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Cover picture: 'Ruin with a view'  
Cairn PRN 12909, Nant Peris, looking towards Llyn Peris and Llyn Padarn

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## 1. SUMMARY

This survey is part of a larger project encompassing the whole of Wales, being carried out by the four Welsh archaeological trusts with funding by Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments. It developed from an initial project carried out in the Upper Severn Valley by Dr Alex Gibson for the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (Gibson 1998). This distilled the results of extensive aerial photographic survey and research excavation work (Gibson 1999) in that area and demonstrated the existence of numerous, and sometimes complex, previously unknown early monuments. Apart from showing the value of these monuments it showed that many were at risk or without statutory protection.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The survey continued from the previous year's work in Meirionnydd, forming the second year of a three year project covering the whole of north-west Wales. The survey was based on the existing Gwynedd Sites and Monuments Record and the project was divided into areas using the subdivisions of the area that formed the districts of Gwynedd before local government reorganisation in 1996. The area for the present year comprised west Conwy, formerly the Aberconwy district of Gwynedd (and pre-1974 part of Denbighshire) and north Gwynedd, formerly the Arfon district of Gwynedd (and pre-1974 part of Caernarfonshire).

As in Meirionnydd, prehistoric funerary and ritual monuments form an important part of the archaeological remains. This area has a greater modern population and, with the main Snowdon massif, is more visited and its monuments are generally more accessible and better known than those of Meirionnydd. This is certainly the case with the Druid's Circle above Penmaenmawr, which lies by a well-trodden route - the North Wales Path, and others monuments in the vicinity should perhaps be known too, but are either difficult to see or to understand. There are others that are equally accessible and visible, such as Maen-y-bardd chambered tomb, above Roewen, Conwy, the Bwlch-y-ddeufaen standing stones, further up the valley and Llety'r Filiast chambered tomb on the Great Orme. The easy accessibility also has its impact on the presentation of the monuments, particularly with regard to the frequently visited summit cairns, the prehistoric nature of which is generally unappreciated and they are nearly all modified or damaged. However, there are many lesser monuments, mainly cairns, but including standing stones, that are unknown or neglected in terms of public visitor value. The best known are those with names attached, some of which probably derive from 18<sup>th</sup> century romantic ideas, such as the Druid's Circle, while others may have earlier origins, such as Carnedd y Saeson (Cairn of the Englishmen) or Barclodiad y Gawres (Apronful of the giantess) or Bedd y canwr (Grave of the hundred men). In the past these monuments were given greater attention than at present to judge by the fact that nearly half of all round barrows have been robbed.

The area contains large expanses of upland and relatively little lowland, with even less that is suitable for arable. There are many quite well-preserved monuments on the lower upland while the lowland is largely devoid of prehistoric funerary and ritual monuments. However, aerial photographic work identified the important Neolithic ritual centre at Llandegai, Bangor, and other features have been recognised from the air on the coastal plain near Llanfairfechan. It is reasonable to suppose that there may be numerous other features in the lowlands that are ploughed down and no longer visible, particularly in the fertile Conwy Valley. The lack of aerial photographic work means that the monuments comprising the present survey should not be taken to represent the whole picture.

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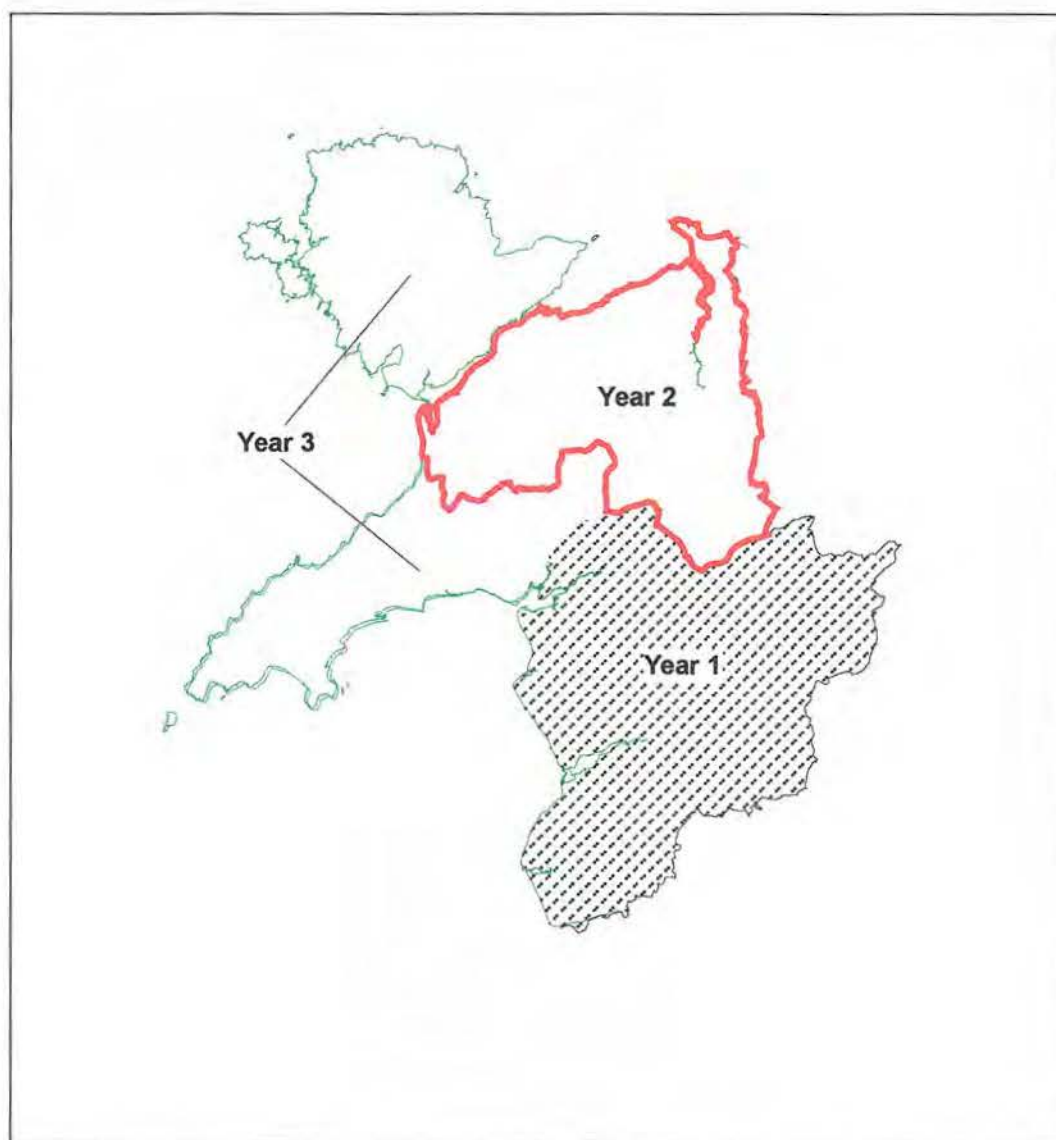


Fig. 1 Year 2 (2001-2) survey area: West Conwy and North Gwynedd

### 3. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

In terms of the quality of the existing record Gwynedd is particularly fortunate because, unlike the majority of Wales, the whole area, apart from that formerly in Denbighshire, has been the subject of Royal Commission inventories of ancient and historic monuments, as well as more recent extensive work by Gresham and Kelly in Meirionnydd. However, the long period that has elapsed since the work of the Commission and the addition of new sites as a result of the Upland Surveys, for instance, suggest that the record is far from complete, that knowledge is uncertain about the present condition or survival of the recorded monuments and that a fresh survey is desirable. Surprisingly, despite the attention given to many of them by antiquaries or others intent on simply robbing, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century or earlier, there has been only minimal research excavation of these types of monument, partly because of the sheer inaccessibility of many of them and partly because the most significant of them, particularly the chambered tombs, are all protected, scheduled ancient monuments.

There are about 900 recorded prehistoric funerary and ritual monuments in Gwynedd. They form one of the largest classes of monument in the Gwynedd Sites and Monuments Record, comprising about 9% of the total. Quite a high proportion is protected, when compared to other major monument classes, with 22% of all examples being Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs); although the rate of protection is quite variable across the area if the former administrative district areas are compared (Table 1).

Table 1 Totals of prehistoric funerary and ritual monuments in north-west Wales based on preliminary SMR selection

| Project Year | Area                  | Area, ha | Total no. | No. SAMs | % SAMs |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 2000-1       | Meirionnydd           | 152,000  | 320       | 49       | 16     |
| 2001-2       | Arfon (North Gwynedd) | 41,000   | 80        | 8        | 10     |
|              | West Conwy            | 60,000   | 187       | 44       | 24     |
| 2002-3       | Anglesey              | 72,000   | 123       | 48       | 39     |
|              | Dwyfor                | 62,000   | 128       | 29       | 23     |
|              | Total                 |          | 826       | 178      | 22     |

The high proportion of this class of monument protected can be compared, for instance, with the 11% of hut circle settlements that were SAMs prior to recent enhancement work, which raised it to about 22%. However, the public interest in, and the scientific value of, prehistoric burial and ritual monuments would suggest that all of them are valuable, so it is appropriate to increase the proportion protected. One of the main aims of the project is therefore to identify the most valuable monuments that are not, at present, protected.

#### 4. METHODOLOGY

As with the previous year, the number of monuments involved has increased from that originally identified by query of the SMR, which was 267 (Table 1). This increased to 324 after a revised query and eventually to 352 after addition of a few new sites recognised during the survey and to the new numbering of several sites which had been incorporated in group numbers, as 'cairn fields'. However, after field visits, 77 of these have been identified as of other site type, e.g. clearance cairns, or as natural features and a few could not be located. The methodology has followed that used in the first year with only minor improvements. The desktop work comprised collection of all the background information needed about each site to allow informed visits, and included copies of the detailed SMR paper records for each site along with copies of other background information, particularly published descriptions and drawn records. 1:10000 scale maplets were copied for each site. Indexes were printed for each 1:10000 map square as well as 1:25000 maplets covering the same areas, on which the relevant sites were marked.

The project followed closely the approach and recording methods developed by CPAT and discussed at the monitoring meetings as well as at a field visit day led by Frances Lynch. The work here and at the other Trusts has not led to any major revision of methods and these seem to have worked well. A project field recording form was designed, which incorporated the previously used recording fields and allowed easier input of the data. Another form was used to input information from the desktop stage, such as bibliographic references and artefactual records (Appendix 6).

A sketch plan was made of every site that warranted it, excluding, for instance, most simple mounds and standing stones and it is hoped that these will provide a more useful record to assess changes during future visits than just descriptions and photographs. A selection of these sketch plans are produced in this report to approximate scale, illustrating the field record of each monument type, but not intended to be of publication standard.

Photographs were taken of every worthwhile site in duplicate to vary the exposure and in tandem in colour negative and colour transparency using a common 1m scale. In all 25 colour negative and 25 colour transparency films were used, about 900 frames on each, i.e. about 450 separate shots. At least two photographs were taken of every site that was assessed as of Class A value (National Importance). Film and frame numbers were included on the field record form and entered on the database.

The survey recording form (Appendix 6) included all the fields used by CPAT plus the following, all of which have been entered into the database:

1. Slope class: Level, Slight, Low, Medium, Steep.
2. Site prospect: Prospect of the site itself, not the slope, i.e. 'viewshed', expressed as an arc of view, e.g. SW-N.
3. Reverse Prospect: The area/arc from which the site would be clearly prominent, e.g. from a plateau area towards a summit or false crest. Very often, but not always, this is simply the reverse of the site prospect. For instance, sites on a slope or in an enclosed position may have a good prospect but not be prominently visible from elsewhere. In practice this was difficult to apply and false crest positions gave the best corroboration of reverse prospect. However, it proved a very useful stimulus to thinking about the site location while actually on site, and when comparing viewpoints towards monuments from others.
4. Orientation: Some monument types have oriented structures, and the nearest geographical quadrant to NW/N/NE etc was recorded. Most such monuments must be recorded as to/from orientation, e.g. NW/SE, for instance Stone rows and Cists. The orientation of standing stones was recorded as the direction of the 'faces' because most are approximately flat slabs. Chambered tombs/long cairns have a general orientation but also have a 'head' end and so are recorded as oriented in a single direction.
5. Topography, general: A simple description of the geographical setting of the site e.g. upland hill slope, lowland plateau or coastal plain.
6. Vegetation, site.

7. Vegetation, area.
8. Land use, site.
9. Land use, area.
10. Management text: a short comment on the threats, condition, deterioration, value and recommendations.

The monument type summaries list the Condition and Status, which were recorded as:

**Condition:**

- A: Intact
- B: Mostly intact
- C: Some damage
- D: Substantial damage
- E: Destroyed
- N: Not applicable
- U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged/buried

**Status:**

- AA: Scheduled ancient monument
- A: National value
- B: Regional value
- C: Local value
- D: Minor value
- E: Requiring further assessment
- F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc).

This year the ownership details have been more satisfactorily incorporated in the database, with separate fields for owner, owner's address, tenant, and tenant's address.

Some additional recording was carried out as part of the desk-top work. This comprised the following fields and was entered onto the database as a separate table (Appendices 5-7):

1. Archaeological Records 1-3: Archaeological event, e.g. Accidental discovery, Antiquarian excavation, Description, Research excavation.
2. References 1-3: Harvard reference of any publication.
3. Artefacts recorded: Text description.
4. Artefact location (museum etc).
5. Name: Traditional name associated with monument.
6. Name translation/interpretation.
7. Name type: Descriptive, Topographic, Folklore.

All records have been entered onto the ACCESS database. This generally follows the design of the CPAT database in terms of fields and field format and it should be possible to compare and probably combine the data from different Trust areas to allow overall analysis. However, it should be sufficient to query each database separately and to combine the results.

The leaflet 'Introducing Prehistoric Burial and Ritual Sites' has been distributed to landowners wherever possible. However, relatively few have been required so far because the great majority of sites in this area are in open hill land with public rights of way, often common land, where it is often difficult to identify and confirm ownership or National Trust land for which permission has been sought through the land agents. The leaflet has also proved useful as general information to people other than actual landowners, such as neighbouring householders or interested passers-by. Where it has been necessary to seek permission to visit sites on enclosed land without public rights of way, permission has never been refused, although the occasional farmer who already has Scheduled Ancient Monuments on his land has been somewhat reluctant. In many cases farmers would welcome more background information about archaeological sites on their land. Quite a number of farms visited are now in the Tir Gofal scheme and this is leading to a new attitude: that archaeological sites may be of

some benefit in providing some of the justification for the grant award, and often there are new access paths available that make site visits easier.



## 5. GEOGRAPHICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The area is dominated by the uplands of Eryri (Snowdonia) with the relatively smaller areas of the coastal strip and the Conwy Valley. However, the great range of altitude needs to be broken down further to understand land use. Three areas can be distinguished:

- a. The central upland massif, above c. 250m OD, comprising mainly unimproved pasture on thin stony soils.
- b. The upland margins, between about 100-200m OD, comprising mainly partly improved pasture on acidic, poorly drained soils.
- c. The lowlands, below 100m OD, consisting of the coastal strip, the Great Orme and the Conwy Valley and comprising mainly improved pasture on better quality soils.

Although most of the area has been well recorded archaeologically because of the surveys of the RCAHMW (1956 and 1960), the roughness of the terrain and the obscuring nature of the blanket peat, heather and tussock grass means that particularly in the upland margins there is still potential for further discoveries. There is a concentration of known sites in these upland margins but this must be partly a matter of selective preservation because many of the lowland sites may have been destroyed or obscured by modern agriculture, as exemplified by the multi-period complex of settlement, funerary and ceremonial features identified at Llandegai, Bangor, from the air and subsequently by excavation (Houlder 1967 and 1968).

