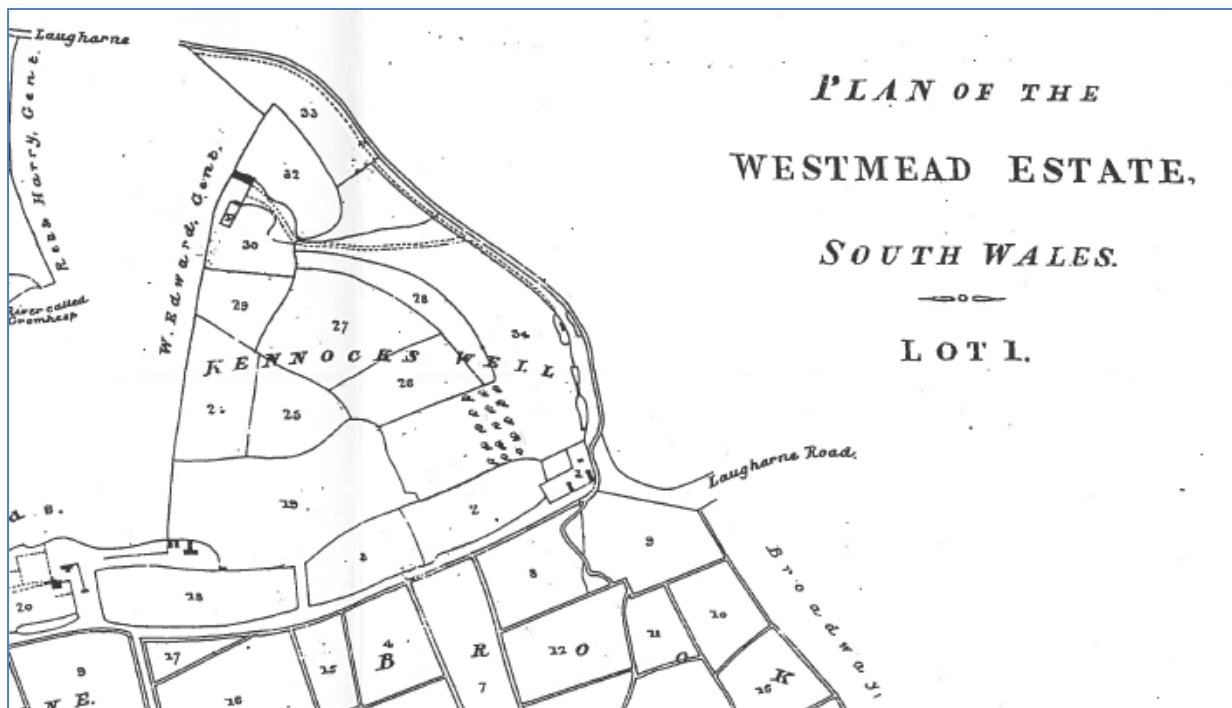


# Historic Environment Feature Management Report: Cynog's Well Ruined Farmstead

Customer Reference Number: A0024519

UID: 313,586



Detail from 1821 sale catalogue

This management plan has been produced by Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management to inform the positive management of the identified Priority Historic Environment Feature. The identified management outcome will meet the objective for the Historic Environment Feature Targeted Layer as part of the Glastir Land Management Scheme.

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**PRN** 25554 **Name** KENNOCKSWELL;CYNOG'S WELL  
**Period** Post-Medieval **Site Type** Farmstead  
**NGR** SN26010982

### **Site Description**

Ruined farmstead dating to at least the early 19th century when it is recorded in the sales catalogue for the Westmead Estate of 1821 as Kennockswell Farm. The sale details included a farmhouse, stable, cow house, beast house and piggery along with 11 enclosures of arable and pasture land all in the tenancy of one Griffith Thomas. It is depicted in detail on the 1st edition OS map of 1886 when it is named as Cynogs Well. The mapping shows a group of buildings forming three sides of a square around a central yard open to the east. It is now abandoned as a farmstead however aerial photographs show one structure roofed with corrugated metal presumably in use as an agricultural building. The same photograph shows the roofless ruined walls of the southern building of the complex and it is believed that remains of other structures may survive. The whole area is now overgrown with mature trees which mask the farmstead remains, obscuring their form and extent. (H. Pritchard, 2014)

### **Management Issues**

Management Issues The main management issue is the threat from invasive vegetation and falling trees / limbs to the surviving ruins. Vegetation can grow on walls destabilising the structure through roots prising apart masonry bonds. Excessive vegetation cover can offer shelter to livestock and burrowing animals which can also damage both buried and structural remains. Also excessive vegetation can obscure remains from view.

### **Desired management outcomes**

The desired outcome is to ensure that the remains stay in a stable and visible condition.

