409 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN I	SN7005656251	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529410 BRYN RHUDD, STONE MOUND	SN7006456254	MOUND	Unknown
529411 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN III	SN7006156248	CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529412 BRYN RHUDD, LONGHOUSE	SN6946756199	LONGHOUSE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529413 NANT RHOSYGLO, BIELD	SN7008755886	BIELD	Post Medieval
529414 NANT CRIBINAU, LONGHUT	SN7030255849	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529456 BRYN POETH, LONG HUT I	SN6826054827	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529457 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH, FIELD SYSTEM	SN6825054905	FIELD SYSTEM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529458 BRYN POETH, STRUCTURE	SN6825754929	SHEEP FOLD?;GOOSE PEN?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529459 BRYN POETH, CLEARANCE CAIRN III	SN6786855135	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529460 BRYN POETH, RIDGE AND FURROW	SN6785855154	CULTIVATION MARKS	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529461 BRYN POETH, CLEARANCE CAIRN IV	SN6787555157	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529462 BRYN POETH, CLEARANCE CAIRN I	SN6790355183	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529463 BRYN POETH, LONG HUT III	SN6794455211	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529464 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, GATE POSTS	SN6792555278	GATE POST	Modern
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529466 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, LONG HUT I	SN6776655273	LONG HUT	Post Medieval
529467 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, STRUCTURE	SN6772655330	SHELTER?;SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529468 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, LONG HUT II	SN6770155440	LONG HUT	Post Medieval?
529469 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XIII	SN6763155366	CAIRN	Unknown
529470 WAUN CLAWDD, CAIRN II	SN6740555451	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529471 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, TRACKWAY	SN6757855301	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529472 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, QUARRY	SN6753355298	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529473 CRAIG Y FOELALLT, QUARRY II	SN6736355160	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529474 CRAIG Y FOELALLT, LONGHOUSE	SN6744855126	LONGHOUSE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
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529478 BRYN RHUDD, SHELTER I	SN6878455807	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?