The overall distribution of monuments in this area (Fig. 2) is very uneven with a particular concentration in the upland area south of Penmaenmawr, centred on the Druid's circle complex at Cefn Coch. The lack of accompanying settlement evidence raises serious questions and this area will be covered in greater detail in the general discussion after the survey results.

During the Neolithic the focus of settlement seems to have been on the lowlands and outside the present study area there are concentrations of Neolithic funerary monuments in Anglesey, paralleled by concentrations of surface finds of stone axes. The complex at Llandegai was likely to have been a regional focus, not necessarily a centre of settlement in its own right and it has been postulated that it may have had some relationship to control over products from the Graig Lwyd axe factory although the distribution of finds of axes themselves at Llandegai and elsewhere, does not seem to support this idea.

The focus of settlement in the second millennium BC is unknown, because of the complete lack of evidence from west Conwy and north Gwynedd. Despite the presence of the valuable resource of copper and its exploitation at the mines of the Great Orme there is no evidence of an accompanying centre of settlement or funerary deposits. The concentration of funerary and ritual monuments of broadly that period is in the upland margins and uplands and need not mean that the settlement was also situated there. However, the upland margins may, at certain periods, have been the geographical focus for funerary and ritual activity for other reasons. These areas provided better drained and naturally more open areas than the lowlands and provided the best natural land routes, like the ridge ways of south-east Britain. Particular beliefs may have led to the placing of funerary monuments close to focal points of route ways, on the boundaries of territory or on high ground with commanding views or closer to an imagined spiritual world.

Extensive remains show that the focus of settlement in the later first millennium BC is clearly on the upland margins and the lowland. In contrast to the second millennium, evidence of the funerary and ceremonial customs or monuments of the first millennium is almost unknown in our area. Two small round barrows are situated close to and probably in association with the hill-fort of Pen-y-gaer Llanbedr-y-cennin, overlooking the Conwy Valley. Both have been excavated, but before the benefit of modern dating techniques (Hughes 1906) and produced only charcoal and scraps of copper and bronze, but at least did not prove to be typically Bronze Age type cremation burials in pots. Elsewhere, burials may be represented by a very few cists that are known without covering mounds, perhaps paralleled by the long cist for an extended inhumation with a late Iron Age sword at Gellinog Wen, Llangainwen, Anglesey, also excavated by Hughes (Lynch 1981, 282-4). Clearly, cists without covering mounds will only rarely be discovered and the decline in the custom of including pottery with burials makes them more difficult to date.



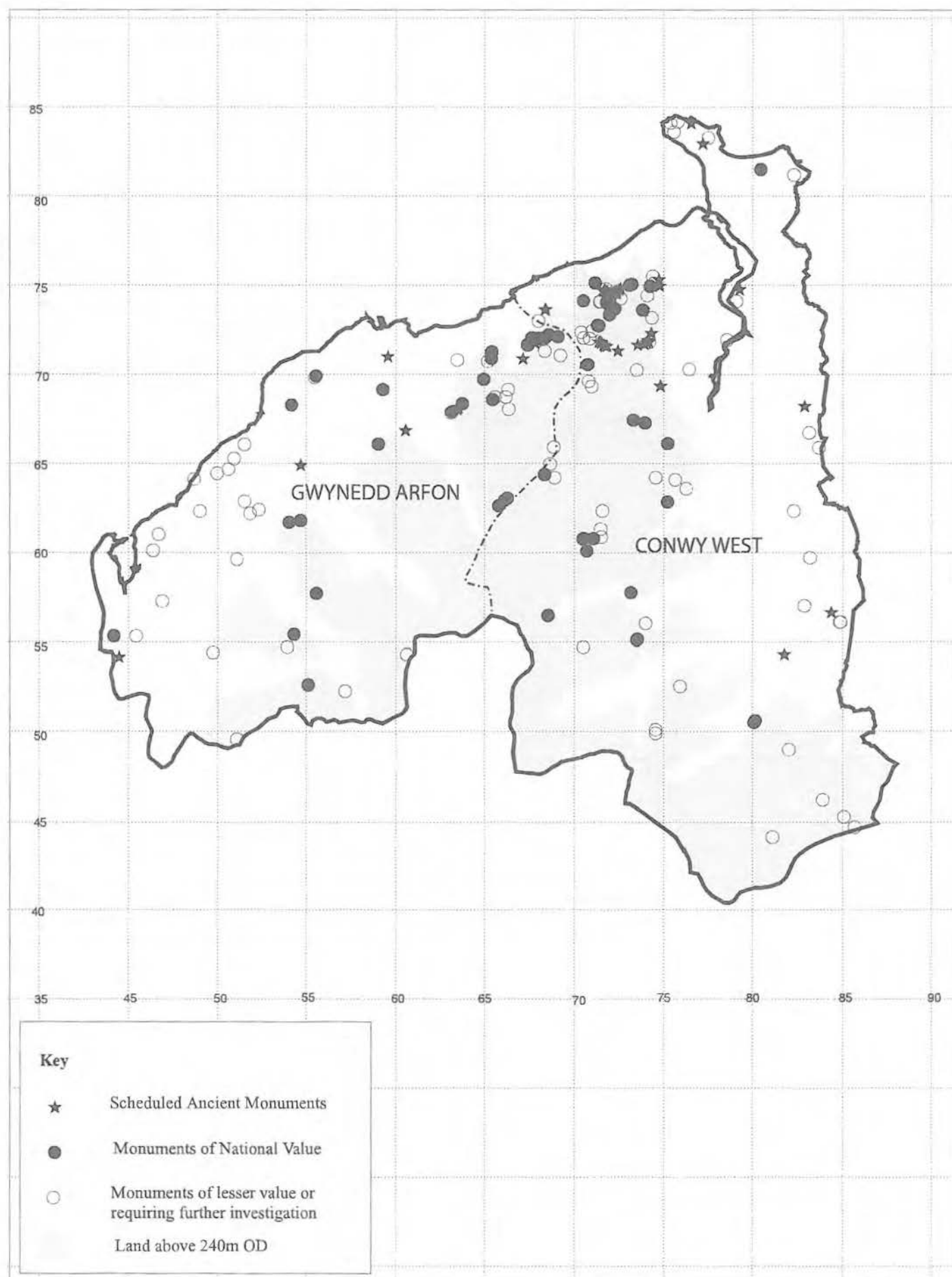


Fig. 2 Distribution of all sites recorded as prehistoric funerary and ritual in West Conwy and North Gwynedd

The earliest antiquarian descriptions of the monuments in the area are those of the 17<sup>th</sup> century by Edward Lhuyd and in a manuscript said to be by Sir John Wynn of Gwydir. The latter provides a very early description of the Druid's Circle, Penmaenmawr: '... This monumente standes rownd as a circle compassed about with a stone wale, and within the wale, close unto the wale, are longe greate stones rownd aboutes the circle standdinge upon there endes in the grownd. There are of these stones now standynge in this circle, as I take ytt, twelve, wherof some of them are ii yardes and three quarters. some two yardes, some a yarde and three quarters above grownd, besydes what is within the grownd; the cyrcle within these longe stones, which wee call Meini Hirion, is every way in breadth some sixe and twenty yardes;...' (Williams 2001).

Further notes derive from descriptions by travellers, such as Pennant (1783) and the local antiquary, Richard Farrington in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century (Kelly 1974). General antiquarian activity in this area seems to have been at least as great as that in Meirionnydd, to judge by the large number of barrows with evidence of robbing (Fig. 3). Unfortunately, very few of these early excavations left any kind of record, probably because few of them produced any worthwhile finds. Also, the people active in this area were not so much in the mainstream of antiquarian activity as the wealthy gentry like Williams Wynne in Meirionnydd, with greater time and resources to contribute to the archaeological journals. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it is only chance finds that are recorded in the area, like the barrow with urns and bronzes found while landscaping a garden at Crug, near Caernarfon in 1855 and others in 1868 (Stanley and Way 1868, 259-61) and a barrow with urns and a bronze pin uncovered during construction work at the Penmaenmawr quarry (Earwaker, 1891). There are several other records of chance finds from the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the earliest from 1853, but most of the extensive robbing seems to have gone unrecorded. Artefacts that were recovered found their way to Bangor Museum, Chester Museum, the National Museum of Wales and even the Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford.

More formal survey and recording took place with Harold Hughes, who excavated at Pen-y-gaer hillfort, mentioned above, and with W.B. Lowe (1912) and E. Davies (1929). Excavations in modern style were carried out by W.J. Hemp at Capel Garmon chambered tomb (Hemp 1927) and by W.E. Griffiths at the Druid's Circle complex, Penmaenmawr (Griffiths 1960). Surprisingly, the only other modern excavations have been by C. Houlder at the Llandegai Neolithic henges (Houlder 1967 and 1968) and P. Crew at a group of summit cairns above Llanllechid (Crew 1985).

The structural, artefactual and dating evidence from the various records will be discussed with the relevant survey results, below.

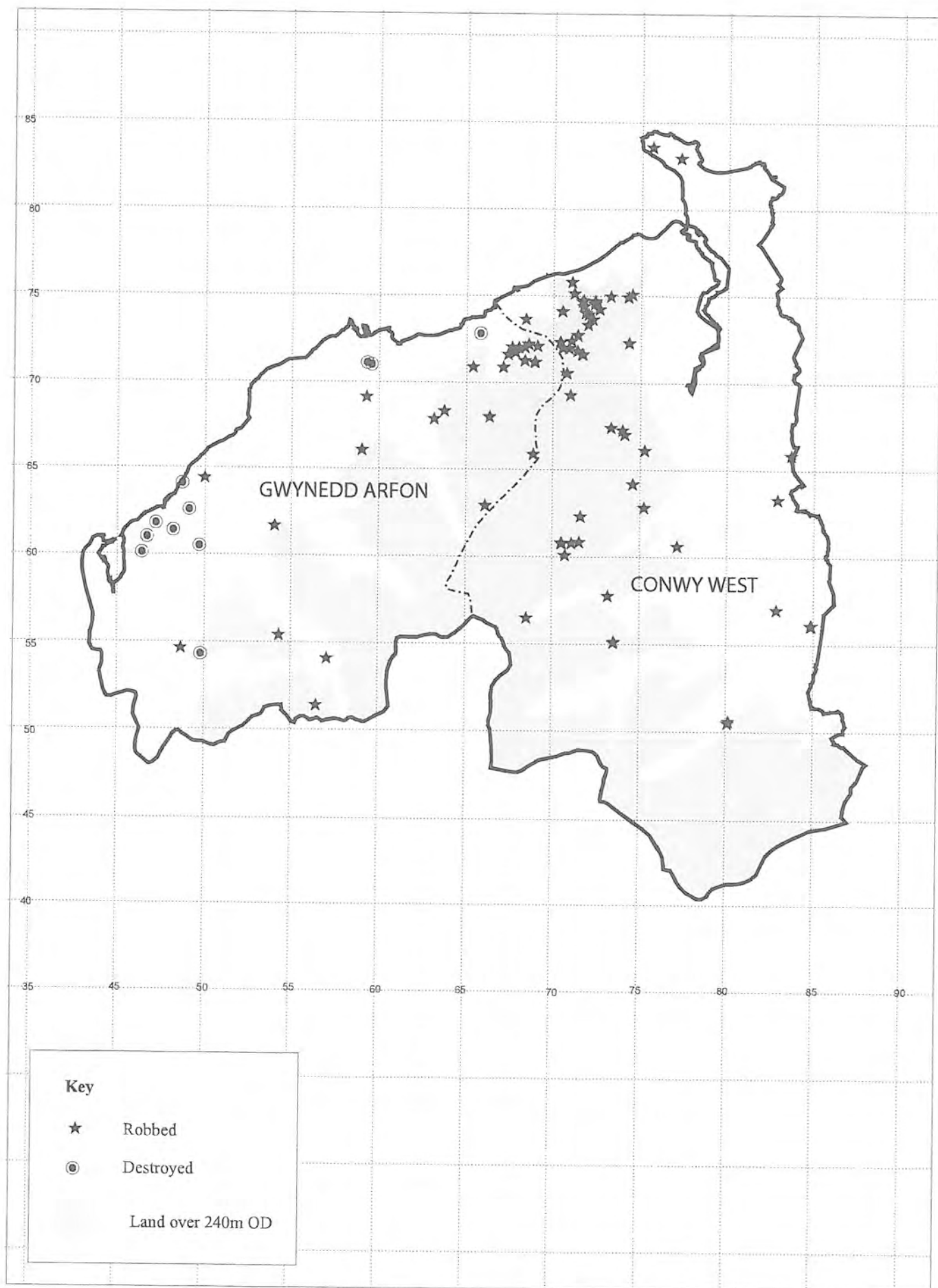


Fig. 3 Distribution of all prehistoric funerary and ritual sites in West Conwy and North Gwynedd recorded as robbed or destroyed

## 6. THE SURVEY

The general results of the survey are summarised in Table 2. This shows the numbers of monuments of different types and of the numbers of each that are protected as Scheduled Ancient Monuments (Class AA) as well as those new sites assessed during the survey as also being of national value (Class A).

**Table 2 Summary list of monument types and values**

| Monument type                        | Total | SAM | Class A Value | Other value |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-----|---------------|-------------|
| Carved stone                         | 1     | 0   | 0             | 1           |
| Chambered tomb                       | 7     | 7   | 0             | 0           |
| Chambered tomb?/site of              | 13    | 0   | 1             | 12          |
| Cist/cist cemetery                   | 4     | 0   | 1             | 3           |
| Cremation                            | 2     | 0   | 0             | 2           |
| Cursus                               | 1     | 1   | 0             | 0           |
| Henge complex                        | 1     | 1   | 0             | 0           |
| Round barrow                         | 142   | 29  | 59            | 54          |
| Round barrow?                        | 60    | 11  | 2             | 47          |
| Round barrow cemetery (group number) | 3     | 0   | 0             | 3           |
| Standing stone                       | 20    | 7   | 8             | 5           |
| Standing stone, site of/not located  | 6     | 0   | 0             | 6           |
| Standing stone in round barrow       | 3     | 2   | 0             | 1           |
| Standing stone, group                | 1     | 1   | 0             | 0           |
| Standing stone, row                  | 1     | 1   | 0             | 0           |
| Stone circle/stone circle?           | 8     | 5   | 2             | 1           |
| Duplicate site number                | 3     | 0   | 0             | 3           |
| Non-site/natural feature             | 19    | 2   | 0             | 17          |
| Site of other type/period            | 59    | 1   | 0             | 58          |
| Totals                               | 354   | 68  | 73            | 213         |

The monument types and sub-types are discussed separately in the following section which summarises the survey results and provides distribution maps of each, indicating those that are scheduled monuments or assessed as of national value. A general discussion of the overall archaeological results and of the management implications is provided at the end. The full results of the survey, with all the field information on the database, are included as a gazetteer in Part 2.

The monument types used follow those defined by CPAT and there have been no alterations or additions. There are relatively few of the publicly better-known monuments such as chambered tombs and stone circles and the majority of these are scheduled sites and have been relatively well recorded in the past. There are also a few monument types found in lowland areas, which are not present here. These include mortuary enclosures, pit circles, pit groups and timber circles.

The monument type summaries list the Condition and Status, as described above.

There are few monuments in the Gwynedd SMR recorded only as place names compared with lowland areas of Wales. This is partly because most monuments survive as upstanding features in upland areas and partly because there has not yet been a systematic study of the field name evidence on Tithe maps.

