

From: Alice Pyper
Sent: 10 February 2022 14:38
To: Evans, Emma-Jayne
Subject: RE: Woodland Creation - Brownhill, Llangadog

Dear Emma,

Thank you for contacting DAT to consult on the proposals to establish a memorial woodland at the Brownhill site near Llangadog. I have reviewed the proposals with reference to the full Historic Environment Record, and checked other sources which we hold to identify any sites as yet unrecorded.

- PRN33974 Roman Road Section from SN70433043 to SN69912968
A segment of Roman road RR623 between Llandeilo and Llandovery, identified as a parchmark between SN69922968 and SN70583057 from aerial photographs. DS.09.2004. A further description highlights that only 'slight remains of the road are visible' Poucher 2006
Recommendation: The Roman road has been picked up from aerial photographs and its course plotted in various sections of the valley, this stretch is one section which has been plotted with some certainty and accuracy: As you suggest a generous buffer of 20 metres should be provided to this linear feature which runs through the parcel, it may be visible in places and it would be a good opportunity to highlight this feature as part of any interpretation of the site to the public.
- PRN97356 Post Medieval Milestone SN69853043
Summary: Milestone shown on original series OS map as 5. Marked on 1st edition as MS, Distances given, Llandovery 5 Llandilo 7. No longer believed to survive. (H. Pritchard, 2016)
Recommendation: I can find no evidence that this site has been visited to establish it can be found, and feel the description may be misleading, it may still survive but may have been moved, knocked over or just become overgrown. I would recommend a buffer of 10 metres – and if anyone has further information on its whereabouts then please let us know so we can update our records.
- PRN127853 Post Medieval Footbridge SN70442979
A footbridge is marked on the 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map (1906) over what appears to be a relic watercourse joining the Afon Tywi. A Pyper 2022.
Recommendation: We have no information on the current condition of this structure, but it is not visible on recent aerial photographs. If there are any remains these should be retained, and an area of open space around it to protect it.

Whilst the features identified above can be identified and buffered from planting, a major concern is the introduction of new woodland, and some conifer plantation including non-native species, into the Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, (Tywi Valley HLW (D) 5).

[http://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/historiclandscape/FullReport?lang=en&id=HLW%20\(D\)%205](http://cadwpublic-api.azurewebsites.net/reports/historiclandscape/FullReport?lang=en&id=HLW%20(D)%205)

The registered landscape is noted for the open floodplain, with woodland largely restricted to the valley sides, not within the floodplain itself, apart from small stands of wet woodland which have established in relic watercourses or adjacent to the river itself. This section falls within the character area of Ystrad Tywi: Llangadog – Llandovery HLCA 208, and is described in https://dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/HLC/HLC_Towy/area/area208.htm

'Many hedges possess distinctive hedgerow trees, and these, together with isolated trees and small copses lend a parkland aspect to the area. This may be a planned effect, designed to merge with the parks on the north side of the valley associated with gentry houses.'

Whilst we welcome opportunities to make areas of the valley open for public access and enjoyment of the historic landscape, and to provide access to the river itself (which is not possible along much of its course except at the major crossing points), **we are concerned that this proposal in its current form will be detrimental to the character of the Tywi Valley Registered Historic Landscape.**



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Please feel free to come back to me for any clarification of the points above.

With best wishes
Alice

DAT file no 15645

From: Evans, Emma-Jayne <emma-jayne.evans@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>

Sent: 09 February 2022 12:12

To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>

Subject: RE: Woodland Creation - Brownhill, Llangadog

Hi Alice,

Hope this finds you well?

I was just wondering how you are getting along with this and if you need any additional information?

Would it be possible for you to confirm the buffers necessary for the features outlined below?

Thanks,
Emma

Emma-Jayne Evans

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From: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>

Sent: 26 January 2022 16:53

To: Evans, Emma-Jayne <emma-jayne.evans@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Woodland Creation - Brownhill, Llangadog

Hi Emma,

Thanks for your email, I gather you tried to ring, so I'm sorry I missed your call.

I can have a look at this for you. I will check the Roman road, as you would expect we have a polygon to show its course along the valley floor. I will check for other features and Historic Landscape impacts. I note that non-native conifers are included – will these be interspersed with broadleaves or planted in a block?

I'll get back to you as soon as I can,

Alice

From: Evans, Emma-Jayne <emma-jayne.evans@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 January 2022 15:24
To: Alice Pyper <A.Pyper@DYFEDARCHAEOLOGY.ORG.UK>
Subject: Woodland Creation - Brownhill, Llangadog

Dear Alice,

I hope this finds you well?

Just a bit of background, I work in the Land Stewardship department within NRW. The main focus of my role is woodland creation, to compensate for area lost due to windfarm development. Occasionally we collaborate with the Welsh Government on projects, the site I'm writing to you about will form part of a commentative woodland which will be planted in response the Covid-19 pandemic, this is yet to be publicly announced so if you could treat this information as confidential that would be much appreciated. I'm attaching a document outlining our objectives, we are at the beginning of the consultation process and anticipate these will change over time as we receive recommendations from third parties.

Last year we put in a tender for land just north of Llangadog, Carmarthenshire, I'm very happy to say the sale was completed last week. This is an exciting project for us, we are hoping to create a mixed woodland, carry out habitat enhancement and river restoration. This site is a large and complicated, it falls within a Historic Landscape Area, the Afon Tywi (SAC/SSSI) bisects it, there are interesting habitats and as part of the desk study two historic environment records have been identified:

HER DAT 97356 – a post medieval milestone, which is no longer believed to survive
[DAT97356 \(archwilio.org.uk\)](http://archwilio.org.uk)
SN69853043

HER DAT 33974 – a segment of Roman road RR623 between Llandeilo and Llandovery, identified as a patchmark from aerial photographs.
[DAT33974 \(archwilio.org.uk\)](http://archwilio.org.uk)
SN70213011

As a rule we employ 20m no plant zone around these types of features, is this sufficient in this case or are there other requirements to consider for planting and future management?

If you'd like to visit the site I'd be more than happy to arrange that.

We are working at pace on this so would it be possible to have comments by the 4th of February please?

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Emma

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