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529481 WAUN CLAWDD, SUNKEN SHELTER III	SN6720655476	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529482 WAUN CLAWDD, LONG HUT I	SN6723255496	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529483 WAUN CLAWDD, CAIRN I	SN6728055478	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529484 WAUN CLAWDD, EARTHWORK BANK	SN6730555524	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529485 WAUN CLAWDD, SHEEP FOLD	SN6730655584	SHEEP FOLD	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529486 WAUN CLAWDD, LONG HUT III	SN6722355566	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529487 BRYN POETH, MOUND	SN6846555287	MOUND	Unknown
529488 BRYN POETH, SHELTER II	SN6847555312	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529489 BRYN RHUDD, TRACKWAY	SN6888455618	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529490 BRYN RHUDD, STONE SPREAD	SN6890456358	CAIRN?	Unknown
529491 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN II	SN6868856266	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529492 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN IV	SN6868256269	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529493 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH, REVETMENT	SN6824754935	REVTMENT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529494 BRYN POETH, FOLD	SN6830755013	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529495 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH, LONG HUT	SN6824355148	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529496 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH, STRUCTURE II	SN6824655120	SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529497 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH, LONG HOUSE	SN6813554989	LONGHOUSE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529498 CAE PENYGRAIG, BRYN POETH, STRUCTURE I	SN6810754975	STRUCTURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529499 BRYN POETH, MARKER CAIRN	SN6793155124	MARKER CAIRN?	Post Medieval?
529500 BRYN POETH, CLEARANCE CAIRN II	SN6788955140	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529501 WAUN CLAWDD, STRUCTURE II	SN6745155479	SUNKEN SHELTER?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529502 WAUN CLAWDD, SUNKEN SHELTER II	SN6747055507	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529503 WAUN CLAWDD, EARTHWORK STRUCTURE	SN6751955535	LONG HUT?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529504 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN VIII	SN6872656216	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529505 BANC Y GWYNGOED, PLATFORM I	SN6781756477	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529506 BANC Y GWYNGOED, PLATFORM II	SN6782456492	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529507 BANC Y GWYNGOED, TRACKWAY	SN6786956511	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529508 CERRIG CLOCHESTI, CHAMBERED CAIRN	SN6842756282	CHAMBERED CAIRN?	Neolithic?
529509 CERRIG CLOCHESTI, CIST	SN6842356285	CIST	Neolithic?
529510 BANC Y GWYNGOED, FOLD	SN6823256038	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval?
529511 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XX	SN6794055548	CAIRN	Unknown
529512 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XXI	SN6789055428	RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529513 BEDD Y PROFFWYDI, MOUNDS	SN6822454626	PILLOW MOUND?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529514 CRAIG IFAN, PLATFORM	SN6839754801	HUT PLATFORM?	Unknown
529515 ESGAIR HIR, STRUCTURE	SN6851755049	SHELTER?;SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529516 BRYN POETH, CAIRN II	SN6845255118	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529517 BRYN POETH, CAIRN I	SN6844655118	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529518 BRYN POETH, SHELTER I	SN6844855286	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529519 BRYN POETH, LONG HUT II	SN6845555298	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529520 BANC Y GWYNGOED, STRUCTURE II	SN6831355730	LONG HUT?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529521 BANC Y GWYNGOED, STRUCTURE I	SN6830055695	SHELTER?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529522 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN VII	SN6797055569	CAIRN	Unknown
529523 WAUN CLAWDD, SHELTER	SN6767155500	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529524 WAUN CLAWDD, SUNKEN SHELTER I	SN6763355494	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529525 WAUN CLAWDD, STRUCTURE I	SN6759655498	STRUCTURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529526 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, STONE PILE	SN6771155500	CAIRN	Unknown
529559 TALCEN Y CNWCH, HOLLOW	SN6773054415	QUARRY?;PLATFORM?	Unknown
529560 TALCEN Y CNWCH, QUARRY	SN6784454321	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529561 CNWCH, WALL	SN6803554196	WALL	Post Medieval
529562 CNWCH, QUARRY	SN6792554215	QUARRY?	Unknown
529563 CNWCH, CULTIVATION MARKS III	SN6802654180	CULTIVATION MARKS	Post Medieval?
529564 CNWCH, FENCE LINE	SN6810054139	FENCE	Post Medieval
529565 CNWCH, CULTIVATION MARKS II	SN6812554105	CULTIVATION MARKS	Post Medieval?
529566 CNWCH, EARTHWORK BANK II	SN6813054093	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval?
529567 CNWCH, CULTIVATION MARKS I	SN6817554074	CULTIVATION MARKS	Post Medieval?
529568 RHYSOG LEAD MINE, LEAT	SN6833553935	LEAT	Post Medieval
529569 RHYSOG LEAD MINE, RESERVOIR	SN6824653900	RESERVOIR	Post Medieval
529570 CNWCH MAWR, CAIRN III	SN6831153798	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529571 CNWCH MAWR, CAIRN I	SN6837553705	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529572 CNWCH MAWR, CAIRN II	SN6837752717	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529573 BANCAU DUON, TRACKWAY II	SN6871153495	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529574 BANCAU DUON, HOLLOW	SN6919653399	HOLLOW	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529575 BANCAU DUON, LEAD MINING TRIAL LEVEL	SN6913353302	TRIAL TRENCH	Post Medieval
529576 BANCAU DUON, TRACKWAY I	SN6899353268	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529577 NANT RHYSOG, FIELD SYSTEM	SN6832853415	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529578 NANT RHYSOG, POTATO CLAMP V	SN6839753396	POTATO CLAMP	Post Medieval
529579 NANT RHYSOG, COTTAGE	SN6833853479	COTTAGE	Post Medieval
529580 RHYSOG LEAD MINE, TRAIL LEVEL I	SN6823753667	TRIAL TRENCH	Post Medieval?
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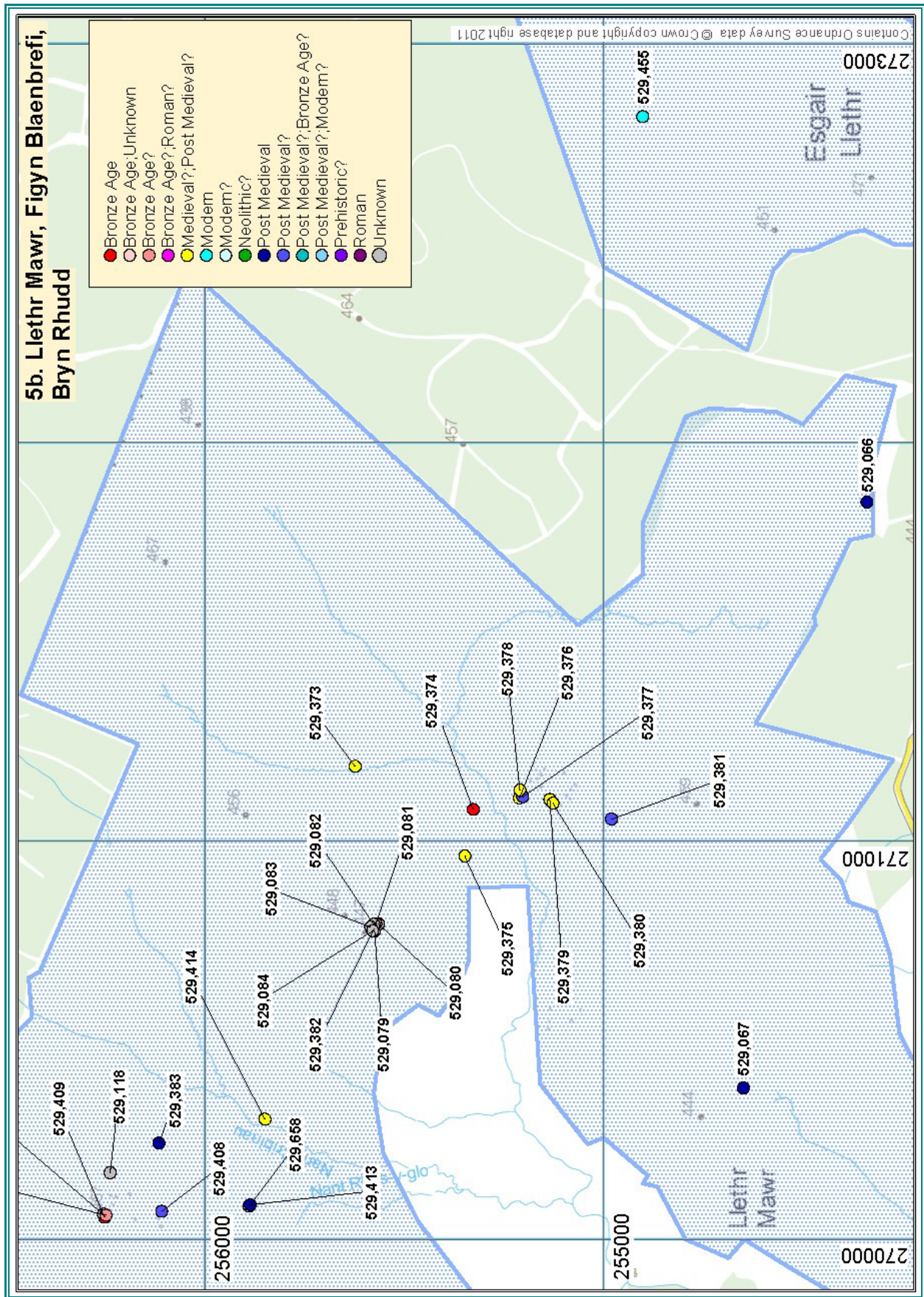
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529583 RHYSOGOG LEAD MINE, SHAFT I	SN6815053741	MINE SHAFT	Post Medieval
529584 RHYSOGOG LEAD MINE, SHAFT II	SN6813553755	MINE SHAFT	Post Medieval
529585 RHYSOGOG LEAD MINE, LEVEL I	SN6811453782	LEVEL?	Post Medieval
529586 RHYSOGOG LEAD MINE, BRIDGE	SN6809453769	BRIDGE	Post Medieval
529587 RHYSOGOG LEAD MINE, LEVEL I	SN6809853788	LEVEL	Post Medieval
529588 RHYSOGOG LEAD MINE, BUILDING	SN6809453816	MINE BUILDING	Post Medieval
529589 NANT RHYSOGOG, ENCLOSURE II	SN6806653925	ENCLOSURE	Post Medieval
529590 NANT RHYSOGOG, TRACKWAY	SN6791054092	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529592 CRAIG CRYLL, PLATFORM	SN6786154253	PLATFORM?	Unknown
529593 CRAIG CRYLL, FOLD	SN6777154222	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval?
529594 ESGAIR HIR, CLEARANCE CAIRN	SN6910354861	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529595 ESGAIR HIR, SETTLEMENT	SN6919654923	DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT	Post Medieval?
529596 ESGAIR HIR, EARTHWORK BANK	SN6929555094	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529597 ESGAIR HIR, FIELD	SN6932755216	FIELD	Post Medieval?
529598 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN VII	SN6903355298	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529599 BRYN RHUDD, STRUCTURE II	SN6908055273	STRUCTURE	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529600 BRYN RHUDD, RING CAIRN I	SN6917755368	RING CAIRN	Bronze Age
529601 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN V	SN6894155364	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529602 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN VI	SN6891355285	RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age
529603 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN XV	SN6889155277	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529604 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN XI	SN6889055263	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529605 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN X	SN6894055243	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529606 BRYN RHUDD, CAIRN XII	SN6899455148	CAIRN	Bronze Age

