

Glastir Woodland Creation: Consent Advice Form Post Site Visit

CRN	A0066087
Glastir Farm Name and Scheme Ref.	Pantshiri (Cwm Berwyn) EOI 7618715
Parcel No.	
NGR	SN717591
Option No.	
Option Name	
Date last cultivated	
Additional information	
Service Provider	Dyfed Archaeological Trust
Officer	Alice Pyper
HEF UID	311038;311039;311037;315659;315658
<p>Dyfed Archaeological Trust have reviewed the planting proposals for Cwm Berwyn against the Historic Environment Records database and other readily available record sources and following a site visit on the 3rd September 2020 have assessed that the application, as submitted, has the potential to have an impact on the Upland Ceredigion Registered Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest (HLW (D) 2).</p> <p>This application area forms part of the Historic Landscape Character Area: Y Drum (HLCA 125) <i>'During the historic period the unenclosed nature of this area probably ensured that it was claimed by the Crown. Settlements of historic character are noted in the archaeological record, but these appear to have been abandoned by the 19th century, if not earlier. The prime use of the area in the historic period has been sheep-walk.'</i> The proposals to plant conifers are at odds with this character area, with the introduction of conifer plantations to the east on adjacent summits a modern feature of the 20th century.</p>	



Y Drum

In addition the lower slopes to the west fall within the Historic Landscape Character Area of Berwyn Valley (HLCA 106) *'It comprises two farmsteads and a field system of irregular enclosures. The field boundaries consist of stone-faced banks topped with hedges, and dry-stone walls. Hedges are not generally stock-proof and are becoming derelict; wire fences augment them. Some distinctive trees are contained in the hedgerows'* The application area includes a number of historic stone boundary walls and banks, which also retain some of the distinctive trees mentioned above.



Dry-stone walls

The proposals also have the potential to have an impact upon the following Historic Environment Features (HEF's):

PRN 5548 QUARRY SN71655939

A circular hollow about 10 metres in diameter and up to 3 metres deep with some spoil of large blocks. It looks like a shaft but is probably just an unusual quarry. JS from P. Sambrook, Trysor, 28 March 2013

Field visit notes: The quarry pit is very uniformly circular and steep sided, with loose fragments of stone at the bottom. A Pyper 2020

Associated with PRN 5549



PRN 5549 QUARRY SN71675937

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Field visit notes: The quarry pit is very uniformly circular and steep sided, with loose fragments of stone at the bottom. A Pyper 2020

Associated with PRN 5548



PRN 9282 BRYN-BRAN;BANC COTTAGE SN7145959452

Named and shown on 1964 OS 1:10560 map. Deserted 19th century cottage or minor farmstead. Visited in 1997 and found to be in very ruinous condition. RPS June 2001.

Field visit notes: A ruinous, roofless 2 cell, dwelling with dry stone walls surviving up to c2m.

A Pyper 2020



PRN 118203 LLANGORS-FACH COTTAGE SN71585949

A cottage and associated enclosures are recorded on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps (1889 & 1905). A Pyper 2020

Field visit notes: A ruinous roofless dwelling, situated within other enclosures.



PRN 118204 LONG HUT SN7173659270

A long hut situated on a southwest northeast long axis and recorded on the modern OS mapping as two celled, about 13.8 m x 5m. A visit as part of the Royal Commission's Upland Survey in 2013 noted that it was defined by low wall bases and also noted an earth mound some 10 meters to the west. Associated with PRN 118205. A Pyper 2020.

Field visit notes: Long hut survives as well-defined tumbled stone banks, with a subdivision, towards the southwestern end. A bank, some 10 metres to the west of the structure can be picked out, and the rough ground probably hides other associated features. A Pyper 2020



PRN 118205 FOOD STORE SN7177759272

A stone lined sunken feature defined by two parallel banks, approximately 6 m long identified by the RCAHMW Upland Survey in 2013, associated with PRN 118204. A Pyper 2020

Field visit notes: The feature is a well-defined structure, at least c10metres long, 1m wide at its base and 6metres wide. Substantial banks running parallel down its length. A Pyper 2020



PRN 121905 TRIANGULATION POINT SN71975894

A trig point recorded on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps (published 1889 and 1905).

A Pyper 2020

Field visit notes: The trig point is no longer visible. A Pyper 2020.



PRN 121906 PEAT CUTTING SN7196859123

An area of peat cutting has been observed approximately 100m E-W by 40m. A Pyper 2020 based on RCAHMW Upland Survey.

Field visit notes: No obvious sign of this could be seen in the rough ground. A Pyper 2020

PRN 121907 BUILDING SN7174259335

A trace of a rectangular structure/building, defined by stone.