The total number of recorded sites exceeds that originally envisaged partly because it includes a number of sites that were identified during hand checking of SMR lists, for instance those that had been recorded under unusual or incorrect site types or periods. Also, a few PRN numbers were group numbers and in this case new PRNs were given so that every individual monument now has a separate number.

All sites listed were visited except a small number of cairns that were part of groups of which a visit showed them to be small marker cairns or clearance cairns. All the sites listed as natural features or of

other site type or period were identified as such as a result of actual visits. The visits also resulted in the recording of a number of cairns that were definitely man-made features but could not be certainly identified as either clearance or funerary features. These are included as 'round barrow?'

All 68 sites that are SAMs were visited. This was necessary to ensure that all monuments of this class were assessed under the same conditions with equivalent recording. It also ensured that the values assessed using the defined criteria of national importance were comparable between protected sites, already accepted to be of national importance, and the rest. This should give a better idea as to which of the unprotected sites are also possibly of national value (Class A). The results of the assessment of monument value are discussed below, 7.3.

## 6.1 CARVED STONES

Number of sites: 1. SAM: 0. Class A status: 0. Other: 1.

**Table 3: Carved stones summary**

**Condition:**

A: Intact  
B: Mostly intact  
C: Some damage  
D: Substantial damage  
E: Destroyed  
N: Not applicable  
U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged

**Status:**

AA: Scheduled ancient monument  
A: National value  
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C: Local value  
D: Minor value  
E: Requiring further assessment  
F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc).

| Map    | PRN  | Site name                    | Con | Stat | Siting             |
|--------|------|------------------------------|-----|------|--------------------|
| SH84SW | 5283 | Inscribed boulder, Trawsnant | U   | E    | Upland valley side |

### Discussion

The one example of a free-standing stone with a cup-mark was not located although its description by John Latham for the National Trust survey of Ysbyty (Latham 1987), of 'cup-marks in a cross shape', suggests that it is most likely to be medieval in date. However, possible cup-marks also occur on slabs that form elements of cairns on Moel Wnion (PRN 314) and Carnedd Dafydd (PRN 749).

The rarity of cup-marked or otherwise decorated stones of prehistoric date is significant and contrasts with the 'Irish' influence of curvilinear decoration that occurs on Anglesey. However, this is at odds with the presence of the portal dolmen style of chambered tombs, which has close parallels in Ireland. Cup-marks are probably part of a separate tradition and several stones with such marks have been recorded in Meirionnydd, two in association with cairn rings. It may be that similar stones have just not been recognised in the present area. However, using the experience gained from Meirionnydd of the type and setting of such stones, suitable stones close to other monuments were looked at this year, but without finding any cup-marks.

### 6.3 CHAMBERED TOMBS (Figs 4-5)

Number: 7. SAM: 7. Uncertain/Possible site of, 13. SAM: 0, Class A: 1, Other: 12

**Table 4: Chambered tombs summary**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Condition:</b>                            | <b>Status:</b>                                       |
| A: Intact                                    | AA: Scheduled ancient monument                       |
| B: Mostly intact                             | A: National value                                    |
| C: Some damage                               | B: Regional value                                    |
| D: Substantial damage                        | C: Local value                                       |
| E: Destroyed                                 | D: Minor value                                       |
| N: Not applicable                            | E: Requiring further assessment                      |
| U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged | F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc). |

| MAP    | PRN  | SITENAME   | Con | Stat | Siting          |
|--------|------|--|-----|------|-----------------|
| SH45SE | 2354 | Chambered tomb (unlocated), Mynydd y Cilgwyn     | E   | F    | Hill slope      |
| SH46SE | 1633 | Burial chamber (possible), Rhos, Llanfaglan      | E   | F    | Lowland plateau |
| SH46SE | 3132 | Burial chamber - site of, Castellmai             | E   | F    | Hill slope      |
| SH46SE | 3131 | Burial chamber - site of, Caer Efail, Llanfaglan | E   | D    | Lowland plateau |
| SH55NW | 398  | Burial chamber - site of, Glan yr afon           | U   | F    | Valley side     |
| SH55NW | 399  | Burial chamber - site of, Glan yr afon wood      | A   | C    | Valley side     |
| SH56NW | 627  | Burial chamber (poss.), N.E. of Bryn, Felinheli  | C   | E    | Coastal plain   |
| SH66NW | 221  | Sling burial chamber                             | B   | AA   | Hill slope      |
| SH76NE | 1544 | Porthllwyd cromlech - site of                    | E   | F    | Valley floor    |
| SH77SE | 3448 | Chambered cairn (poss.), Ty'n y groes            | E   | F    | Lowland plateau |
| SH77SE | 2489 | Chambered tomb (poss.) - site of, Tal-y-cafn     | U   | E    | Valley floor    |
| SH77SE | 2475 | Hendre Waelod burial chamber (Allor moloch)      | B   | AA   | Valley floor    |
| SH77SW | 3487 | Burial chamber, site of Blaen-y-bardd            | E   | F    | Hill slope      |
| SH77SW | 530  | Burial chamber, nr. Maen y bardd                 | B   | AA   | Hill slope      |
| SH77SW | 529  | Maen y bardd burial chamber                      | B   | AA   | Hill slope      |
| SH78SE | 5441 | Burial chamber (poss.), Pen bwlch, Gt. Orme      | U   | F    | Hill slope      |
| SH78SE | 648  | Llety'r Filiast burial chamber, Great Orme       | C   | AA   | Valley bottom   |
| SH85NW | 4671 | Maen Pebyll long barrow (burial chamber)         | C   | AA   | Hill slope      |
| SH85SW | 4650 | Capel Garmon burial chamber                      | B   | AA   | Upland plateau  |
| SH88SW | 4545 | Burial chamber, (poss.), Maingc y gynhadledd     | C   | A    | Hill slope      |

### Discussion

This is a well-studied monument class and all the extant, identifiable examples are SAMs. The rest are all either destroyed sites, antiquarian references to possible sites or uncertain and unclassifiable sites. Only one of the latter is possibly of high value, PRN 4545, Maingc y gynhadledd, not a chambered tomb in the usual sense, but a megalithic construction, described as a possible cist (Lynch 1969a, 307) is perhaps most likely to be an antiquarian folly, part of landscaped parkland on the hill above Gloddaeth Hall. Gloddaeth is a historic building with a medieval core and its parkland landscape has not yet been studied and recorded.

Most of the accepted tombs lie in marginal land on the fringe of the upland, between 200-350m OD, apart from Llety'r Filiast on the Great Orme, Porthllwyd on the floor of the Conwy Valley and a site of uncertain authenticity at Bryn, Felinheli, Caernarfon.

Visits were made to the areas of all the sites recorded from antiquarian references and which have had further discussion by Kelly (1974). However, despite using the information available no new



discoveries were made, apart from one unusual stone (see Standing Stones, below). In some cases the antiquarian references are probably fanciful interpretations of natural groups of stones, while a few have description so convincing that they most likely were genuine monuments that have since been cleared. Some of the references were not very specific and a lengthy search of each area would be required. Considering the condition of the Sling burial chamber, in overgrown scrub woodland, despite its being listed as an ancient monument, it would not be surprising for even large constructions to be demolished and the stones re-used.

The types and location of these tombs have been well covered by Lynch (1969a). Three are portal dolmens - those of Maen y bardd, Porth Llwyd and Hendre Waelod, as is probably also that of Llety'r Filiast. These form a fairly closely associated group in terms of type and location, focussed on the Conwy Valley. Lynch points out their possible cultural association with the portal dolmens of the Llyn peninsula. The tomb at Capel Garmon is an odd, isolated occurrence of a Cotswold-Severn type with the nearest close comparison being the tomb of Ty Isaf in Breconshire (*ibid.* 143). It is so distinctive that it has to be regarded as representing a genuine cultural outlier belonging to an intrusive social group. There are several supposed sites of chambered tombs mentioned by antiquaries, some possibly genuine examples that have since been cleared away but some that may have been natural features. Sling at Tregarth, near Bangor is a fairly certain example with one massive slab, resting on an upright. However, it is so incomplete that it is unclassifiable. Roewen East (PRN 530), quite close to Maen y bardd, is a rather small cist-like chamber in a long mound that is difficult to understand because it has been incorporated in a terrace of a Romano-British and Medieval lynched field system. It has been compared to the trapezoidal cairn of Tinkinswood, Glamorgan but Lynch rather sees it mainly as a cist rather than a chambered tomb (*ibid.* 306-7). The present survey suggests that the mound was certainly long but the cist could have been inserted in it. The final extant example is that of Maen Pebyll, formerly interpreted as a ruined chambered tomb in a long cairn but regarded by Lynch as at least uncertain and possibly just a natural feature (*ibid.* 145-6).

Most of the tombs have a generally easterly orientation but with no clear uniformity. That at Sling, Tregarth, on the other hand, lies on a west-facing slope and must have opened to the west. Hendre Waelod (also known as Allor Moloch - The altar of terror!) in the Conwy valley also lies on a west-facing slope although the portal stones face uphill, to the south-east. The chamber of Maen y Bardd, high on a hillside with a significant south-easterly slope, commands impressive views over the valley and a restricted view of the river and may have been constructed with these in mind. However, interestingly, the nearby chamber or cist in a rather amorphous, unclassified mound (Roewen East, PRN 530) faces along the slope, to the north-east, which provides it with a 'glimpse' of the mouth of the Conwy estuary.

All these tombs can be expected to be closely associated with contemporary areas of farming and at Maen y bardd there are extensive field systems and settlements of probably later prehistoric and medieval date, if not earlier, since there is a kerb cairn there also (PRN 4695). The other tombs lie in areas without such good preservation. Llety'r filiast is of great potential interest because of its unusual location on the Great Orme which is a quite restricted area with much evidence of prehistoric activity, but which has unfortunately also led to much disturbance. The only tomb that has been excavated and produced useful finds is that of Capel Garmon which, because it is unique in this area, is not very helpful. Finds from the chamber passage were of one piece of Early Neolithic Ebbsfleet ware and pieces of two Beakers. Lynch regards the Ebbsfleet ware as providing a stylistic link with material from actual Severn-Cotswold tombs (*ibid.* 160-1).

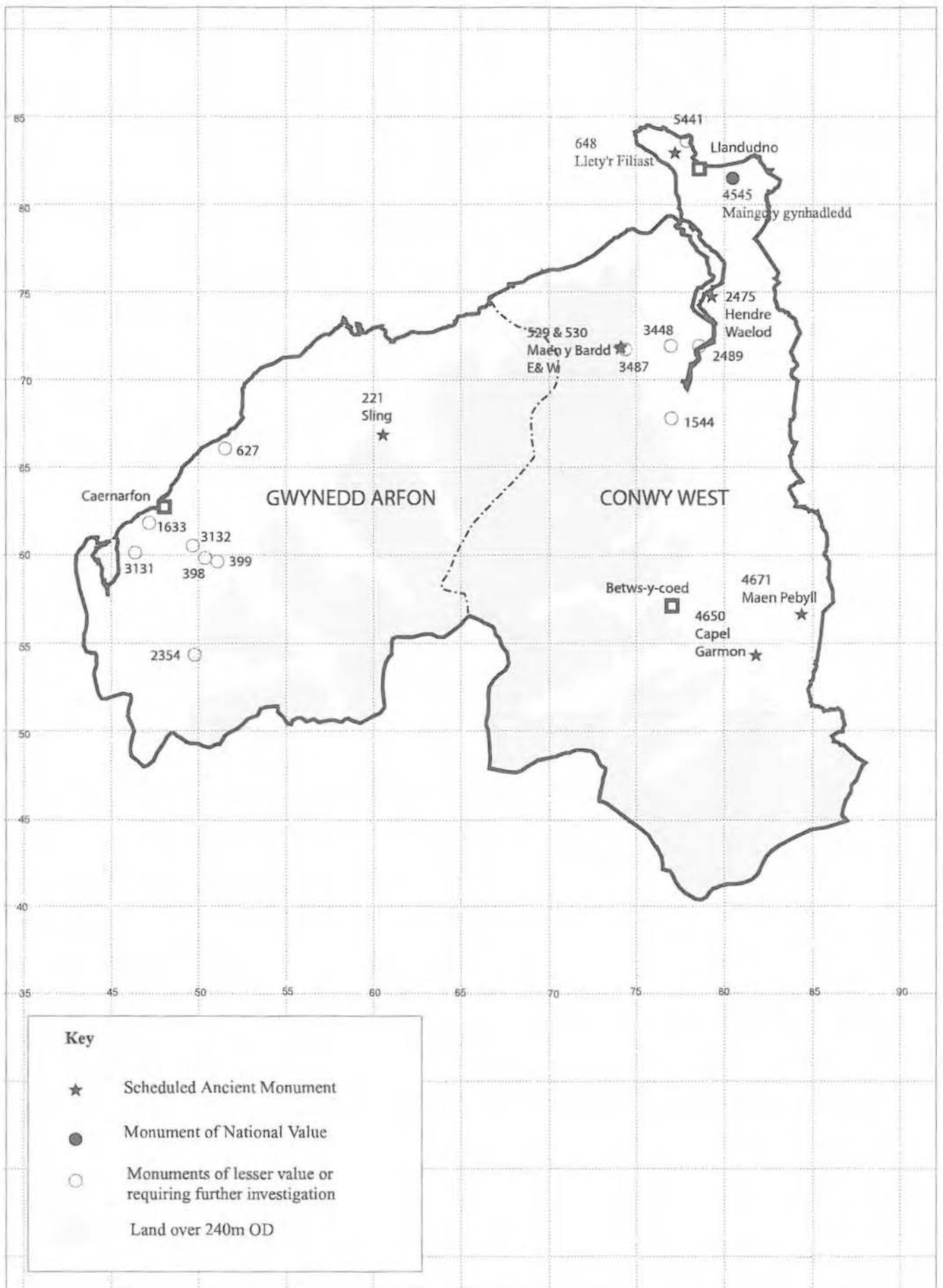


Fig. 4 Distribution of chambered tombs and long cairns in West Conwy and North Gwynedd

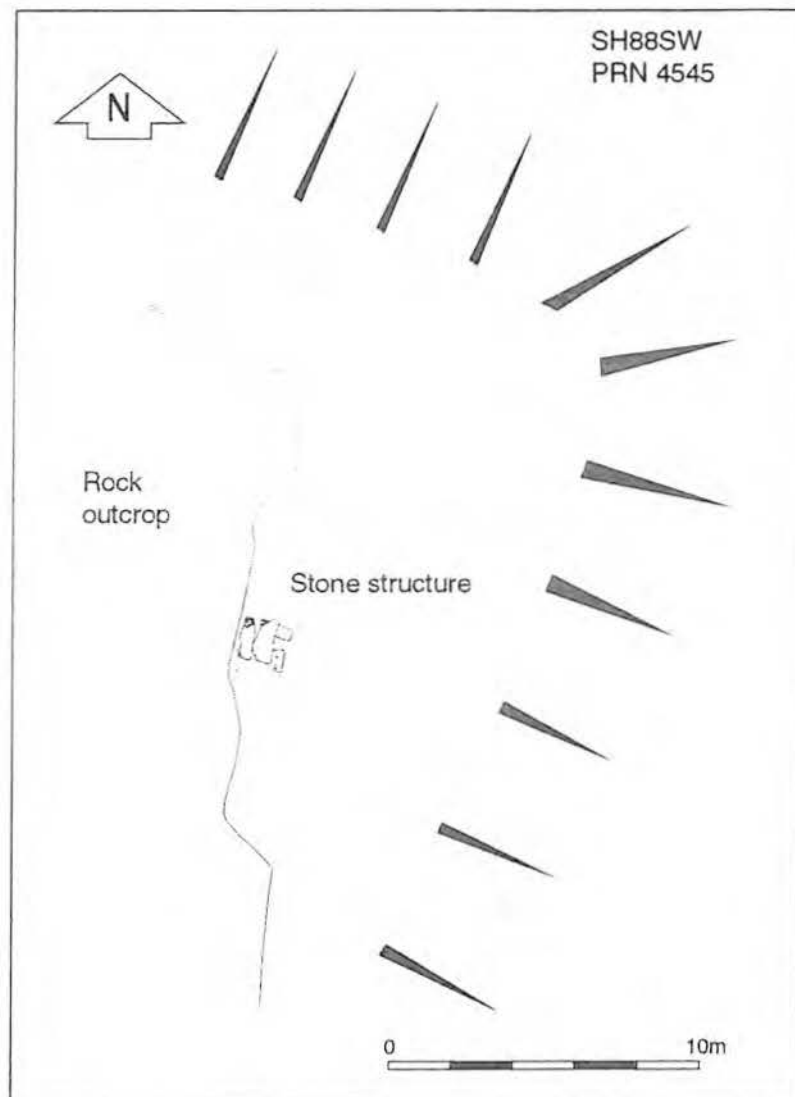


Fig. 5 Possible chambered tomb at Maingc y Gynhadledd, Llandudno

## 6.4 CISTS AND CREMATIONS (Figs 6-7)

Number: 2 extant, 4 destroyed or uncertain. SAM: 0, Class A status: 1.