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529607 BRYN RHUDD, RING CAIRN III	SN6899555097	RING CAIRN	Bronze Age
529658 NANT RHOSYGLO, LONG HUT	SN7008455889	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529659 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XII	SN6790455508	CAIRN	Unknown
529660 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN II	SN6788855487	CAIRN	Unknown
529661 WAUN CLAWDD, LONG HUT II	SN6730855589	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529664 BANC Y GWYNGOED, SHELTER I	SN6823856040	SHELTER	Post Medieval?
529665 BANC Y GWYNGOED, SHELTER II	SN6823056042	SHELTER	Post Medieval
529666 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XIX	SN6790655425	CAIRN	Unknown
529667 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XXII	SN6787355390	CAIRN	Unknown
529668 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN I	SN6789055317	CAIRN	Unknown
529669 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN X	SN6783355484	CAIRN	Unknown
529670 BRYN RHUDD, STRUCTURE III	SN6868656267	SHEEP FOLD?;SHELTER?	Post Medieval?
529671 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN IX	SN6795455573	CAIRN	Unknown
529672 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN VIII	SN6793655579	RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529673 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN XI	SN6791055575	CAIRN	Unknown
529674 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN VI	SN6788555561	CAIRN	Unknown
529675 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN VI	SN6788255564	CAIRN?;RING CAIRN?	Bronze Age?
529676 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN V	SN6788655549	CAIRN	Unknown
529677 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN IV	SN6784955566	CAIRN	Unknown
529678 CORS Y CLOCHYDD, CAIRN III	SN6781855529	CAIRN	Unknown
529699 CNWCH, EARTHWORK BANK I	SN6816154069	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval
529700 TALCEN Y CNWCH, SHELTER	SN6793454232	SHELTER	Post Medieval?













Bronze Age  
Bronze Age; Unknown  
Bronze Age?  
Medieval?; Post Medieval?  
Modern  
Post Medieval  
Post Medieval?  
Prehistoric?  
Unknown



## **6 Esgair Llethr**

This study area covers 1.27 square kilometres in Llanddewi Brefi community.

### **Geology**

Esgair Llethr lies to the northeast of Cwm Brefi and is underlain by Lower Silurian sedimentary rocks of the Rhuddnant Grits and Blaen Myherin Mudstone Formations, including sandstones, mudstones and slates. Most of the survey area is masked by glacial clays and there are also some thick peat deposits, especially at the eastern side of the survey area, south of Llethr Hafodydd, where medieval or early post medieval boundary features can be seen to be running into a growing peat bog.

### **Topography**

The Esgair Llethr escarpment forms the spine of this survey area. It is one of a series of ridges and hills forming part of an extensive dissected plateau in the southwestern Cambrian Mountains. The escarpment runs south-southwest to north-northeast and faces the southeast. The land falls away into a boggy valley to the southeast, which is now overplanted with conifers. To the northwest is an undulating upland landscape that extends westwards for several kilometres to the Teifi valley. A local summit above Esgair Llethr reaches 471 metres, the highest point in the survey area. The land falls to its lowest point of just over 370 metres at the southern tip of the area.

### **Vegetation**

This survey area is largely covered with purple moor-grass. The highest hilltops are still free of its presence, as is the steep east-facing slope of Esgair Llethr and the area within and immediately adjacent to the deserted Llethr farmstead. Wetter slopes and hollows tend to be covered with reeds. The enclosed fields around Llethr farmstead are still maintained as improved pasture and the adjacent hill is relatively intensively grazed, which has prevented the spread of purple moor-grass across much of the southern third of the survey area, although it has become established along the valley floor at the southern margins of the area, and encroached into formerly improved and enclosed land to the south of Llethr farmstead.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

The only known previous fieldwork in this area was undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust for the Cadw-funded Deserted Rural Settlements Project (Sambrook & Ramsey, 1999), when a medieval or later settlement site at the northeastern end of Esgair Llethr was identified.

### **Overview**

There were no archaeological sites recorded in this survey area prior to the 2013 Uplands Initiative fieldwork. The only sites recorded in the regional HER were a group of settlement-related features at the northern end of Esgair Llethr. These were visited in 2013 and added to the National Monuments Record. The group consists of a longhouse (NPRN 529036) and two long huts (NPRNs 529035 & 529454), alongside an enclosure (NPRN 529452) which is partly submerged in a boggy area to the east of the buildings. The deserted farmstead of Llethr (NPRN 529065) lies to the southern end of the survey area. There is also some evidence of peat-working at the eastern edge of the area (NPRN 529125).

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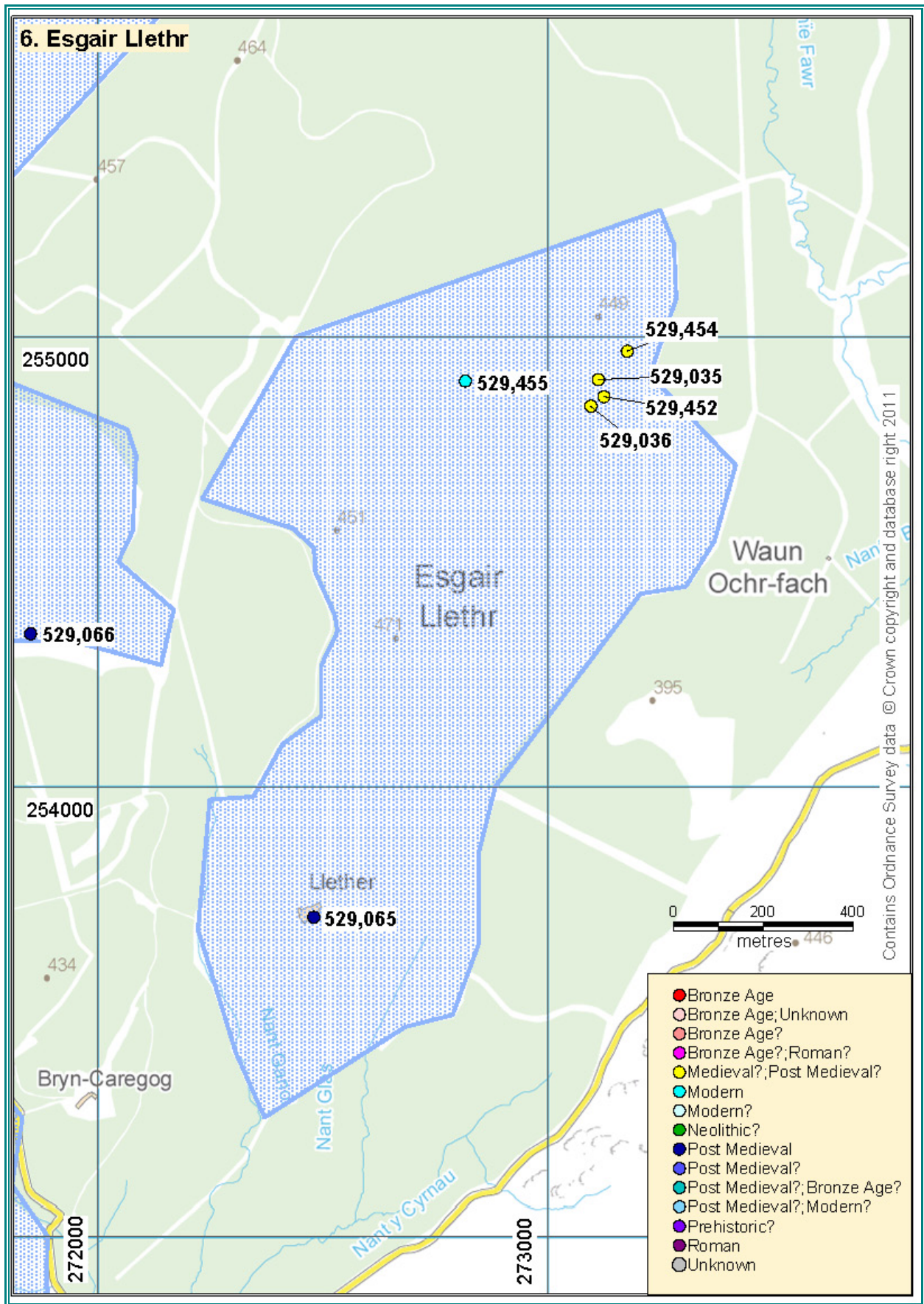
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**Sites recorded**

