

Historic Environment Feature Management Report:

Sheepfold 700m NW of Nantyrast

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PRN 94609 Name

Period Post-Medieval **Site Type** sheep fold

NGR SN7032548755

Site Description

Sheepfold. The walls of the enclosure are of dry-stone wall construction, with an entrance to the north and an exit to the west, opening to the fast-flowing stream. It is used for washing sheep fleeces prior to shearing. It is not known whether the enclosure originally had permanent, wooden gates or hurdles, possibly of willow, were put in place when it was in use. It is understood that some restorative work was undertaken on the structure for the filming of the S4C drama series Dihirod Dyfed in the late 1980s. (H.Pritchard, 2014)

Management Issues

The sheepfold survives as dry stone walls with some post and wire fencing. Sites such as these are vulnerable to intrusive vegetation growth around wall bases damage from livestock sheltering or clambering over the remains dislodging stones from wall tops. Photographs from 2010 show the walls to be sound with the interior being overgrown with rough grass and reed.

Desired Management Outcome

The desired management outcome is to maintain the form and extent of the structure in a stable and visible condition and to reduce the risk of collapse of standing walls of stones.

Management Actions

The following management recommendations are required in order to keep the remains in a stable condition:

- Remove any unwanted vegetation growing from the wall bases.
- Remove excessive vegetation from within the interior
- Reset any loose stones forming the walls.

Note on Repair

When undertaking any repair works the following needs to be observed.

1. Any characteristics and features which reflect the history and function of the structure must not be removed.
2. Wherever practicable, repair original features rather than replace them.

3. Repairs should be unobtrusive and make use of appropriate traditional materials and methods of construction.
4. When repair is not possible, replacement features must be modelled on the originals, using the same materials and methods of construction.

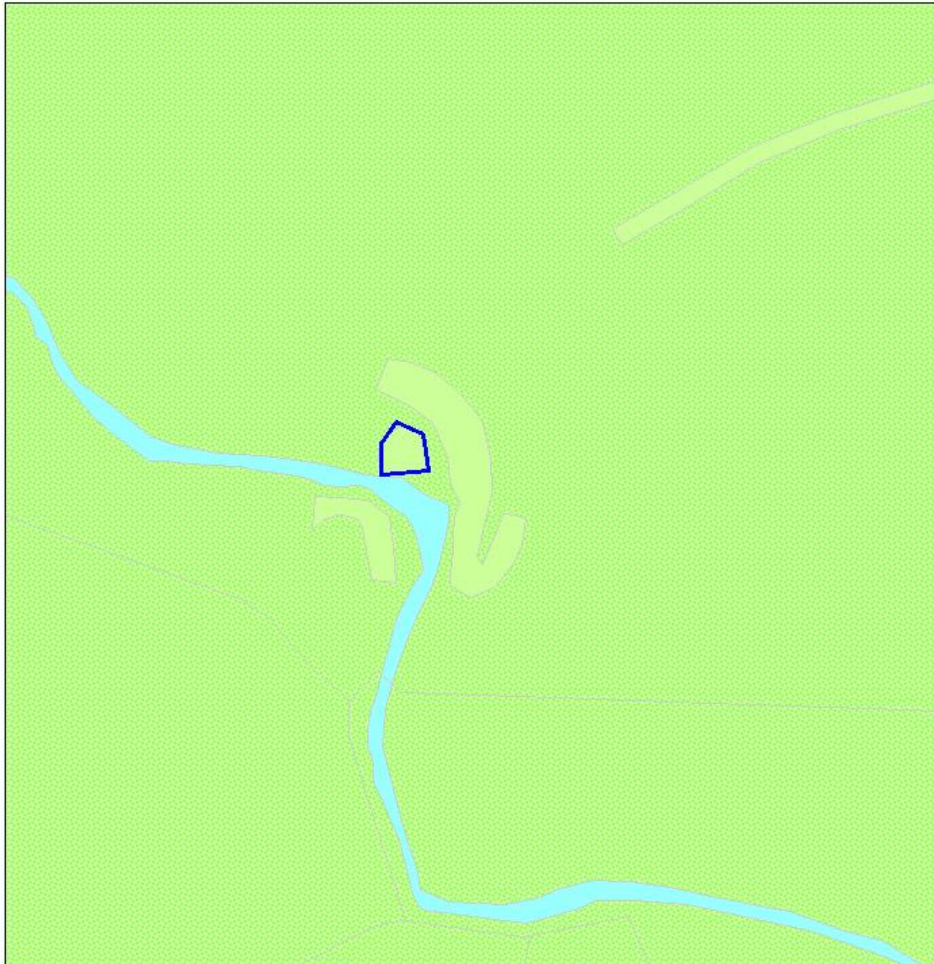
Glastir Whole Farm Code

Please also remember that, unless indicated otherwise, the Glastir Whole Farm Code should be observed for all historic features on the farm. The Whole Farm Code states that there must be no damage to any historic feature identified on the 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.

Location Map



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Photographs



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