Table 5: Cists and cremations, summary

Condition:  
A: Intact  
B: Mostly intact  
C: Some damage  
D: Substantial damage  
E: Destroyed  
N: Not applicable  
U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged

Status:  
AA: Scheduled ancient monument  
A: National value  
B: Regional value  
C: Local value  
D: Minor value  
E: Requiring further assessment  
F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc)

| OSMAP  | PRN  | SITENAME                               | Con | Stat | Siting              |
|--------|------|--|-----|------|---------------------|
| SH76SW | 3764 | Cist near Afon y bedol                 | A   | A    | Upland plateau      |
| SH77NW | 737  | Cist N. of Tyddyn Grasod               | C   | B    | Upland col          |
| SH55SE | 3391 | Cist with urn – findspot, Glan yr afon | E   | F    | Lowland plateau     |
| SH55SE | 3393 | Cists – Bwlchgyfin                     | E   | F    | Upland valley floor |

| OSMAP  | PRN  | SITENAME                                | Con | Stat | Siting          |
|--------|------|---|-----|------|-----------------|
| SH67SE | 4079 | Urn burial – findspot, Pen y bryn Manor | E   | F    | Lowland plateau |
| SH46SE | 3101 | Urn burial, Maes y Barcer, Caernarfon   | E   | F    | Lowland plateau |

The small number of these monuments must be largely because they represent 'flat' burials unmarked by a cairn or mound and so in each case have been discovered purely by chance. The exception is the one regarded as of national value, the cist near Afon y Bedol, lying in very poor marshy rough grazing on the hill side overlooking Nant y Benglog, Capel Curig. It is a long cist, some 2m by 1m with massive side slabs that protrude above the present peaty land surface. Its position suggests it may have originally been contained within a mound, perhaps of peat, which has since eroded away. This would make it more understandable as a long cist, presumably for an inhumation burial, whereas the smaller cists and urns of flat cemeteries held cremations. Slab-built cists are also present in quite a number of cairns, mainly where they have been exposed by robbing. These are included under the description of cairns, below. Such cists are generally rectangular, rather than square and some are of sufficient size that they might have contained a crouched burial. The Afon Bedol cist is larger than most of these 'cairn cists'. The same is also the case with the cist at Tyddyn Grasod, which lies in a small col between local hillocks in upland above the Conwy Valley. It is 1.9m by 1m, also protruding from the ground, suggesting that it was formerly in a cairn or mound. By contrast, the 'five or six' cists at Bwlchgyflin, in the base of the valley at Drws y Coed, Nantlle, discovered by chance in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and not seen since, seem to have been part of a 'flat' cremation cemetery, the cists taking the place of urns. The remaining cist was discovered while ploughing in the 19<sup>th</sup> century on the lowland slopes near Caernarfon. It contained an urn with ashes, presumably a cremation, but both have since been lost.

The two cremation burials were both discovered by chance, both in inverted urns. One was from near the mouth of the valley at Abergwyngregyn, near Bangor, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and since lost. The other came from the outskirts of Caernarfon in 1946 and was a Middle Bronze Age urn now in the NMW.

It may be relevant that the two 'long cists' both lie in upland, and in both cases in areas where there is a variety of other types of funerary and ritual monument present, which could fairly be taken to represent cemeteries or ritual complexes. Both complexes lie somewhat above areas that would have been suitable for associated farming settlement - on the slopes of the Conwy Valley and in Nant y Benglog. The cremations however, are in better quality farmland and are likely to be just single chance exposures from larger cemeteries. As such they deserve more attention than they seem to warrant and their place of discovery should be included in any assessment for development, for instance.

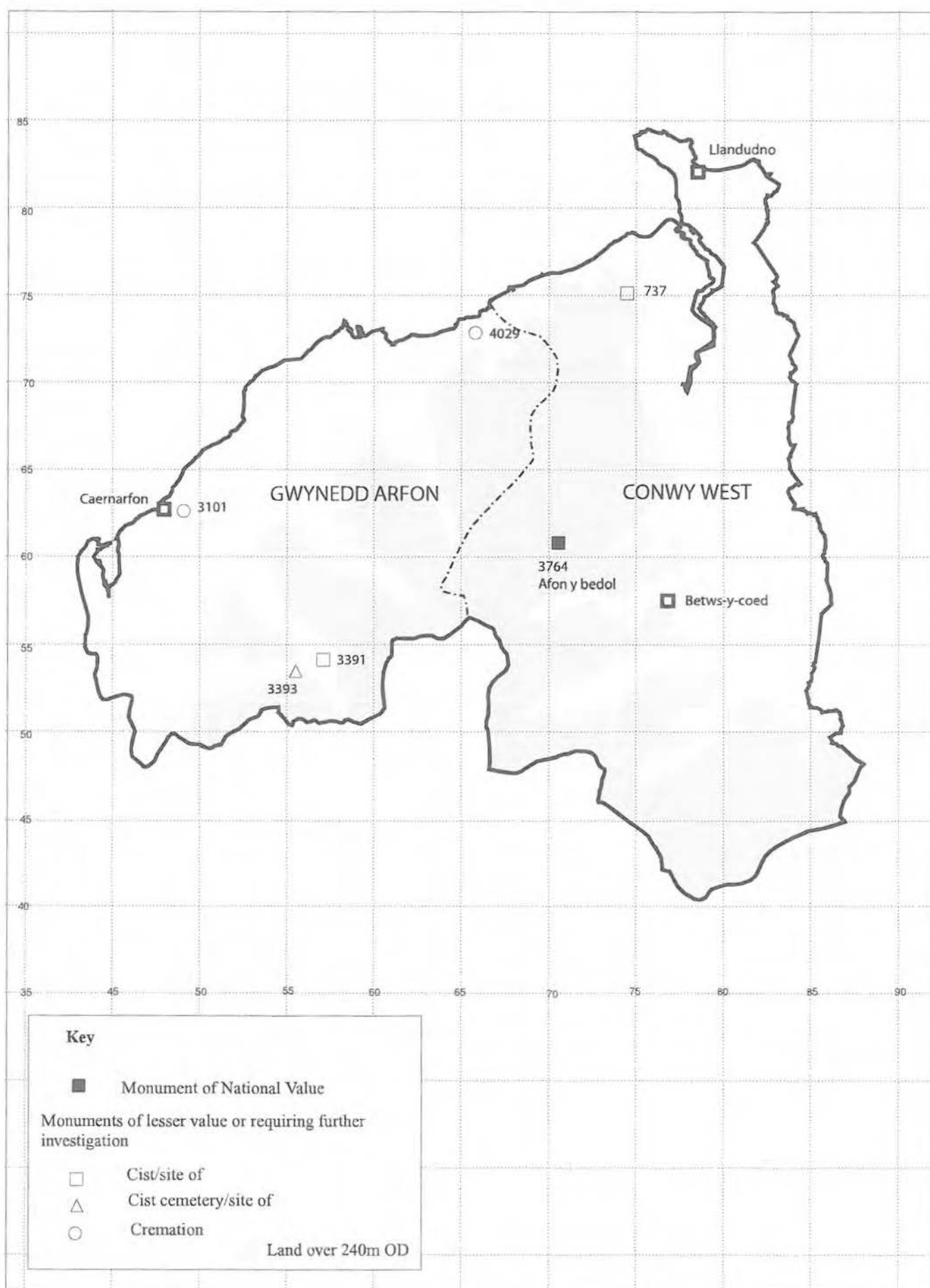


Fig. 6 Distribution of cists, cist cemeteries and cremations in West Conwy and North Gwynedd

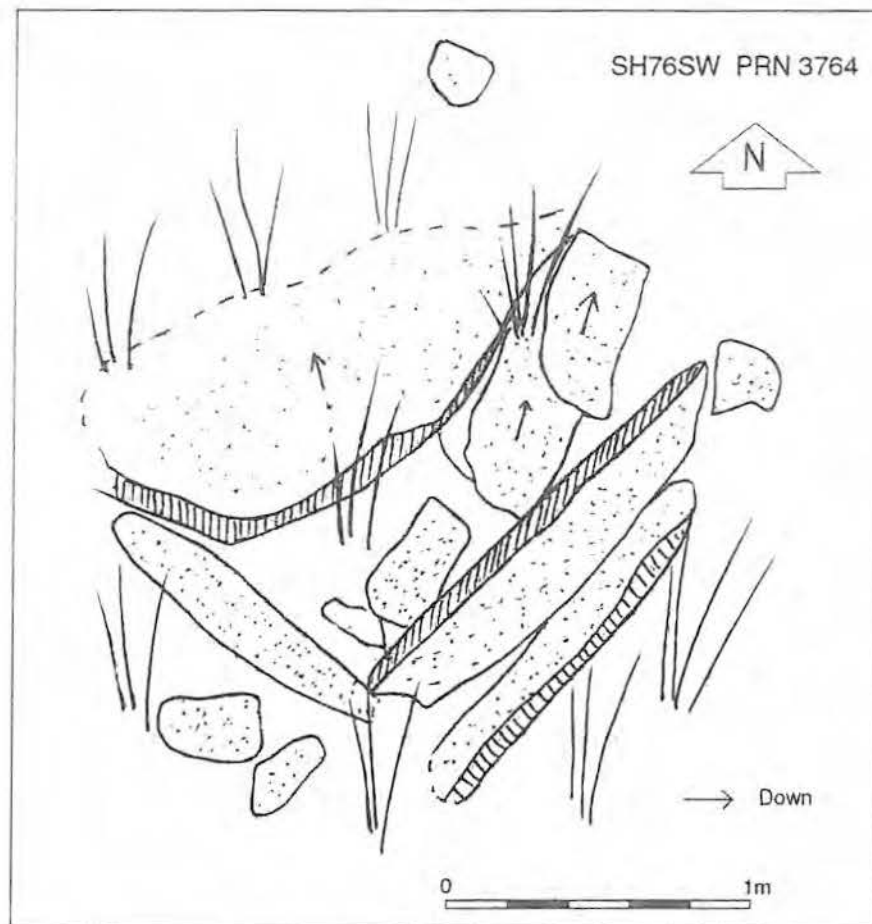


Fig. 7 Cist near Afon y bedol, Capel Curig

## 6.5 HENGES AND CURSUS (Fig. 8)

### Henge

Number: 0 extant, 2 destroyed or uncertain. SAM: 0, Class A status: 0.

### Cursus

Number: 1 extant, 0 destroyed or uncertain. SAM: 1, Class A status: 0.

**Table 6: Henges and Cursus, summary**

| Condition:                                   | Status:   |
|--|---|
| A: Intact                                    | AA: Scheduled ancient monument                      |
| B: Mostly intact                             | A: National value                                   |
| C: Some damage                               | B: Regional value                                   |
| D: Substantial damage                        | C: Local value                                      |
| E: Destroyed                                 | D: Minor value                                      |
| N: Not applicable                            | E: Requiring further assessment                     |
| U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged | F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc) |

| OSMAP  | PRN  | SITENAME                              | Con | Stat | Siting          |
|--------|------|---------------------------------------|-----|------|-----------------|
| SH57SE | 2314 | Cursus – site of, Llandegai           | B   | AA   | Lowland plateau |
| SH57SE | 222  | Henges and Neo. settlement, Llandegai | D   | F    | Lowland plateau |

The Neolithic ceremonial complex at Llandegai has been well known since its excavation in 1966-7 as the only such complex in North Wales although final publication is only just under way. The site lay in arable land and was only discovered by aerial photography. The monuments survived largely as subsoil features such as ditches, therefore. The site of the henges was excavated in advance of development and now lies under an industrial estate. However, the site produced so many features and of such complexity that much evidence must still survive below ground. Its importance as a multi-period complex means that the possibility of survival of some features, if only in part, must be taken into account in any further development of the site. The cursus lay partly in the excavated area and extended into an area of arable and cricket ground beyond, where aerial photographs also showed the presence of a variety of other features. This area is now a Scheduled Ancient Monument but the arable land is regularly ploughed and deserves organised surface collection and monitoring of the effects of continued ploughing.

The henge and cursus complex lies on a rather undistinctive area of slightly raised lowland. It seems surprising that it attracted such a concentration of activity, with Neolithic settlement, Bronze Age burial, Iron Age settlement and an Early Medieval cemetery. Its chief attraction seems to have been that it was an area of particularly good land, fairly level and with reasonable soils in a general area where such land was scarce. As a ceremonial complex it was not in a prominent or distinctive location but may just have been a suitable large fairly open, level area. This clearly was needed for the scale and extent of monuments involved. An open area may also have been needed if viewpoints for alignments of whatever type were involved. This is suggested by the close similarity in the angle that the opposed entrances of the two henges form, both at about east to north-east. The cursus, however, is aligned approximately east to south-east. The complex may also have been generally sited in a 'nodal' communications position between an ancient trackway over the hills to the south-east and a sea passage via the estuary of the Afon Ogwen.

Although the complex is unique in this area there is only one nearby probable Neolithic monument - the chambered tomb at Sling, Tregarth. Apart from the presence of a number of such tombs on Anglesey and in the Llyn, the group of tombs in the Conwy Valley area suggests a separate Neolithic community there and therefore the potential presence of an undiscovered ceremonial complex in the floor of the valley, which may yet be discovered by aerial photography.