All sites recorded in the study area are listed below, ordered by NPRN, and further details can be found in the survey gazetteer.

<b>NPRN</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529035	ESGAIR LLETHR, LONG HUT I	SN7311354905	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529036	ESGAIR LLETHR, LONGHOUSE	SN7309654846	LONGHOUSE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529065	LLEATHER LLWYN RHYDD, FARMSTEAD	SN7248053710	FARMSTEAD	Post Medieval
529125	LLETHR, PEAT CUTTING	SN7282953741	PEAT CUTTING	Post Medieval
529452	ESGAIR LLETHR, ENCLOSURE	SN7312554867	ENCLOSURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529454	ESGAIR LLETHR, LONG HUT II	SN7317754968	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529455	ESGAIR LLETHR, SHEEP FOLD	SN7281754902	SHEEP FOLD	Modern





## **7 Banc Bronbyrfe**

This study area covers 1.05 square kilometres in Llanddewi Brefi community.

### **Geology**

The Bronbyrfe survey area is underlain by Lower Silurian sandstones, which are generally covered by glacial clays and till, with little outcropping bedrock.

### **Topography**

The survey area is part of the northwest facing lower escarpment of the Cambrian Mountains which is orientated southwest to northeast and runs to the eastern side of the Teifi valley. It comprises two hills, Banc Bron Byrfe and part of Bryn Brawd, separated by the minor valley of the Nant y Garn stream. The land rises to over 440 metres high at the western side of Banc Bron Byrfe.

### **Vegetation**

Much of this survey area consists of improved or semi-improved grass pasture, particularly on the well-drained, east-facing slopes and summits of Banc Bron Byrfe and southwestwards towards Penllwyndraenddu. Less well-drained stream valleys, including the Nant y Garn valley, and hollows and terraces across the area are often reed-covered or swathed in grasses tolerant of damp conditions such as purple-moor grass.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

No known previous fieldwork has been undertaken in this survey area.

### **Overview**

There were no archaeological sites recorded in this survey area prior to the 2013 Uplands Initiative fieldwork. Only four sites were recorded when the area was visited in 2013. These included a ring cairn (NPRN 529617), alongside the access track to Bron Byrfe farm. A very well-preserved and well-constructed sunken shelter was also found (NPRN 529128) on the hillslope overlooking the modern farmstead. A long hut (NPRN 529063) has also survived, and this stands alongside an old trackway (NPRN 529064) which can be followed on the ground around the eastern end of Banc Bronbyrfe.

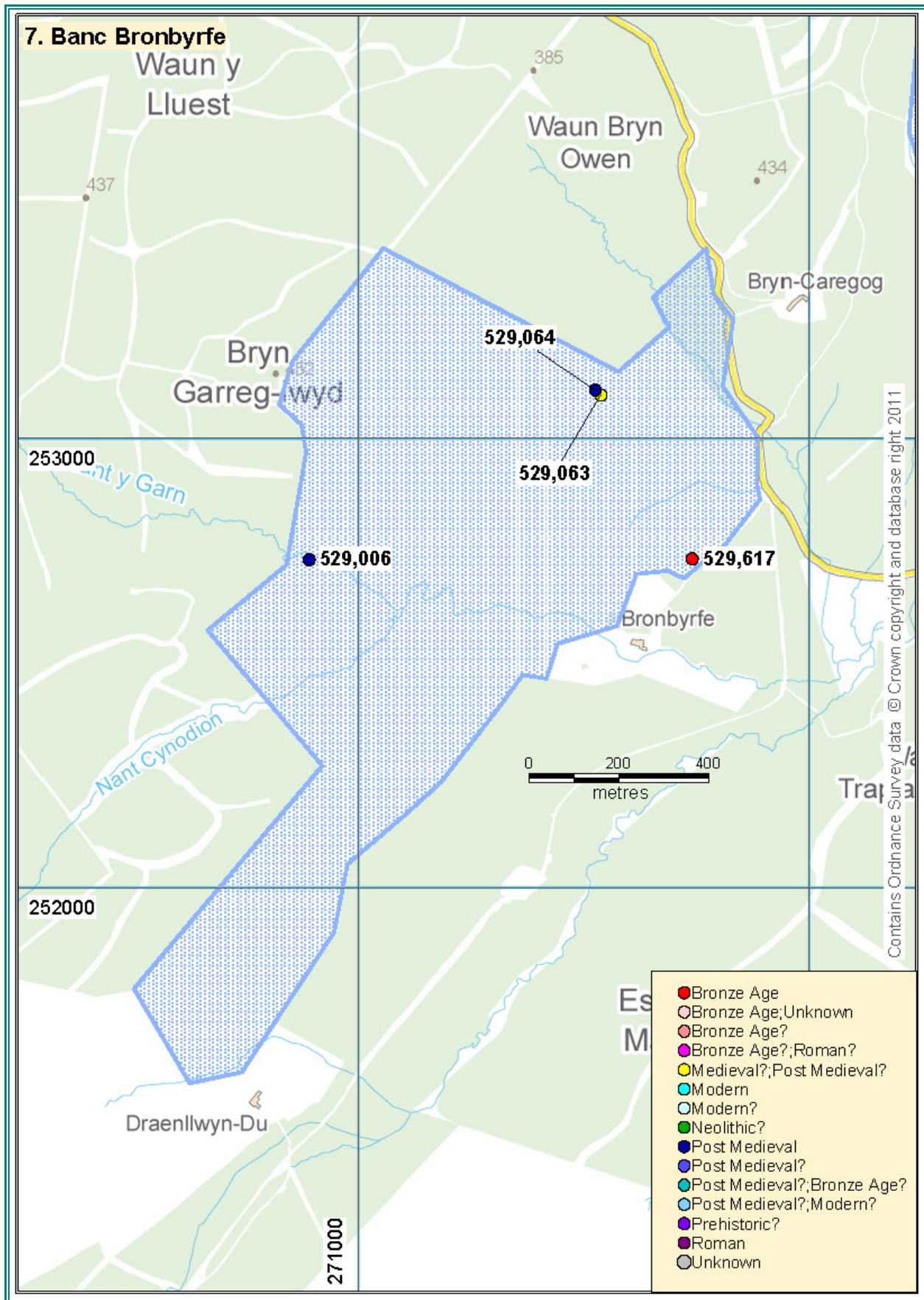
20th century land improvements have clearly impacted on parts of the area, however, and it is possible that there has been some loss of archaeological features or details, although the surviving monuments seem to indicate that any such loss would not extend to significant stone-built structures. A linear clearance feature (NPRN 529129), consisting of stones and boulders pushed to the bottom of the hillslope at southeastern edge of Banc Bronbyrfe, is an evident product of this historic destoning and clearance process.