### **Management actions**

The recommended management actions are:

- Clear vegetation from the edges of the building remains
- Cut any scrub back by hand in order to retain the visibility of the features
- When removing vegetation cut by hand. Leave roots in situ and spot treat. The action of removing roots can destabilise masonry bonds. If roots and climbing plants are removed then exposed jointing needs to be re-pointed as it is likely to have been compromised by root action and once exposed would be vulnerable to continued deterioration by washing out by rain or freeze thaw action.
- Clear any overhanging branches and trees likely to fall and damage any remains

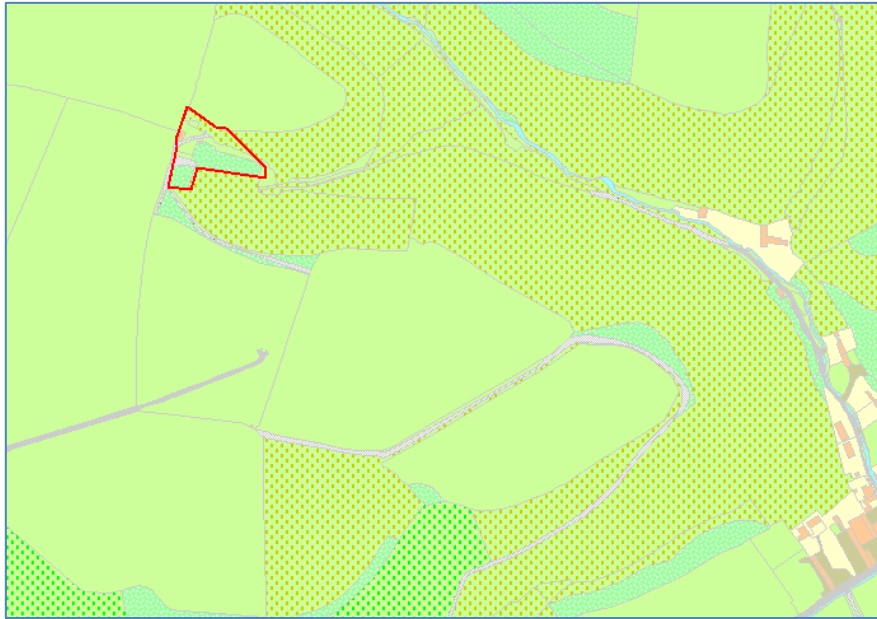
### **Glastir Whole Farm Code**

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:

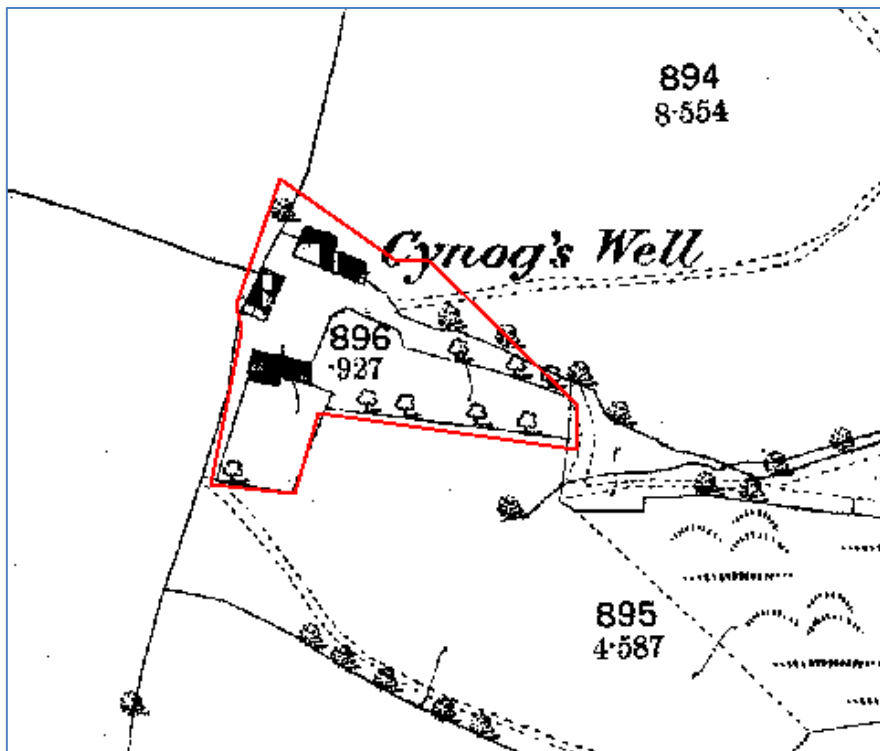
- Ground disturbance or excavation especially extending beneath topsoil.
- Dumping or storage of material, including temporary storage.
- Removal of any material, including stones, soil or subsoil.
- Visible signs of active erosion (loss and disturbance of topsoil) caused by livestock and vehicles or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

## Location Map



Location of UID 313,586

## Historic map



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## Aerial Photograph



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