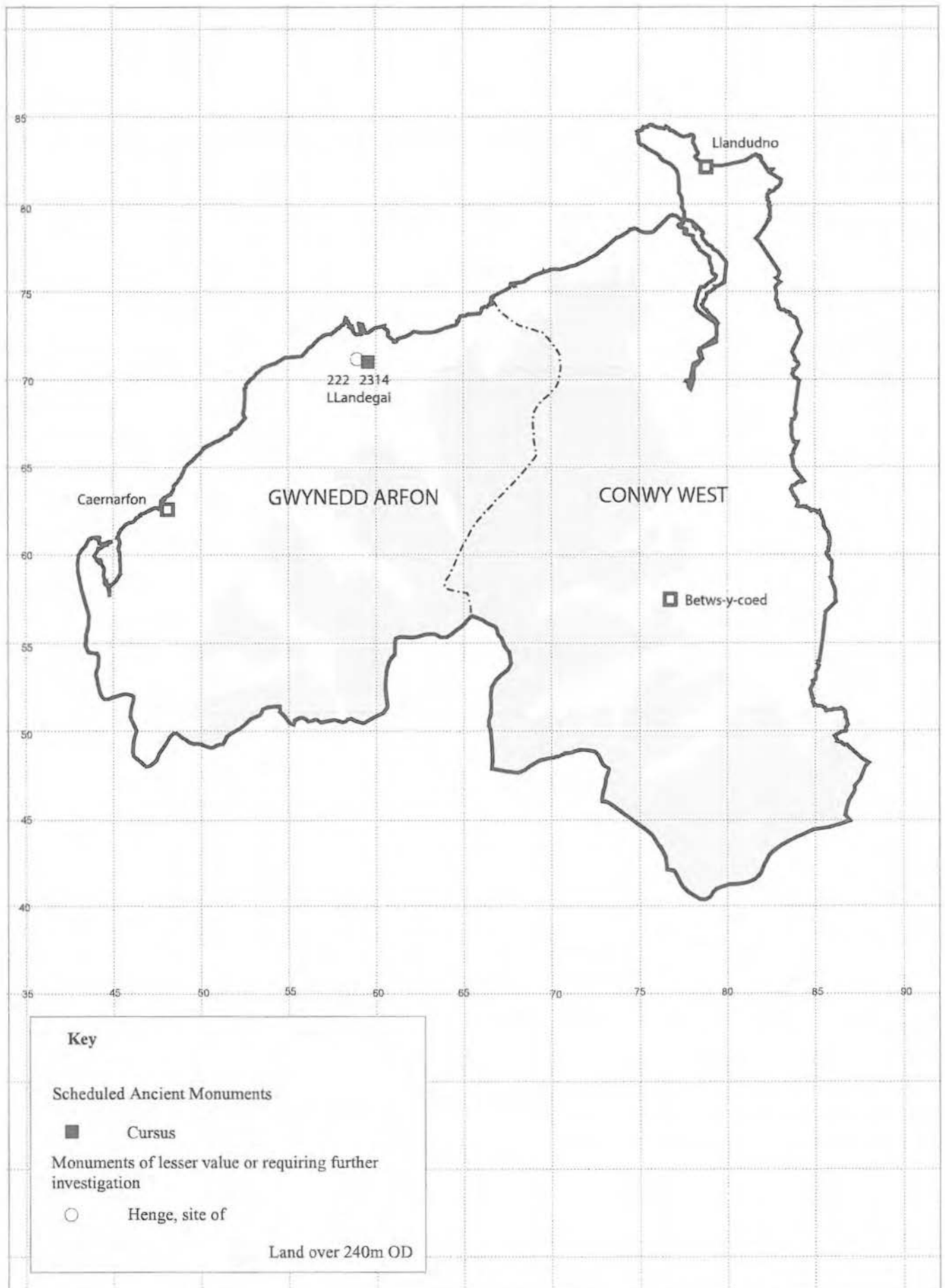


Fig. 8 Distribution of henges and cursus monuments in west Conwy and north Gwynedd

## 6.6 ROUND BARROWS (Figs 9-22)

**Number:** 170 extant, 32 destroyed or uncertain. **SAM:** 40, Class A status: 61.

**Table 7: Round Barrows, summary by sub-type, general value and comparison with Meirionnydd**

**Status:**

AA: Scheduled ancient monument

A: National value

B: Regional value

C: Local value

D: Minor value

E: Requiring further assessment

F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc)

| Sub-type                            | AA | A  | B  | C  | D | E  | F | Total | Meirionnydd total |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|---|-------|-------------------|
| Simple cairn                        | 23 | 41 | 35 | 16 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 130   | 170               |
| Mound                               | 6  | 5  | 3  | 1  | 1 | 5  | 1 | 22    | 8                 |
| Kerb cairn                          | 6  | 8  | 9  | -  | 1 | 1  | - | 25    | 7                 |
| Ring cairn                          | 2  | 5  | 1  | -  | 1 | 1  | - | 10    | 16                |
| Structured cairn                    | 1  | 3  | -  | -  | - | -  | - | 4     | 5                 |
| No data (not located/destroyed etc) | 1  | -  | -  | -  | 2 | 4  | 4 | 11    | -                 |
| Total                               | 39 | 62 | 48 | 17 | 6 | 22 | 8 | 202   | 212               |

As the largest group of prehistoric funerary or ritual monuments this is the only group for which more detailed analysis is justified (Tables 7-11). The great majority, however, are just simple cairns as in Meirionnydd with only small numbers of other sub-types (Table 7). No certain examples of platform cairns were recorded. The most noticeable difference between the two areas is in the larger numbers of mounds and kerbed cairns in West Conwy and North Gwynedd (eg Figs 10-14). A few sites were noted that were small diameter rings of stones with no sign of internal cairn filling (eg Figs 19-20). These seem best described as 'kerb rings' but to maintain the present classification have been recorded as kerbed cairns. Simple cairns are most frequent in the size range 5-9m dia., as was the case in Meirionnydd. Overall, both North Caemarfon and Meirionnydd have round barrows that are smaller than in Denbigh/East Conwy and the Upper Severn. The most frequent size there was in the range 10-19m dia. with a high proportion of 20m or over while there were very few of that size in the West Conwy and North Gwynedd areas. The difference is mainly to be accounted for by the preponderance of earthen mounds, rather than cairns, in the former areas. There is also a possibility that size has some cultural/chronological basis with a contrast between larger mounds with single inhumations in the Beaker period and some smaller cairn variants with cremations as late as the end of the second millennium BC. The distribution and topographic location of different round barrow types and sizes therefore might tell us something about use of the landscape in different periods.

**Table 8: The size of round barrows**

| Dia. metres | Simple Cairn | Mound | Kerb cairn | Ring cairn | Structured cairn | No data | Total | %  |
|-------------|--------------|-------|------------|------------|------------------|---------|-------|----|
| <5          | 28           | 2     | 8          | 1          | -                | -       | 39    | 23 |
| 5-9         | 51           | 3     | 11         | 3          | 2                | -       | 70    | 41 |
| 10-19       | 31           | 10    | 5          | 4          | 2                | -       | 52    | 31 |
| 20-29       | 4            | 3     | -          | 1          | -                | -       | 8     | 5  |
| 30+         | 1            | -     | -          | -          | -                | -       | 1     | 1  |
| Total       | 115          | 18    | 24         | 9          | 4                | -       | 170   |    |
| No data     | 15           | 4     | 1          | 1          | -                | 11      | 32    |    |

Table 9: Comparison of round barrow sizes between project areas

| Dia.<br>metres | N. Caernarfon<br>W. Conwy |    | Meirionnydd |    | Denbigh/<br>E. Conwy |    | Upper Severn |    |
|----------------|---------------------------|----|-------------|----|----------------------|----|--------------|----|
|                | No.                       | %  | No.         | %  | No.                  | %  | No.          | %  |
| <5             | 39                        | 23 | 55          | 31 | 30                   | 14 | 40           | 18 |
| 5-9            | 70                        | 41 | 63          | 35 | 54                   | 25 | 66           | 29 |
| 10-19          | 52                        | 31 | 57          | 25 | 77                   | 35 | 86           | 38 |
| 20-29          | 8                         | 5  | 5           | 3  | 44                   | 20 | 27           | 12 |
| 30+            | 1                         | 1  | -           | -  | 8                    | 4  | 7            | 3  |

In terms of topographic location the largest proportion occur on upland plateau (Table 10). A larger proportion occur on summits than in Meirionnydd, just a reflection of the proportion of higher upland than Meirionnydd, where the greatest proportion occurred on local summits and hill ridges. The figures here might also be taken to show that ring cairns and structured cairns (Figs 15-18) are rarely found on summits. Summit cairns tend to be large simple cairns (eg Figs 21-2), sometimes with kerbing but so often badly damaged by trampling and re-modelling as to be of uncertain original structure. The siting of ring cairns, in particular, in saddles/passes, or in valleys, points a probable a different function than the rest, probably more ceremonial than funerary and paralleling similar siting in Meirionnydd. However, such sitings on routes just provides a different kind of prominence to those in physically prominent positions, so the difference may only be apparent. Some barrows are on clearly isolated summits but many are on summits that form part of upland ridges that would have been used as early routeways.

Table 10: The siting of round barrows

|  | Simple<br>Cairn | Mound | Kerb<br>cairn | Ring<br>cairn | Structured<br>cairn | No<br>data | Total | % |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|-------|---|
| Hillslope                              | 22              | 2     | 11            | -             | 1                   | -          | 36    |   |
| Hill ridge<br>or promontory            | 9               | 3     | 1             | -             | -                   | -          | 13    |   |
| Summit                                 | 21              | 2     | 3             | 1             | -                   | -          | 27    |   |
| Saddle, pass<br>or col                 | 14              | 2     | -             | 3             | -                   | -          | 19    |   |
| Upland<br>plateau                      | 31              | 5     | 5             | 2             | 3                   | -          | 46    |   |
| Local ridge or<br>promontory           | 5               | 1     | 1             | -             | -                   | -          | 7     |   |
| Local summit                           | 6               | 1     | -             | -             | -                   | -          | 7     |   |
| Local saddle<br>or col                 | 1               | -     | -             | 1             | -                   | -          | 2     |   |
| Valley<br>floor/side                   | 5               | 2     | 3             | 2             | -                   | -          | 12    |   |
| Coastal plain<br>or lowland<br>plateau | 1               | -     | -             | -             | -                   | -          | 1     |   |
| Total                                  | 115             | 18    | 24            | 9             | 4                   | -          | 170   |   |
| No data                                | 15              | 4     | 1             | 1             | -                   | 11         | 32    |   |

In terms of altitude all types of barrow are found most frequently between 301-400m (Table 11). This must be tempered against the loss of many sites in lowland areas where barrows may have been earthen mounds and more subject to agricultural clearance. Unfortunately aerial photography has not been so successful at filling in the record here in the way that it has in the Upper Severn valley, for instance.

Even so it is significant that a great number of monuments exist in the upland, clearly beyond the limits of arable farming at any period.

**Table 11: The altitude of round barrows**

| Altitude<br>m OD | Simple<br>Cairn | Mound | Kerb<br>cairn | Ring<br>cairn | Structured<br>cairn | No data | Total | %  |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|-------|----|
| 0-100            | 3               | 5     | -             | -             | -                   | -       | 8     | 5  |
| 101-200          | 5               | 2     | 2             | 1             | -                   | -       | 10    | 6  |
| 201-300          | 25              | 2     | 7             | 1             | 1                   | -       | 36    | 21 |
| 301-400          | 33              | 9     | 8             | 4             | 3                   | -       | 57    | 34 |
| 401-500          | 30              | -     | 5             | 3             | -                   | -       | 38    | 22 |
| >500             | 19              | -     | 2             | -             | -                   | -       | 21    | 12 |
| Total            | 115             | 18    | 24            | 9             | 4                   | -       | 170   |    |
| No data          | 15              | 4     | 1             | 1             | -                   | 11      | 32    |    |

The overall distribution is dominated by a concentration in the northern part of the area, between the Aber Valley and the Conwy Valley. This is likely to be related to the presence of a major routeway running through this area because of the outcropping cliffs of Penmaenmawr that prevent a coastal route along this line. The same route was later followed by a Roman road and later still by a coach road. Since the amount of available better quality, lower-lying agricultural land is limited in the immediate area here, the prehistoric monuments must relate either to populations either to east or west. However, funerary monuments weren't just restricted to the upland here, as demonstrated by the rich barrows found on the lower, north-facing slope of Penmaenmawr (PRN 2879) that produced 11 urns, 2 pygmy cups, a stone cup, a bronze pin and 8 cremation burials (destroyed during early quarry track building). This gives us some evidence that there was a well-established and affluent local community here added to which there are round huts and cultivation terraces in the area.

The Cefn Coch group of stone circles is unique in the whole area and its location must have depended on the same factors that resulted in it becoming the focus for a large number of monuments of all types but dominated by cairns. Several sub-groups of these can be identified in the general vicinity of Cefn Coch:

1. Waun Llanfair/Bryniau Bugeilydd.
2. Waen Gyrach/Cefn Maen Amor.
3. Bwlch y Ddeufaen.

Slightly further to the west there are three groups around the Aber Valley:

1. Cras, on the west side.
2. Within the valley and on its southern rim.
3. On the east side below Foel Dduarth.

Surprisingly, within the whole of the rest of the area, apart from those on the summits of Drosgl and the Carneddau, there are only two other major groups of cairns, those at Moel Faban, Llanllechid and at Tal-y-braich, north-west of Capel Curig. Apart from this latter group all the others can be shown to be closely associated with areas of settlement and likely to be directly related and this will be discussed further in a case study of the Waun Llanfair/Bryniau Bugeilydd group (7.2, below).