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### **Sites recorded**

All sites recorded in the study area are listed below, ordered by NPRN, and further details can be found in the survey gazetteer.

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529006 NANT Y GARN, SHEEP FOLD	SN7089052730	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529063 BANC BRONBYRFE, LONG HUT	SN7153853096	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529064 BANC BRONBYRFE, TRACKWAY	SN7152653107	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529128 BANC BRONBYRFE, SUNKEN SHELTER	SN7145652730	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529129 BANC BRONBYRFE, CLEARANCE	SN7145552649	CLEARANCE CAIRN	Modern
529130 BANC BRONBYRFE, BANK	SN7145552649	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Post Medieval
529617 BRONBYRFE, RING CAIRN	SN7174152732	RING CAIRN	Bronze Age



## 8 Gouallt

This study area covers 0.10 square kilometres in Llanddewi Brefi community.

### Geology

The Gouallt survey area is underlain by sedimentary rocks of Lower Silurian age, masked by glacial boulder clays.

### Topography

This survey area comprises only the northeast-facing flank of Gouallt, one of the chain of hills that form the southern side of the Brefi valley. It is a steep slope, which flattens out only at its top, where there is a broad, natural terrace, and at its bottom, where it levels out onto the valley floor. Its highest point reaches just over 330 metres, descending to 210 metres in the valley.

### Vegetation

This small survey area has a ground cover of bracken on its lower slopes, giving way to bilberry and some grass pasture on the higher slopes and the terrace which forms the top of the area.

### Previous Fieldwork

No known previous fieldwork has been undertaken in this survey area.

### Overview

There were no archaeological sites recorded in this survey area prior to the 2013 Uplands Initiative fieldwork. This small area was found to only contain a single feature of archaeological interest, namely a minor quarry working at its northern tip (NPRN 529061).

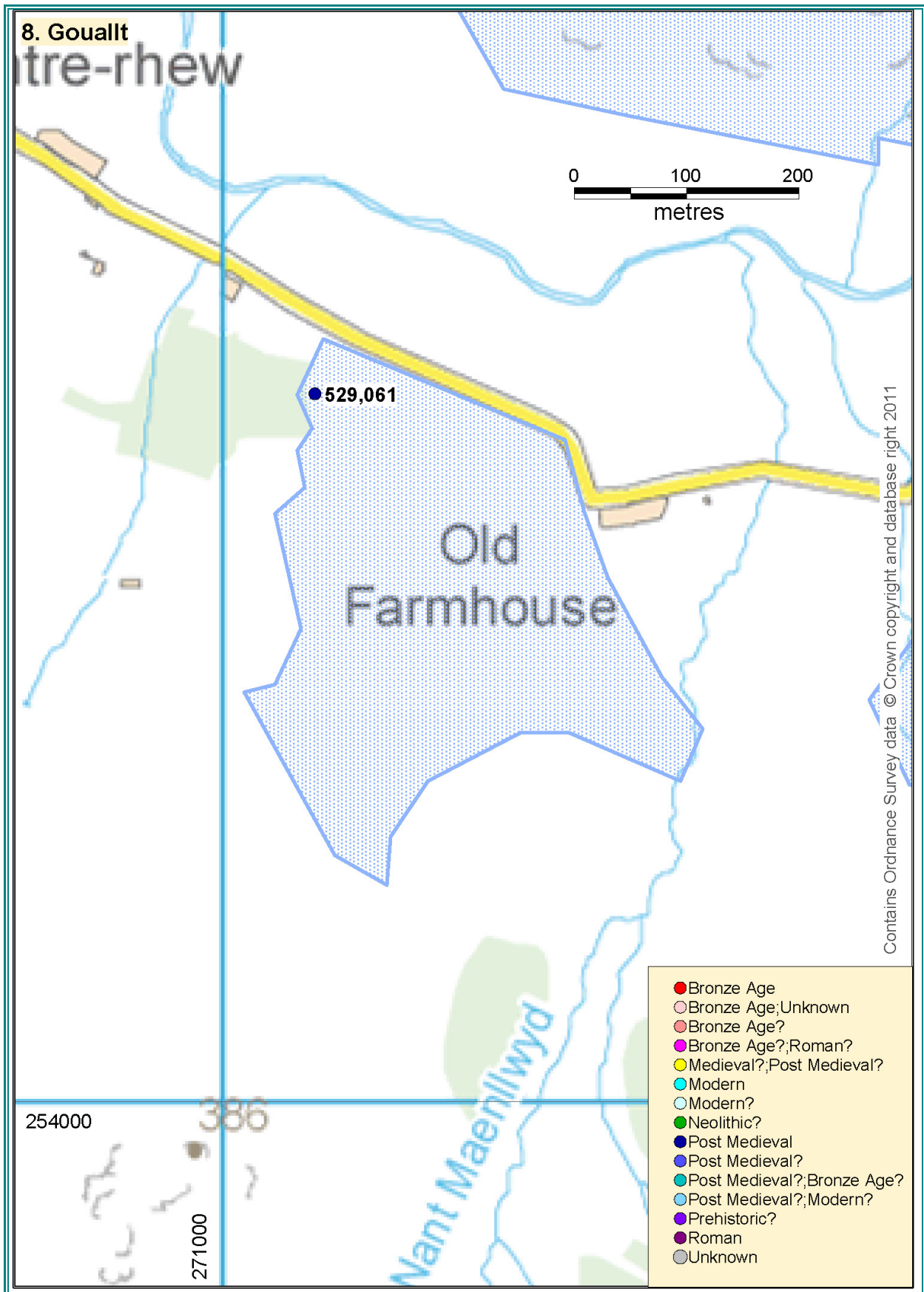
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### Sites recorded

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NPRN	NAME	NGR	TYPE	PERIOD
529061	GOUALLT, QUARRY	SN6708354630	QUARRY	Post Medieval





## **9 Crug, Bigwrn Fach, Waun Brynmeinog, Graig Ddu**

This study area covers 0.86 square kilometres in Llanddewi Brefi community.