Field visit notes: A structure marked out by a line of stones approximately 2.5 x 8 m. A Pyper 2020



PRN 121908 CLEARANCE CAIRN SN7175759328

Field visit notes: A small mound of stones which probably represents a clearance cairn. A Pyper 2020.



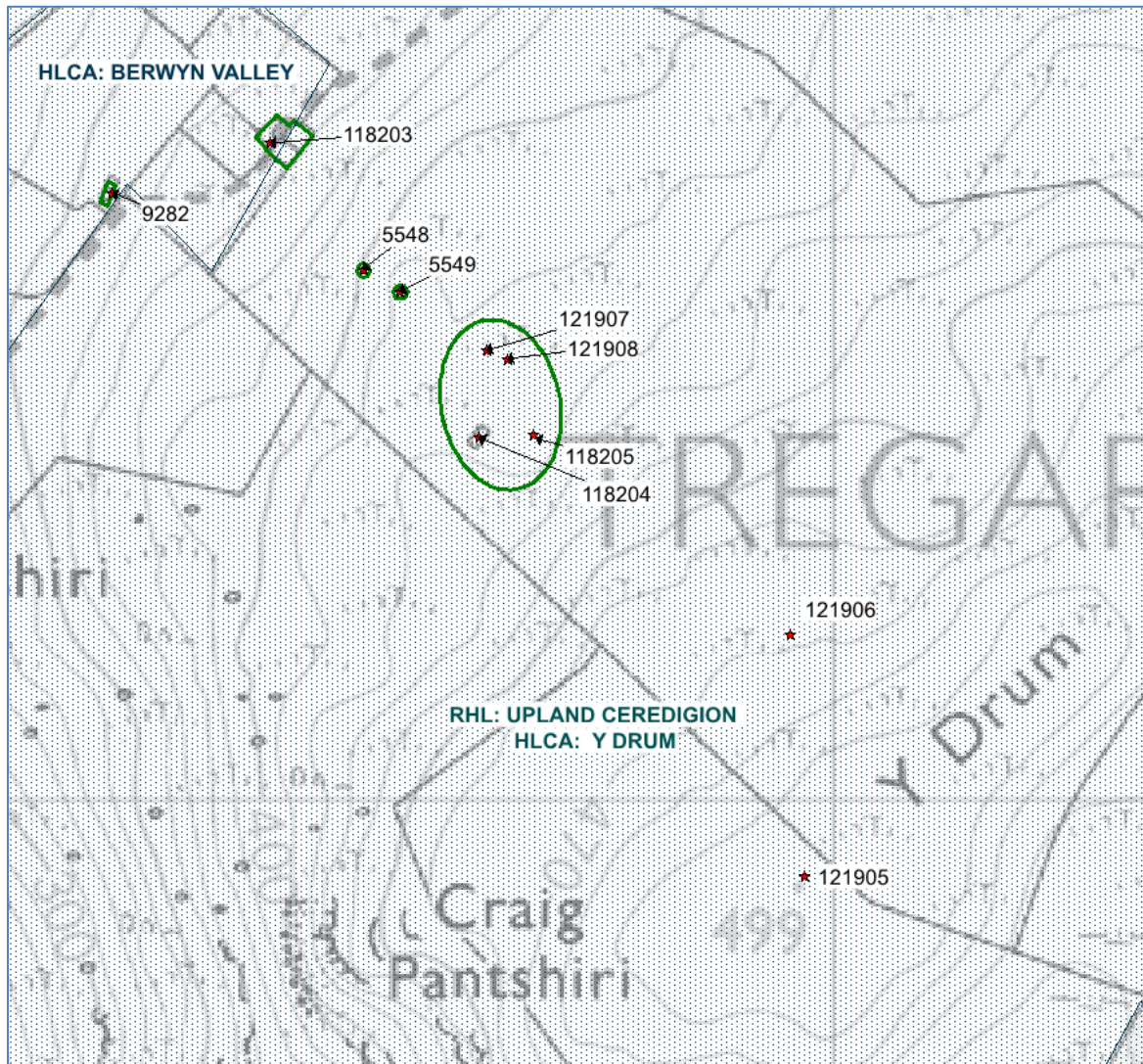
No planting should take place within the areas marked in green on the enclosed map, and a buffer of at least 10 metres given to any standing structure.

Dyfed Archaeological Trust is concerned that this proposal, as it stands, would be detrimental to the Registered Historic Landscape. This may be mitigated by introducing more open ground to the proposals and increasing the proportion of broadleaves around the plantation edges.

Further Assessment
Required?

If further revisions to the plan are made.

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