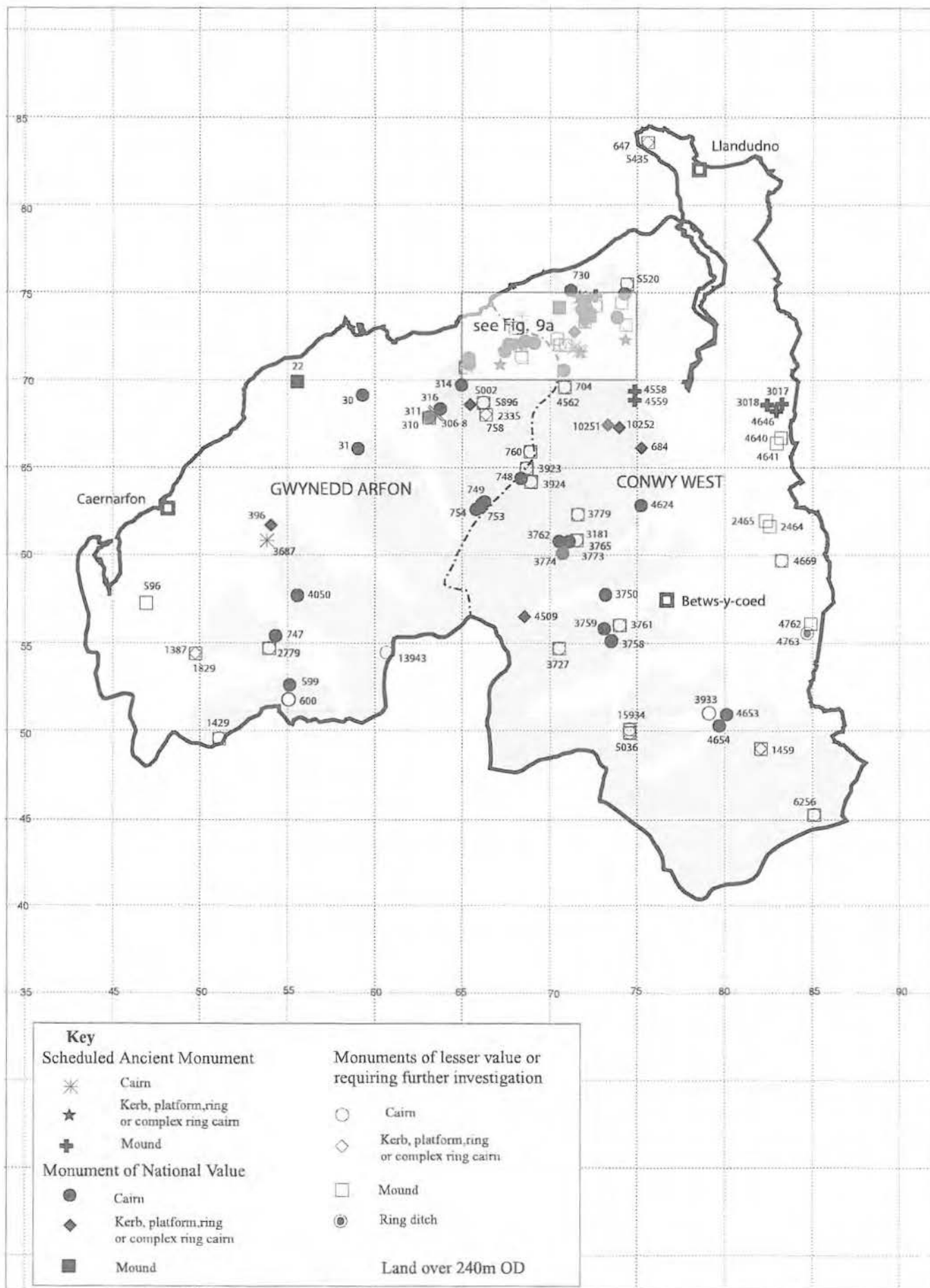
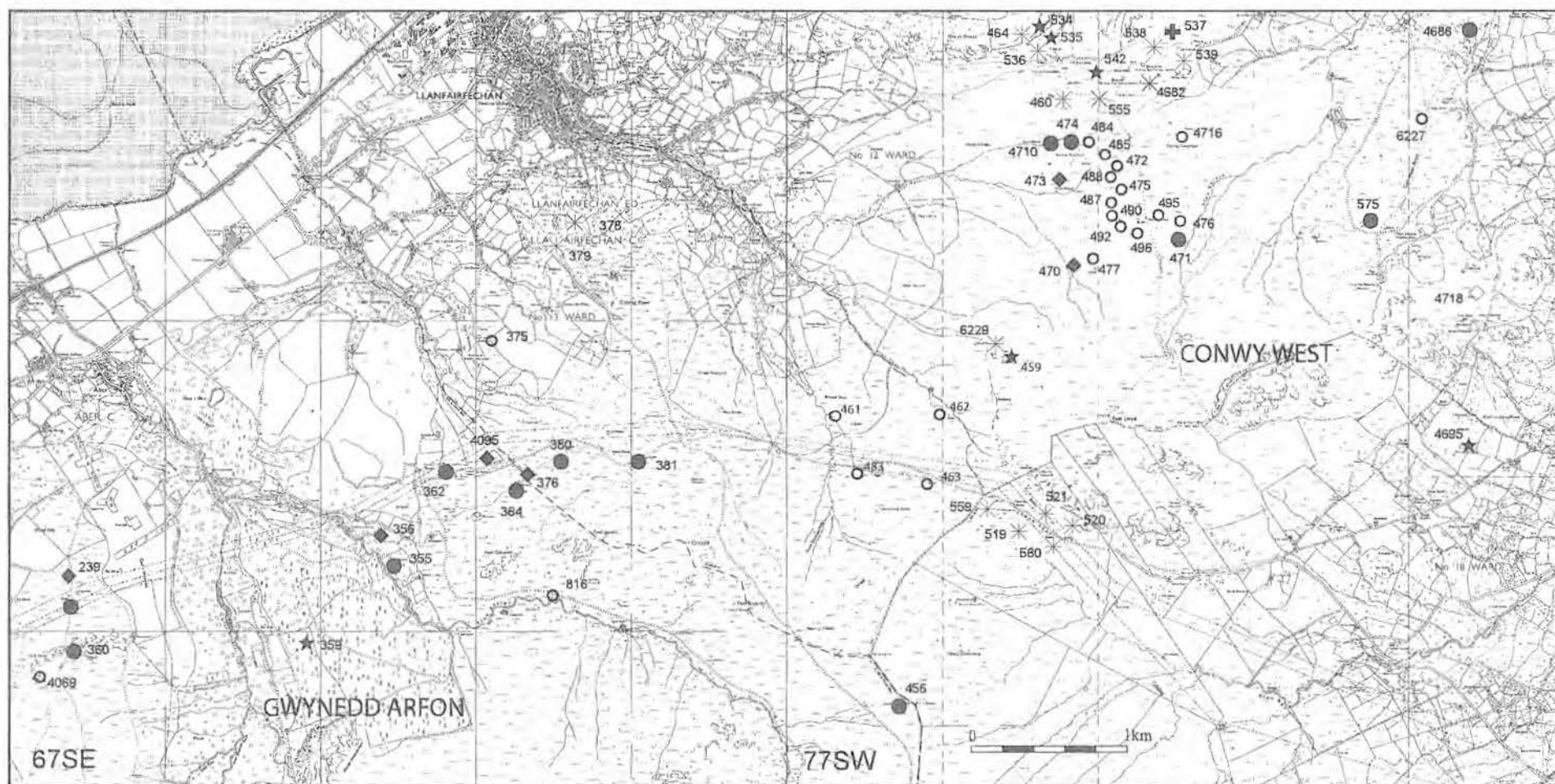


Fig. 9 Distribution of round barrows in West Conwy and North Gwynedd





| Scheduled Ancient Monument                   | Monument of National Value                   | Monument of lesser value or requiring further investigation |
|--|--|---|
| ✱ Cairn                                      | ● Cairn                                      | ○ Cairn   |
| ★ Kerb, platform, ring or complex ring cairn | ◆ Kerb, platform, ring or complex ring cairn | ◇ Kerb, platform, ring or complex ring cairn                |
| ✚ Mound                                      | ■ Mound                                      | □ Mound   |

Fig. 9a. Distribution of round barrows in Abergwyngregyn and Llanfairfechan, SH67SE and SH77SW.

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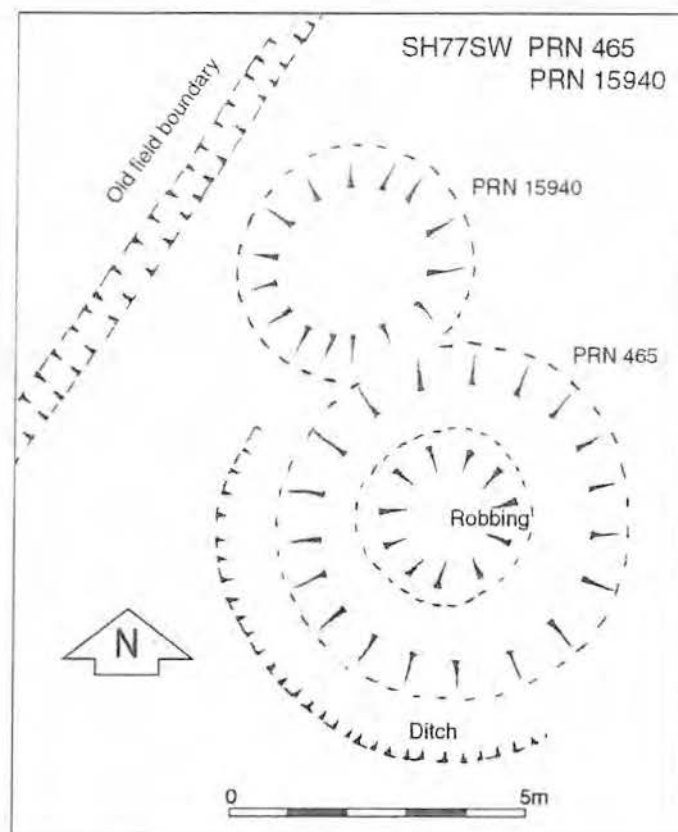