### **Geology**

This survey area is underlain by sedimentary rocks of Lower Silurian age, masked by glacial boulder clays.

### **Topography**

This survey area is dominated by the prominent hill known as Crug, which is its highest point and rises to 463 metres. The lowest part of the area is at its extreme southwestern corner, where it falls to just below 350 metres in the Nant Clywedog Uchaf valley.

### **Vegetation**

Crug is largely covered with moorland grasses and bilberry, with small areas of bracken at its northeastern and southwestern corners. Rushes also grow in the many damp hollows found across the area. Scattered coniferous trees have also encroached into the central part of the survey area, spreading out from an adjacent forestry plantation to the east.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

The only known previous fieldwork undertaken in this area was the inclusion of the Crug cairn (NPRN 303533) in the Cadw-funded Funerary and Ritual Sites Project for Ceredigion, undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust (2006).

### **Overview**

There was only one archaeological site recorded in this survey area prior to Uplands Initiative fieldwork, which was the Garn Fawr cairn (NPRN 303533), which sits on the highest point within the area. Relatively few new archaeological features were noted when the area was visited in 2012. The most significant addition to the National Monuments record is the abandoned dwelling at Pant y Crug (NPRN 529132), which is also associated with an extensive field system across the upland block (NPRN 529058). Two small features of potential importance were a marker stone, or possible standing stone, (NPRN 529121) and a stone pile (NPRN 529122) which could represent a small cairn, both to the southwest of Crug. A denuded enclosure of probable post medieval date (NPRN 529060) was also noted near Graig Ddu, at the western end of the survey area.

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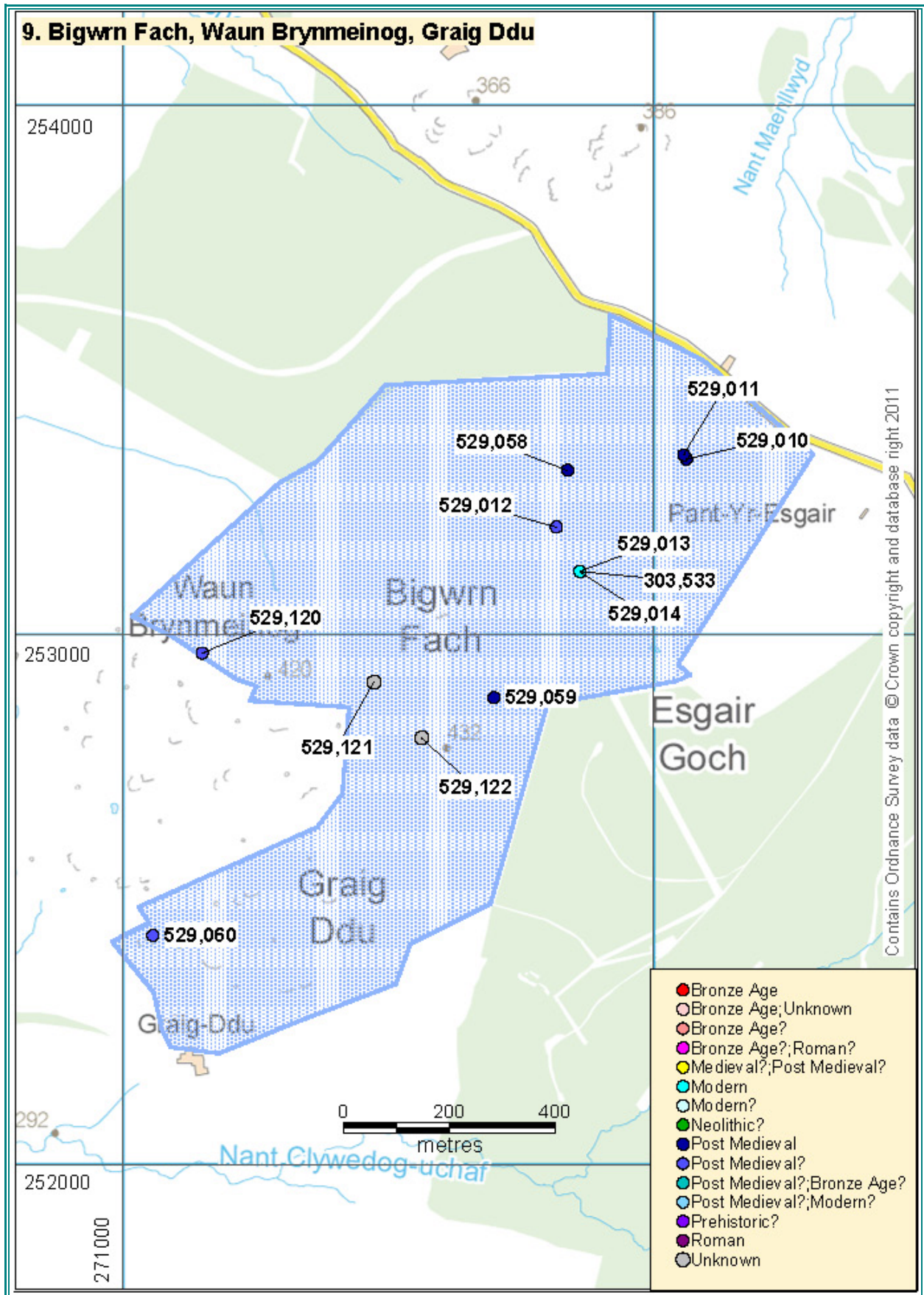
### **Sites recorded**

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<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
303533 CRUG, CAIRN	SN6686153120	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529010 PANT Y CRUG, PLATFORM	SN6706253332	PLATFORM	Post Medieval



<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529011 PANT Y CRUG, STRUCTURE	SN6705753340	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529012 CRUG, SHELTER I	SN6681753204	SHELTER	Post Medieval?
529013 CRUG, SHELTER II	SN6686153120	SHELTER	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529014 CRUG, TRIANGULATION PILLAR	SN6686153120	TRIANGULATION POINT	Modern
529058 PANT Y CRUG, FIELD SYSTEM	SN6683853311	FIELD SYSTEM	Post Medieval
529059 CRUG, TRACKWAY	SN6669952882	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval
529060 GRAIG DDU, ENCLOSURE	SN6605652433	ENCLOSURE	Post Medieval?
529120 BRYN MAENOG, QUARRY	SN6614952966	QUARRY	Post Medieval?
529121 BRYN MAENOG, STONE	SN6647352911	STONE	Unknown
529122 GRAIG DDU, STONE PILE	SN6656352806	STONE PILE	Unknown
529132 PANT Y CRUG, COTTAGE	SN6705153329	COTTAGE	Post Medieval



## **10 Craig Twrch, Llethr Brith**

This study area covers 3.14 square kilometres in Cynwyl Gaeo; Llanycrwys community.

### **Geology**

The bedrock at Craig Twrch consists of Lower Silurian sedimentary rocks, including sandstones and mudstones of the Pysgotwr Grit Formation, which are exposed in a line of crags along much of the length of the study area on a southwest to northeast axis. The drift geology consists mostly of glacial clays, but some hollows on the higher ground are peat filled, most notably to the southwest, above Buarth yr Oen farm, and at the northeastern end of the area, southeast of Garn Fawr.

### **Topography**

Craig Twrch runs along a southwest to northeast axis and forms the northwestern side the Twrch valley. It is generally steep-sided, rising up in a series of natural terraces, with frequent craggy outcrops into a section of dissected upland plateau. It rises to its highest point of 464 metres at Garn Fawr, and falls to about 300 metres along the lower part of the valley slope at its southwestern edge.

### **Vegetation**

The vegetation cover of the Craig Twrch survey area varies greatly, from small areas of improved pasture at its southwestern end around Bwlch Blaen Corn to extensive areas dominated by purple moor-grass, which is evidently on the increase within the area. Mountain grasses dominate the higher ground, with hollows and damp terraces often thickly vegetated with reeds and sphagnum moss. Bracken is limited to some lower slopes and is not extensive. There are also limited areas where heather thrives.

### **Previous Fieldwork**

The known previous fieldwork in this area are two Cadw-funded projects; the Deserted Rural Settlements Project (Dyfed Archaeological Trust, 1999) and the Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Project, also undertaken by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust (2003). In 1997, Dyfed Archaeological Trust also carried out an archaeological field survey of Buarth yr Oen farmstead for the Tir Cymen agri-environmental scheme. Investigations have also been made at two putative Roman sites at the western end of the area, namely the Bwlch Blaencorn Enclosure (NPRN 390063) and the Carreg y Bwci Signal Station (NPRN 303905).

### **Overview**

Previous archaeological work in this area ensured that there were a large number of sites already recorded in the regional Historic Environment Record, although only 6 sites were included in the National Monuments Record prior to the 2013 Uplands Initiative field visits. These included the scheduled sites of the Garn Fawr cairn (NPRN 303532), the Craig Twrch cairn (NPRN 403851), the Esgair Fraith cairn cemetery (NPRN 303906) and a Roman signal station at Carreg y Bwci, (NPRN 303905). An apparent Roman fortlet at Bwlch Blaencorn (NPRN 309063) has also been identified in recent years. The Historic Environment Record included records of many more features related to settlement and pastoral agricultural activity, as well as peat cutting.

It should be noted that many of these sites had been poorly plotted as the result of the use of early hand-held GPS units in the late 1990s. It was not always possible to directly related HER

records with field evidence as a result, and an increase in ground vegetation during the past 15 years also means that some of the sites recorded by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust are now difficult to identify in the field, or in some cases may have vanished from view.

The 2013 fieldwork has ensured that the National Monument Record now adequately reflect the rich archaeological resource that exists on the Craig Twrch uplands. Additional medieval or later deserted settlements, and Bronze Age funerary cairns were identified in 2013, and the number of recorded sites in the National Monuments Record has been increased from just 6 to 84, a rise of 1400%.

Amongst the newly discovered prehistoric sites of importance are a fine Bronze Age cairn set on a rock outcrop (NPRN 529533). A denuded cairn (NPRN 529535) was also discovered at Bwlch Blaencorn, in close proximity to the location of a cairn which had previously been described by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust as being destroyed (NPRN 529052). A cairnfield (NPRN 529110) recorded at the northern end of the study area had been previously described in the regional HER (PRN 9021) as being composed of 8 cairns. In 2013, 10 cairns were identified here, which may be clearance cairns, rather than funerary cairns. Their proximity to the unusual feature NPRN 401753, which could be a large sunken shelter, may be significant.

Craig Twrch is one of relatively few areas in the southwestern Cambrian Mountains uplands which are associated with Roman activity. The line of a putative Roman road (NPRN 303528), connecting forts at Llanio and Pumsaint, passes through the southwestern corner of the area. This road line is partly overlain by the modern road, but it is also visible as a linear hollow ascending the hill at Bwlch Blaencorn (NPRN 529126). The argument in favour of this feature being a Roman Road is strengthened by the presence of two further features at Bwlch Blaencorn which are thought to be of Roman date, and associated with Roman military activity. These include the curious enclosure at Carreg y Bwci (NPRN 303905) which was considered to be a prehistoric funerary or ritual site, but has in recent times been accepted as the site of a likely Roman watchtower. Some 600 metres to the south of Carreg y Bwci, and just east of the suggested Roman Road line, is an enclosure (NPRN 309063) which has been accepted to be a small Roman fortlet. It sits above a steep slope at the southern end of the Craig Twrch escarpment.

Along much of the survey area, there are craggy outcrops above sloping natural terraces, which have offered favourable locations for small shelters and long huts, dating to medieval or later times. Many of these were known from previous fieldwork, but several new settlement sites were identified, particularly on the steep lower slopes of the escarpment, most notably the fine platform NPRN 529550. A settlement site (NPRN 529546), previously recorded in the regional HER, above the crags of Craig Twrch was revisited in early 2013, when the reed-cover was at its lowest, and found to be a much larger than originally recorded. It is in fact a 20 metre long by 5 metre wide, three-celled longhouse. Attached to its northern side was an enclosure defined by an earth bank (NPRN 529547). This is perhaps a candidate for a 16th century lluest of shepherding settlement on the escarpment noted in documents dating to 1589, held at the National Library of Wales, and named as ‘llyest morgan griffith ar kraig twrche’ and described as a ‘domus lactarius’ (NLW, Edwinstford Deeds & Documents I, 141, No. 879; Sambrook, 2006). It is also apparent that the terraces below the craggy outcrops along the escarpment have been enclosed in the past, with boundary banks such as NPRN 529056 & 529057 and Enclosure NPRN 529548 reflecting this probable medieval or early-post medieval activity.