Fig. 10 Round barrow, mounds, Maes y Bryn, Llanfairfechan



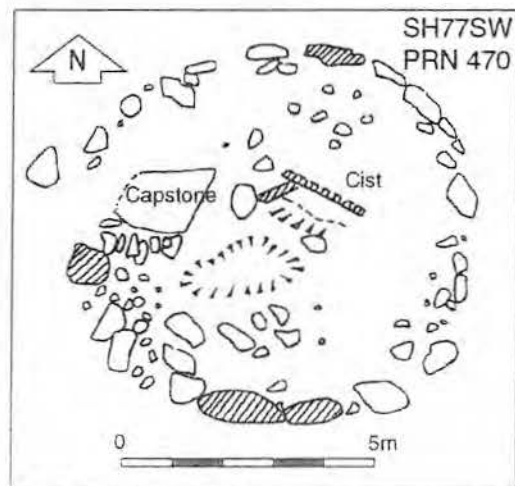


Fig. 11 Kerb cairn with cist, Waun Llanfair, Llanfairfechan

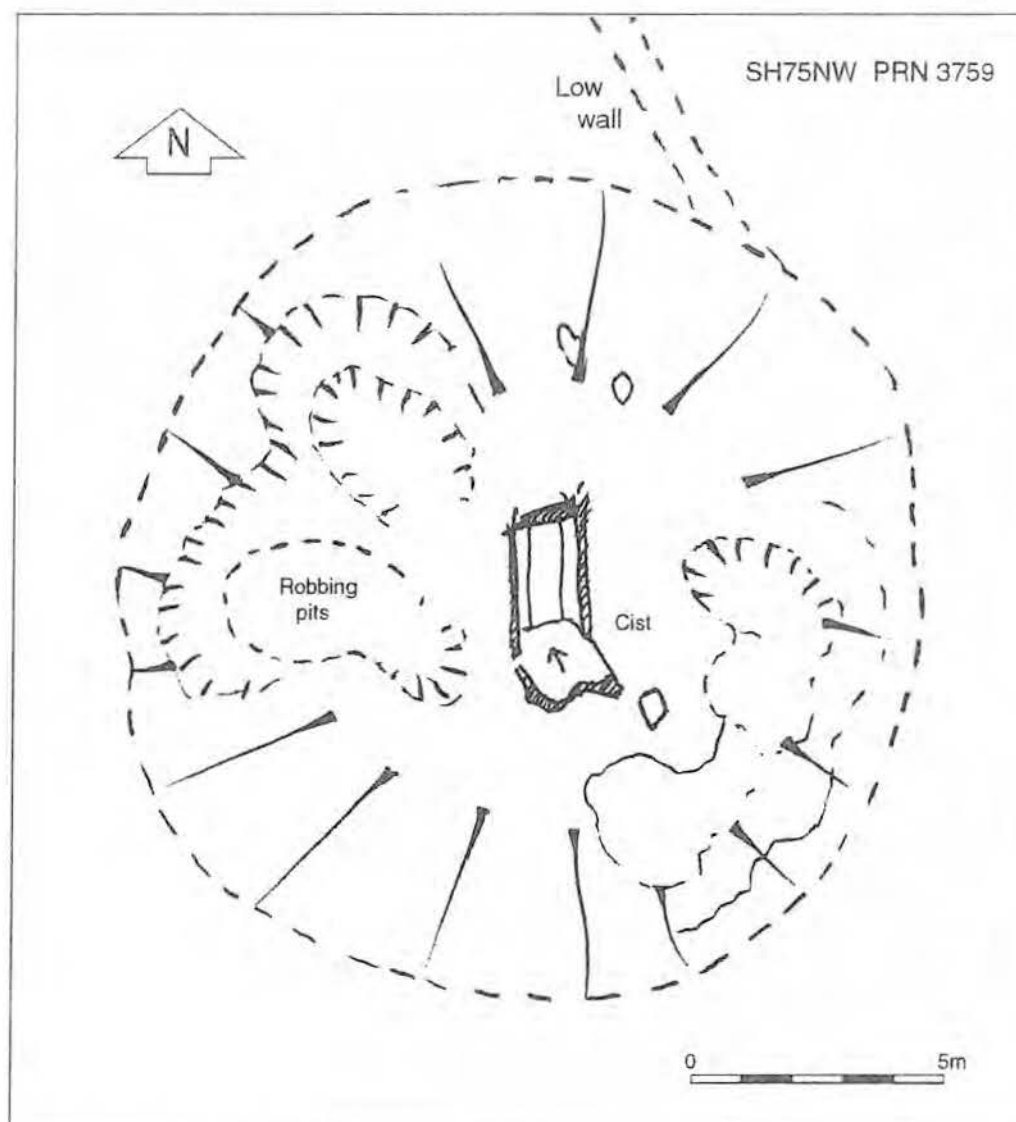


Fig. 12 Cairn with cist, Clogwyn Llwyd, Capel Curig

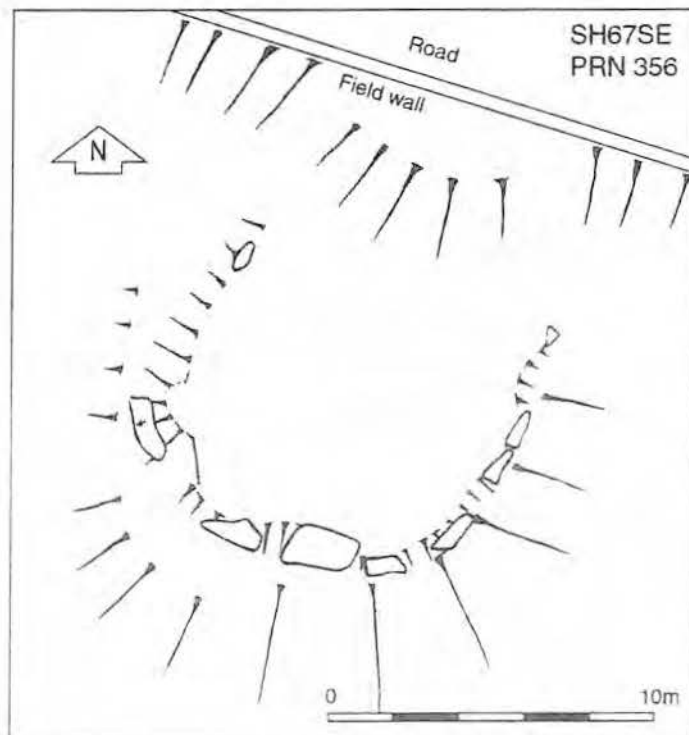


Fig. 13 Large kerbed cairn Foel Dduarth, Abergwyngregyn

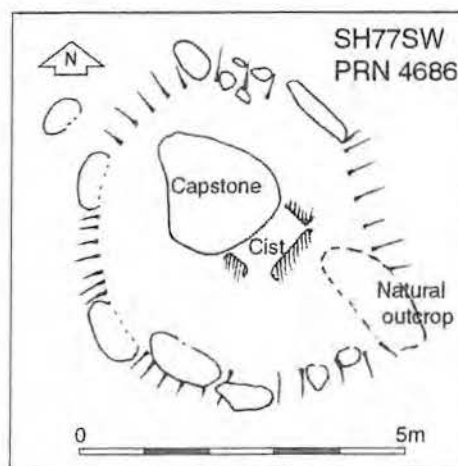


Fig. 14 Small kerbed cairn, Tyddyn Grasod, Henryd



Fig. 15 Ring cairn, Drosgl, Llanllechid

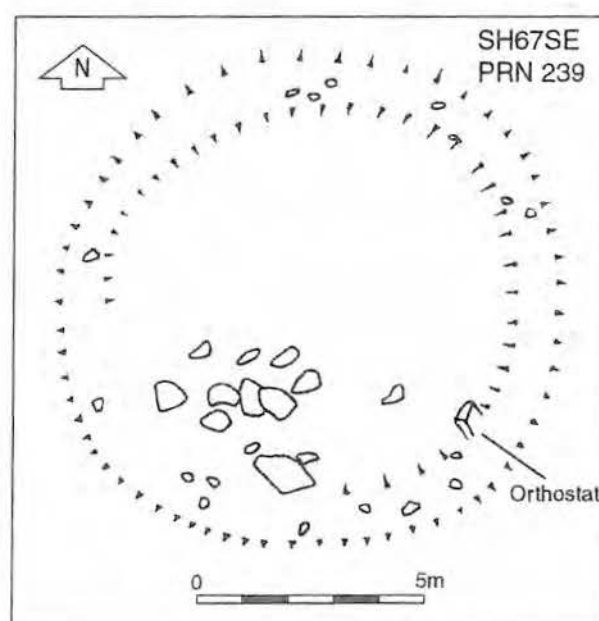


Fig. 16 Ring cairn, Fridd Ddu, Abergwyngregyn

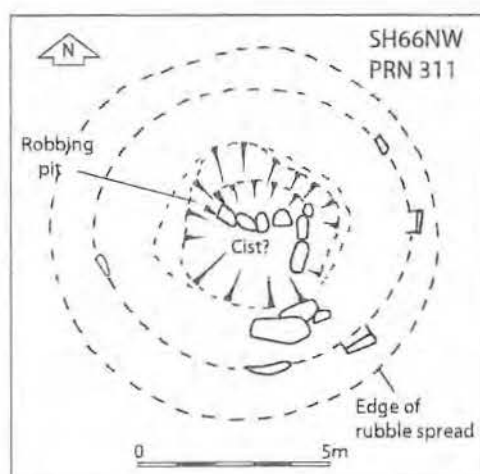


Fig. 17 Structured cairn, Moel Faban, Llanllechid

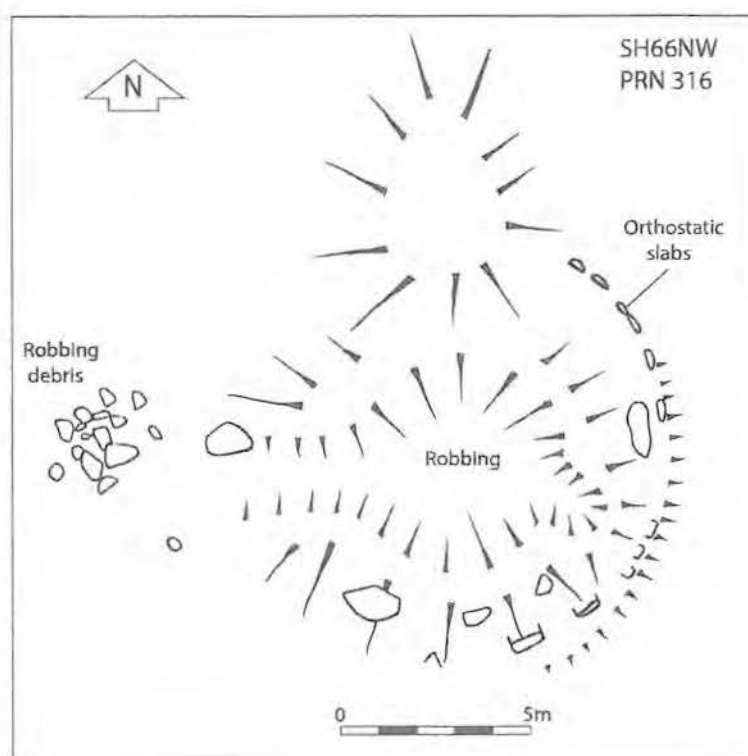


Fig. 18 Structured cairn, Bwlch ym Mhwl-lle, Llanllechid

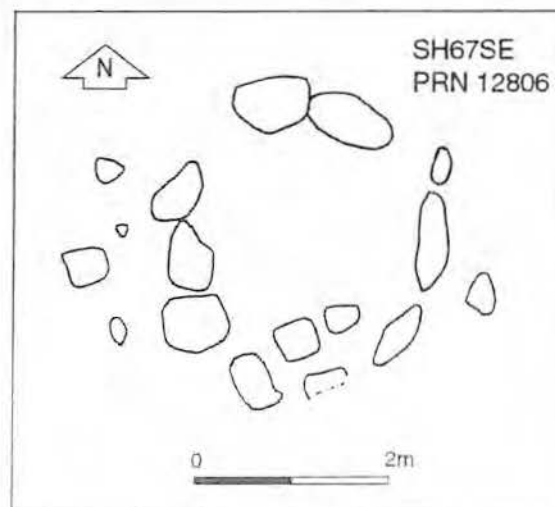


Fig. 19 Kerb ring, Abergwyngregyn

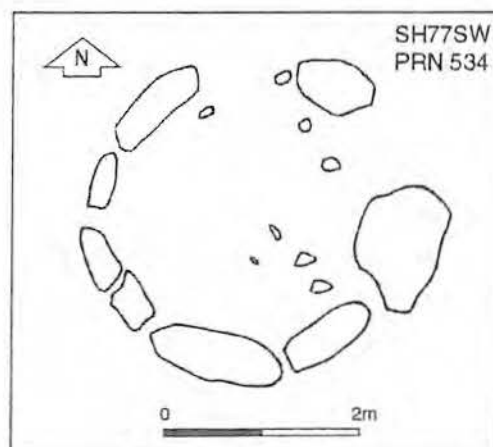


Fig. 20 Kerb ring, Cefn Coch, Penmaenmawr

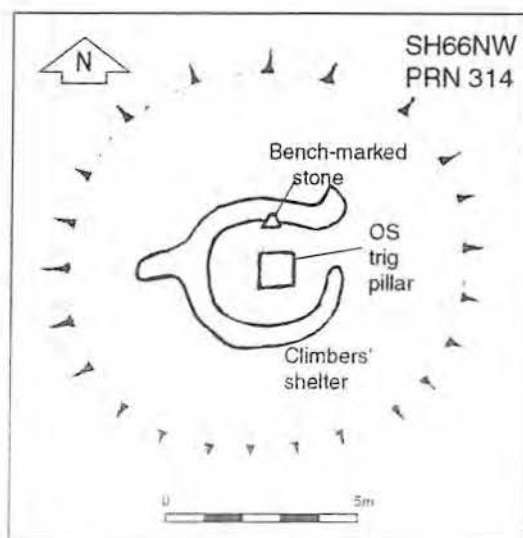


Fig. 21 Large summit cairn, Moel Wnion

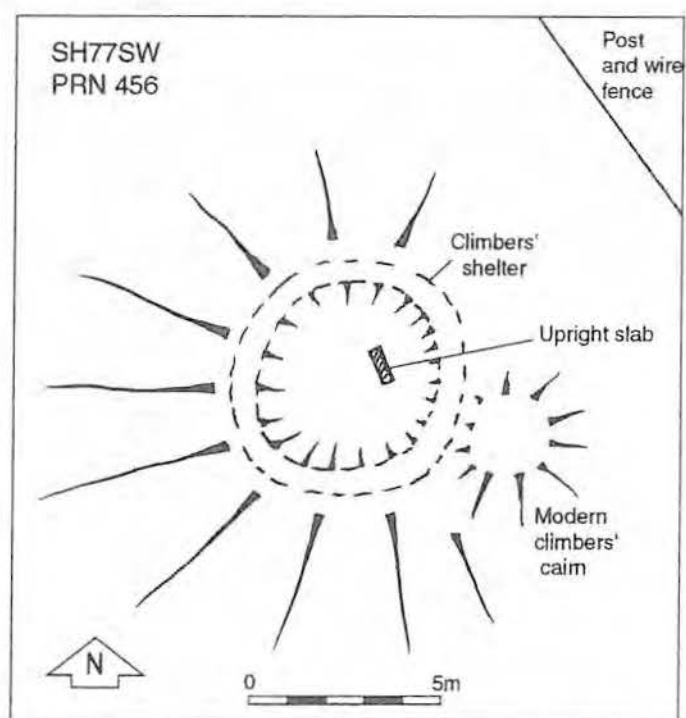


Fig. 22 Large summit cairn, Carnedd y Ddelw



## 6.7 STANDING STONES (Figs 23-6 )

Number: 17 extant, 3 set in a round barrow, 9 uncertain. SAM: 9, Class A status: 8.

Table 12: Standing stones, summary

### Condition:

A: Intact  
B: Mostly intact  
C: Some damage  
D: Substantial damage  
E: Destroyed  
N: Not applicable  
U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged

### Status:

AA: Scheduled ancient monument  
A: National value  
B: Regional value  
C: Local value  
D: Minor value  
E: Requiring further assessment  
F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc)

#### a. Standing stone

| OSMAP  | PRN   | SITENAME                              | Con | Sta | Siting             |
|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| SH45NW | 2265  | Standing stone, S. of Bodfan          | B   | A   | Coastal plain      |
| SH77SW | 562   | Maen Penddu standing stone            | A   | AA  | Plateau            |
| SH77SW | 576   | Standing stone, Hafoty                | A   | AA  | Valley side        |
| SH76SW | 3763  | Standing stone                        | B   | A   | Upland plateau     |
| SH56SW | 3713  | Standing stone – Parciau Gleison      | A   | A   | Local promontory   |
| SH45SW | 1313  | Maen Llwyd Standing stone, Glynllifon | B   | AA  | Level lowlands     |
| SH77SW | 4678  | Maen Crwn Standing stone              | B   | A   | Hill slope         |
| SH77SW | 524   | Standing stone, Bwlch y ddeufaen      | B   | AA  | Pass               |
| SH77SW | 525   | Standing stones, Nr Maen y bardd      | A   | AA  | Hill slope         |
| SH76SE | 10749 | Orthostat/Standing stone              | A   | B   | Hill slope         |
| SH67SW | 3893  | Standing stone (pos.), Ffridd Fedw    | B   | B   | Hill slope         |
| SH56NW | 631   | Standing stone                        | B   | A   | Local summit knoll |
| SH77SW | 523   | Standing stone, Bwlch y ddeufaen      | B   | AA  | Pass               |
| SH45SE | 12906 | Standing stone, Penbryn Mawr          | A   | A   | Plateau            |
| SH45NE | 12904 | Standing stone, Glynllifon            | B   | A   | Level lowlands     |
| SH55NW | 12907 | Standing stone? Plas Glan yr Afon     | A   | E   | Hill slope         |
| SH85NW | 4676  | Stone, Maen Sertan                    | D   | AA  | Valley bottom      |

#### b. Standing stone set in a round barrow

| OSMAP  | PRN | SITENAME                        | Con | Sta | Siting      |
|--------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------|
| SH67SE | 332 | Standing stone and cairn, Coed  | A   | E   | Valley side |
| SH77SW | 526 | Standing stone, Nr Maen y bardd | A   | AA  | Hill slope  |
| SH77SW | 527 | Standing stone, Nr Maen y bardd | B   | AA  | Hill slope  |

#### c. Standing stone? not located/natural feature/other site type or period

| OSMAP  | PRN   | SITENAME                                | Con | Sta | Siting                         |
|--------|-------|---|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| SH77SE | 2474  | Standing stone – Maes y castell         | E   | E   | Lowland plateau                |
| SH84SE | 1790  | Standing stone, 19 <sup>th</sup> C      | A   | B   | Hill slope                     |
| SH84SE | 1791  | Standing stone, 19 <sup>th</sup> C      | A   | B   | Hill slope                     |
| SH84SE | 1792  | Standing stone, 19 <sup>th</sup> C      | C   | B   | Hill slope                     |
| SH45NE | 5529  | Standing stone (poss.), Glynllifon Park | A   | C   | Alluvial plain of small stream |
| SH45SE | 12905 | Standing stone, Bryn Trallwyn Uchaf     | A   | C   | Top of hill slope              |
| SH84NW | 6253  | Standing stone? Coed cefn Gwyn          | U   | E   | Valley bottom, edge of         |

|        |      |                                    |   |   |            |
|--------|------|------------------------------------|---|---|------------|
| SH77SW | 4689 | Standing stone (alleged), Maen y   | U | E | Hill slope |
| SH78SE | 5434 | Standing stone (poss.), Gt. Orme's | A | D | Plateau    |

Excavations elsewhere in Wales (Williams 1988) generally show standing stones to be associated with burials of Early Bronze Age date, although their location tends to suggest that they lay along routeways. However, rather than just marking routeways it is equally likely that the routeways were chosen for burial. No standing stones in this area have been excavated in modern times but a funerary function can be presumed for the three examples set in cairns. Also, the areas around one stone, that of Maen Llwyd, Glynllifon, Caernarfon (PRN 1313) was excavated in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and this produced a cremation burial and a food vessel (Wynn 1875).

Standing stones may have been set up for various reasons in different periods and there are several uncertain examples that may have been boundary markers, gate-posts or cattle rubbing stones. One group (PRN 1790-1) was set up by a landowner in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate his son's safe return from the Crimean Wars. Another group, not included in the database, marks a pack-horse way over a high pass between Dyffryn Nantlle and Cwm Pennant.

Most of the stones are best explained as lying along routeways, such as those in the Bwlch y Ddeufaen and by Maen y Bardd although this may be deceptive because there are concentrations of other types of funerary monuments in these areas anyway. There are only two standing stones that are set in specifically prominent (local) positions but these may simply overlook nearby routeways – those at Felinheli (PRN 631) and Parciau Gleison, Llanrug (PRN 3713). There are some in the lowland where routeways are less easy to identify, like that of Maen Llwyd, Glynllifon (PRN 1313) and one at Bodfan (PRN 2265), close to the coastal promontory fort of Dinas Dinlle. Several possible monuments have been mentioned from the vicinity of Plas Glan yr Afon, near Caernarfon, destroyed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. One possible new standing stone has been discovered by the owner of this 18<sup>th</sup> century house during renovations – a large vertical stone exposed by the fireplace was found to extend into the loft-space above the second storey! (PRN 12907).

Apart from the groups around Bwlch y Ddeufaen and Maen y Bardd there are surprisingly few standing stones in this large area which has numerous cairns and no shortage of suitable stones. This must be significant when contrasted with the much larger number that exist within the lowland of south Caernarfon, where, due to the more intensive agriculture and rarer outcropping of stone, fewer might be expected. The overall comparison of areas, after completion of the pan-Wales survey, should be able to make some valuable observations.