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303532	CARN FAWR	SN6688750275	CAIRN	Bronze Age
303905	CARREG-Y-BWCI	SN6458347920	ROUND BARROW;SIGNAL STATION	Bronze Age?;Roman?
303906	ESGAIR FRAITH, CAIRNS, CYNWYL GAEO	SN64834826	CAIRN CEMETERY	Bronze Age
309063	BWLCH BLAEN-CORN ENCLOSURE	SN64434734	FORTLET	Roman
401753	PILLOW MOUND, BRYN MAWR	SN6744050170	TRIAL TRENCH?; SUNKEN SHELTER?	Unknown
403851	CRAIG TWRCH ROUND CAIRN	SN6617540112	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529008	BRYN MAWR, SHEEP FOLD	SN6654949921	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval?
529047	BWLCH BLAENCORN, TRACKWAY	SN6447547811	TRACKWAY	Post Medieval?
529048	BWLCH BLAENCORN, QUARRY I	SN6444547577	QUARRY	Modern
529049	BWLCH BLAENCORN, QUARRY II	SN6425947355	QUARRY	Post Medieval
529050	BWLCH BLAENCORN, STRUCTURE	SN6427147311	SHEEP FOLD?;BUILDING?	Post Medieval
529051	PANTYBLAWD, SHEEP FOLD	SN6483347764	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529052	BWLCH BLAENCORN, CAIRN II	SN6433347637	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529053	PANTYBLAWD, COTTAGE	SN6483547775	COTTAGE	Post Medieval
529054	BUARTH YR OEN, ENCLOSURE	SN6492047537	ENCLOSURE	Post Medieval

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529055 BANC TY HEN, LONG HUT II	SN6645049080	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529056 BANC TY HEN, BOUNDARY BANK I	SN6629349154	BOUNDARY BANK	Post Medieval?
529057 BANC TY HEN, BOUNDARY BANK II	SN6596648498	BOUNDARY BANK	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529073 CARN FAWR, FOLD	SN6690150258	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529074 CARN FAWR, SHELTER	SN6689150272	SHELTER	Modern?
529110 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRNFIELD	SN6746750144	CAIRNFIELD	Unknown
529113 CRAIG TWRCH, DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT	SN6523248033	DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529114 CRAIG TWRCH, STRUCTURE I	SN6594149351	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval
529116 CRAIG TWRCH, PEAT WORKING	SN6497048000	PEAT WORKINGS	Post Medieval
529126 BWLCH BLAENCORN, ROAD	SN6437047420	ROAD	Roman
529127 TAN FFOREST, EARTHWORKS	SN6451147844	QUARRY?	Unknown
529527 CRAIG TWRCH, SUNKEN SHELTER	SN6754050252	SUNKEN SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529528 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN XIV	SN6750250154	CAIRN	Unknown
529529 CRAIG TWRCH, STRUCTURE II	SN6746950198	STRUCTURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529531 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN XIII	SN6741950146	CAIRN	Unknown
529532 CRAIG TWRCH, STRUCTURE V	SN6689849874	LONG HUT?;SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529533 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN X	SN662249362	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529534 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN IV	SN6617849169	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529535 BWLCH BLAENCORN, CAIRN I	SN6438047681	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529536 BWLCH Y FFIN, COTTAGE	SN6462748062	COTTAGE	Post Medieval
529537 BUARTH YR OEN, TRACKWAY	SN6512047941	PEAT CUTTERS TRACK	Post Medieval?
529538 CRAIG TWRCH, LONG HUT I	SN6513447970	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529539 CRAIG TWRCH, PLATFORM II	SN6513247976	PLATFORM?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529540 CRAIG TWRCH, STONE BANK	SN6523048065	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?

<b>NPRN NAME</b>	<b>NGR</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
529541 CRAIG TWRCH, LONG HUT II	SN6524748046	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529542 CRAIG TWRCH, SHELTER IV	SN6520448027	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529543 CRAIG TWRCH, SHELTER III	SN6518148024	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529544 CRAIG TWRCH, EARTHWORK BANK I	SN6550148222	BOUNDARY BANK	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529545 CRAIG TWRCH, SHELTER I	SN6543748213	SHELTER?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529546 CRAIG TWRCH, DWELLING	SN6561148356	DWELLING	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529547 CRAIG TWRCH, ENCLOSURE II	SN6559948373	ENCLOSURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529548 CRAIG TWRCH, ENCLOSURE I	SN6574348410	ENCLOSURE	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529549 CRAIG TWRCH, STRUCTURE III	SN6574848397	SHELTER?;SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529550 CRAIG TWRCH, PLATFORM I	SN6577448379	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529551 CRAIG TWRCH, STRUCTURE IV	SN6577548387	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529552 CRAIG TWRCH, LONG HUT III	SN6585648375	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529553 CRAIG Y FRAN, SHELTER III	SN6587948604	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529554 CRAIG Y FRAN, LONG HUT	SN6592948636	LONG HUT	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529555 CRAIG TWRCH, FOLD	SN6594048668	SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529556 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN I	SN6600848860	CAIRN	Bronze Age?
529557 CRAIG Y FRAN, SHELTER II	SN6591048622	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529558 BANC TY HEN, WALL	SN6566748729	WALL	Post Medieval?
529608 ESGAIR FRAITH, CAIRN II	SN6481248224	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529609 ESGAIR FRAITH, CAIRN I	SN6485148292	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529610 CRAIG Y FRAN, SHELTER I	SN6562448330	SHELTER	Post Medieval
529611 CRAIG Y FRAN, PLATFORM	SN6564048286	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529612 CRAIG Y FRAN, WATER SUPPLY	SN6558148292	WATER SUPPLY SITE	Modern
529613 CRAIG Y FRAN, STRUCTURE	SN6554348283	SHELTER?;SHEEP FOLD?	Medieval?;Post Medieval?



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529614 ESGAIR FRAITH, MARKER CAIRN	SN6481148229	MARKER CAIRN	Post Medieval?
529615 ESGAIR FRAITH, CAIRN III	SN6481748233	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529616 CRAIG TWRCH, EARTHWORK BANK II	SN6543348247	BANK (EARTHWORK)	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529679 BRYN MAWR, TRIANGULATION PILLAR	SN6654849911	TRIANGULATION POINT	Modern
529680 BRYN MAWR, CAIRN	SN6655349916	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529681 BRYN MAWR, MARKER CAIRN	SN6655449918	MARKER CAIRN	Post Medieval?;Modern?
529682 CRAIG TWRCH, SHELTER II	SN6622449364	SHELTER	Post Medieval?
529683 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN XV	SN6749150147	CAIRN	Unknown
529684 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN II	SN6749050139	CAIRN	Unknown
529685 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN XII	SN6747350158	CAIRN	Unknown
529686 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN XI	SN6749750172	CAIRN	Unknown
529687 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN VI	SN6749750174	CAIRN	Unknown
529688 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN III	SN6744150139	CAIRN	Unknown
529689 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN VII	SN6745750144	CAIRN	Unknown
529690 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN V	SN6741850120	CAIRN	Unknown
529691 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN IX	SN6617549156	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529692 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN CEMETERY	SN6617540112	CAIRN CEMETERY	Bronze Age
529693 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN XVI	SN6618449057	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529694 CRAIG TWRCH, CAIRN VIII	SN6625849628	CAIRN	Bronze Age
529695 CRAIG TWRCH, PLATFORM III	SN6595248676	PLATFORM	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529696 CRAIG Y FRAN, SHELTER IV	SN6595748623	SHELTER	Medieval?;Post Medieval?
529697 BANC TY HEN, FOLD	SN6563948718	SHEEP FOLD	Post Medieval?
529698 BANC TY HEN, LONG HUT I	SN6562548726	LONG HUT	Post Medieval?