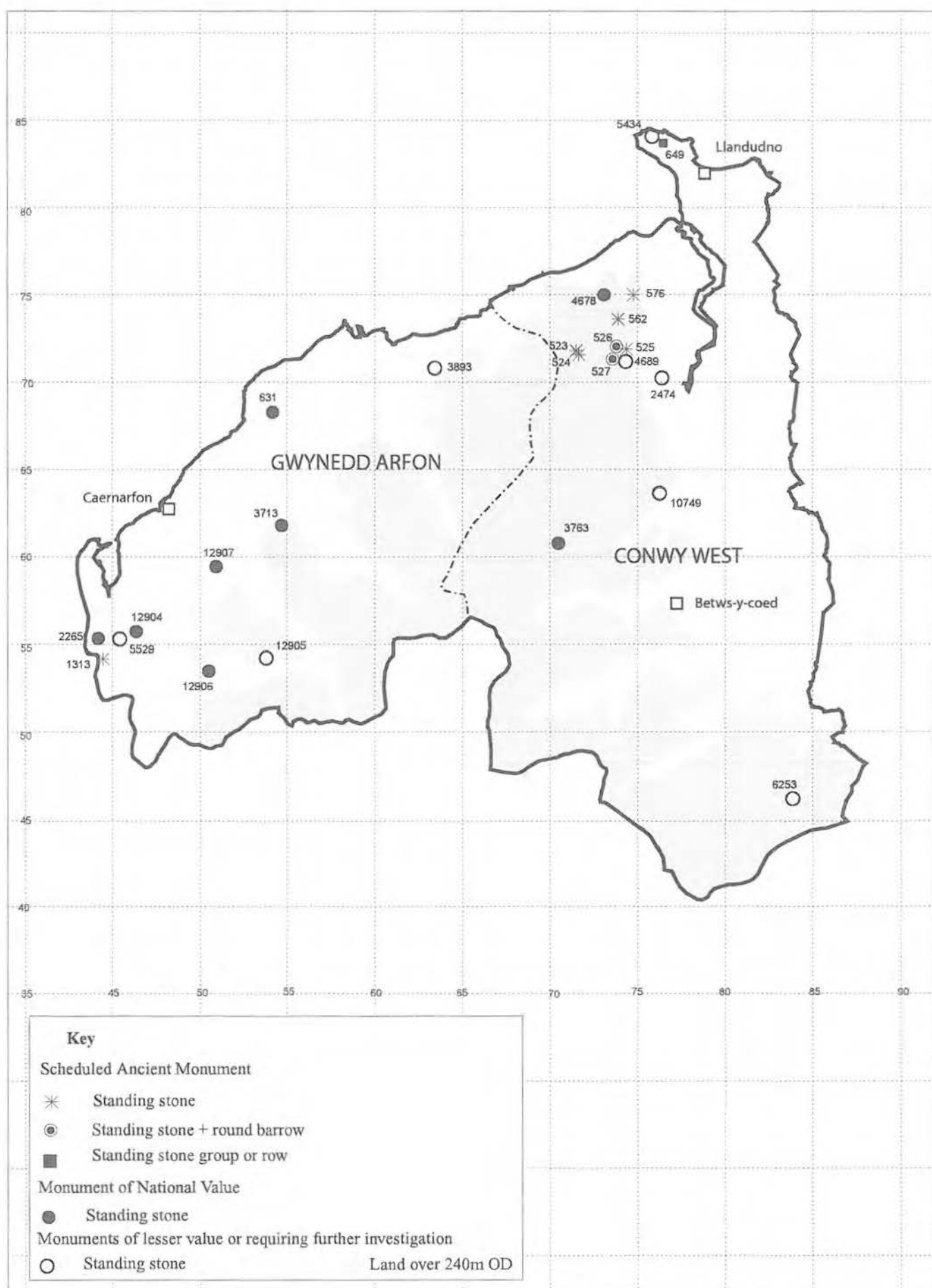


Fig. 23 Distribution of standing stones, standing stones in round barrows and stone groups in West Conwy and North Gwynedd

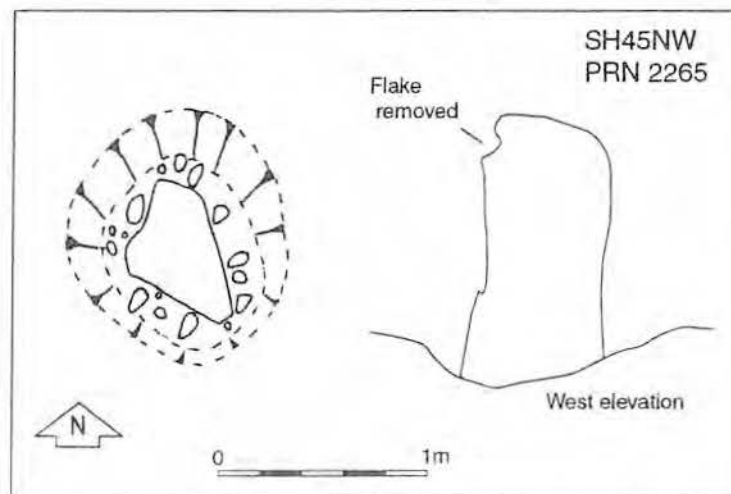


Fig. 24 Standing stone, plan and elevation, Bodŷan, Dinas Dinlle

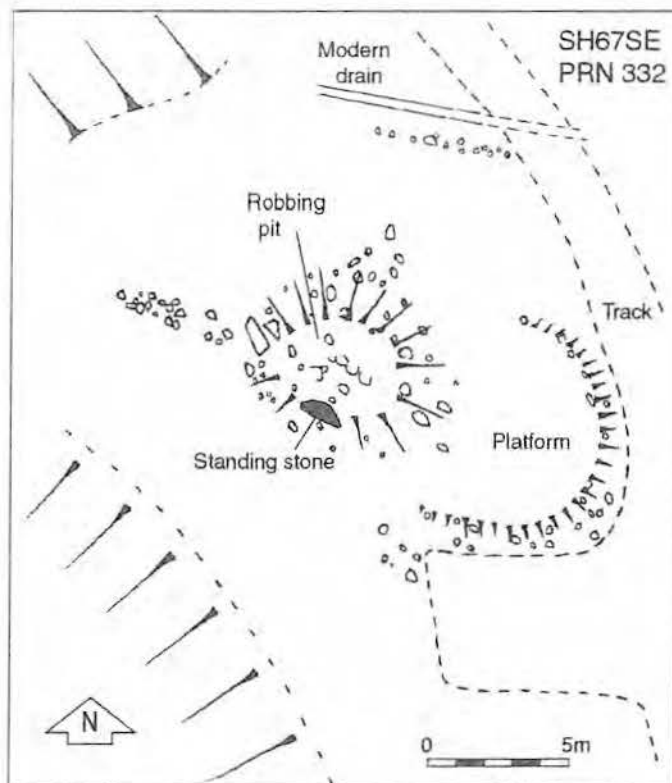


Fig. 25 Standing stone in cairn, Abergwyngregyn

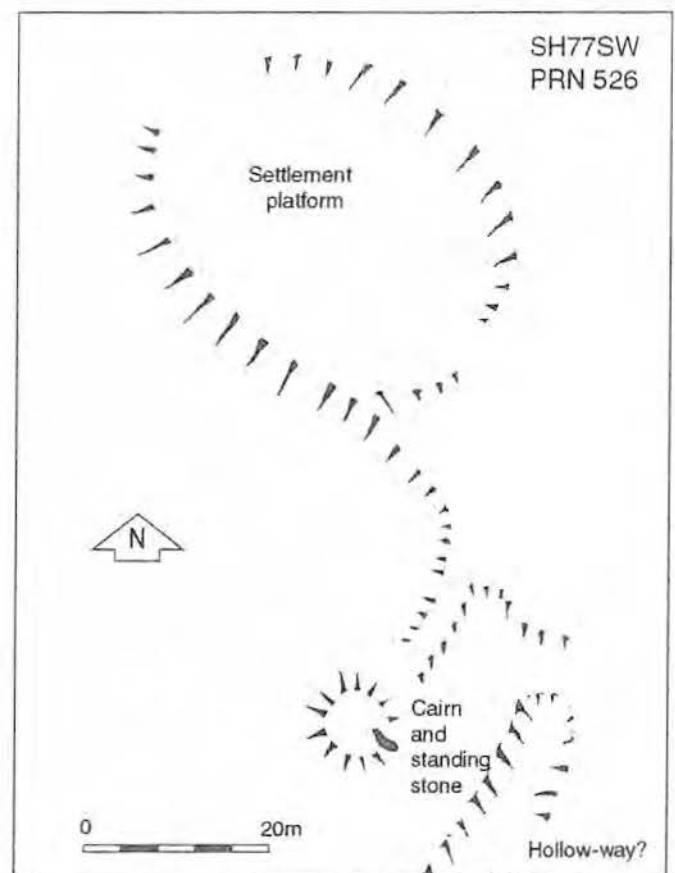


Fig. 26 Standing stone in cairn, near Maen y Bardd, Roewen

## 6.8 STONE CIRCLES (Figs 27-9)

Number: 8 extant, 1 destroyed or uncertain. SAM: 6, Class A status: 2.

Table 13: Stone circles, summary

| Condition:                                   | Status:   |
|--|---|
| A: Intact                                    | AA: Scheduled ancient monument                      |
| B: Mostly intact                             | A: National value                                   |
| C: Some damage                               | B: Regional value                                   |
| D: Substantial damage                        | C: Local value                                      |
| E: Destroyed                                 | D: Minor value                                      |
| N: Not applicable                            | E: Requiring further assessment                     |
| U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged | F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc) |

| OSMAP  | PRN  | SITENAME                           | Con | Sta | Siting               |
|--------|------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| SH77SW | 5066 | Stone circle, Cefn Maen Amor       | C   | A   | Plateau              |
| SH77NW | 728  | Stone circle, E. of Red Farm       | A   | A   | Hill slope           |
| SH77SW | 528  | Cerrig Pryfaid stone circle        | B   | AA  | Hill terrace         |
| SH77SW | 539  | Stone ring, Cefn Coch              | A   | AA  | Upland plateau       |
| SH77SW | 541  | Druid's Circle, Cefn Coch          | B   | AA  | Ridge                |
| SH77SW | 543  | Stone circle, Cefn Coch            | A   | AA  | Pass                 |
| SH77SW | 544  | Stone circle, Cefn Coch            | B   | AA  | Upland plateau/ridge |
| SH77NW | 736  | Stone circle, Cefn Llechen         | B   | AA  | Hill slope           |
| SH46SE | 3130 | Stone circle – site of, Llanfaglan | E   | D   | Near hill top        |

There are very few examples of this monument class, but these still form an important type with great rarity value, with their possible relation to henges. Nevertheless, this is not a homogeneous site type. There is great variety in size, from a diameter of 5 to 23m and only one, the Druid's Circle, comprises a ring of orthostatic megaliths. The rest consist of circles of quite low stones, some of boulders, others of small orthostats. The smaller diameter stone circles cannot be certainly separated from ring and structured cairns while PRN 544 at Cefn Coch is an oval setting of large boulders which, while megalithic, is difficult to classify and is not strictly a stone circle.

It has previously been observed that these circles seem to belong to the same general monument class as Bronze Age funerary monuments rather than Neolithic ceremonial monuments. Even the Druid's Circle has an outer bank and could be regarded as a very large ring cairn. The circles are grouped in an area that is also a focus for Bronze Age funerary monuments. Within the Cefn Coch group and close to the Druid's Circle there is another monument which is a large circular stone bank, 17m dia. (PRN 542) with an inner and outer kerb, including some uprights. Excavation (Griffiths 1960) produced cremation burials with pottery and radiocarbon dates in the Early Bronze Age, and this has been classified as a ring cairn. However, Griffiths also excavated three of the stone circles, PRN 539, 541 and 544. All three produced stone axes so a Neolithic origin is presumed and some connection with the Graig Lwyd axe factory is to be expected, although two also produced evidence of funerary activity in the Early Bronze Age.

The tight distribution of stone circles within a very small area must be significant but is difficult to explain. Timber circles have been found in lowland areas in the Upper Severn and Tanat valleys where stone may have been unavailable. However, the same cannot be said here, where standing stones occur quite widely in lowland Anglesey and south Caernarfon. The only possible outlying example in the present area is one at Llanfaglan, Caernarfon, marked on the first edition of the OS one inch scale map but not recorded thereafter, presumably destroyed, and which could possibly have been a spurious feature.

All these examples are notable for their similar topographic location, on fairly level terraces or plateaux. None are in visually prominent positions but provide good prospects from them and it seems significant that all lie alongside major tracks. Only two extant circles are not protected, PRN 728 and 5066, both circles of relatively small stones.

The circle east of Red Farm, PRN 728 (Fig. 28) lies in an enclosed field not far east of the Maen Crwn standing stone and some association between the two seems likely. It is a large circle, 18m dia. (the same as the Druid's Circle) lying on a gentle slope but set on a neat circular artificial terrace. It has quite restricted views only over the upland basin to the south. The field has been improved and only four stones remain, around the perimeter of the platform. However, the platform itself is well-preserved and any internal features, as well as holes of the missing stones are likely to be well preserved

The circle at Cefn Maen Amor, PRN 5066 (Fig. 29) is a much smaller circle, 7m dia. consisting of one large squarish recumbent boulder and five other smaller stones set on edge in an arc. It lies on upland plateau and has been partly truncated by a trackway. There is no sign of a cairn or bank to suggest that it might be just an eroded cairn. It has added value for a possible association with the nearby Maen Penddu standing stone (a scheduled monument) and a cairn.



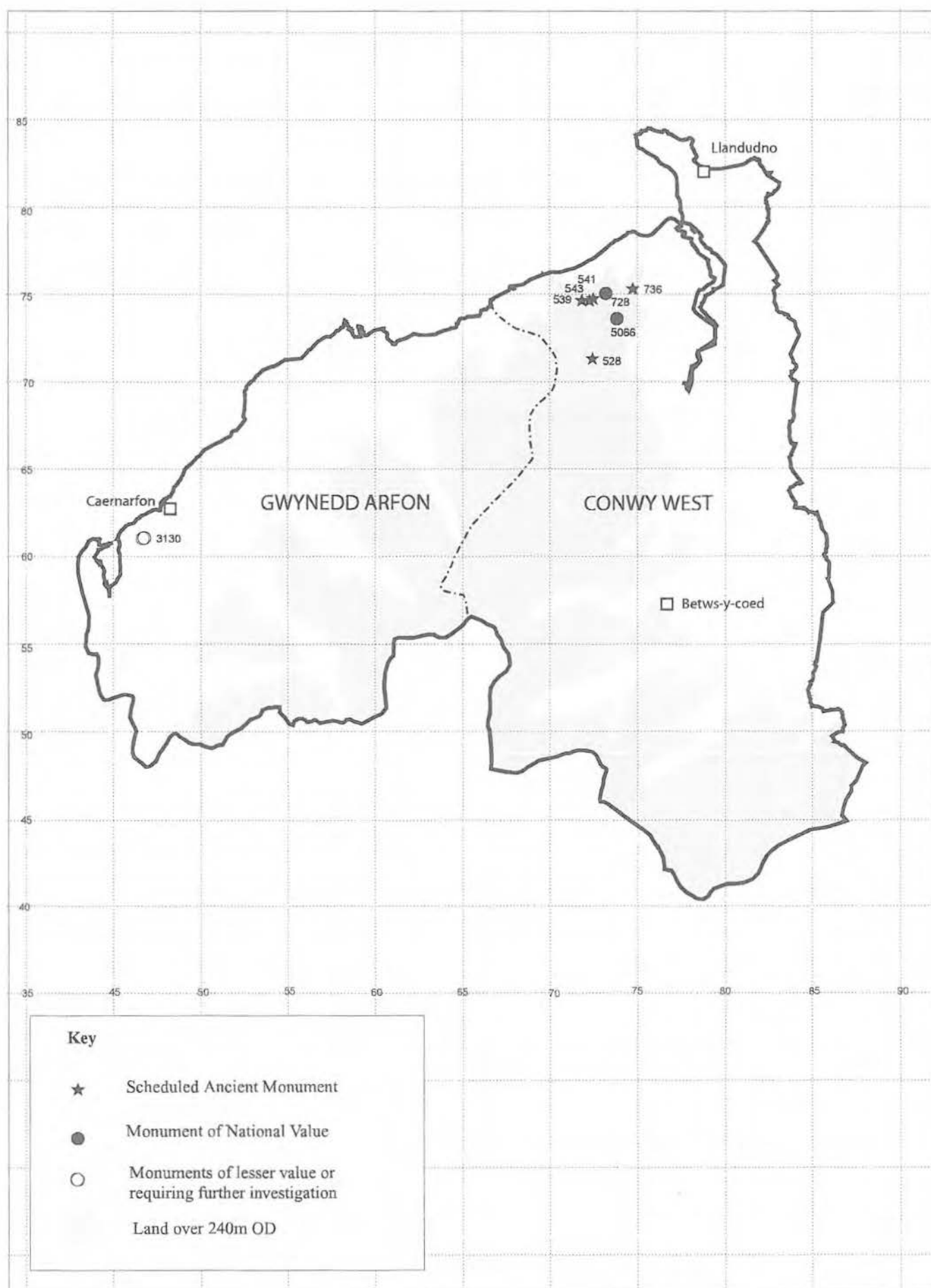


Fig. 27 Distribution of stone circles in West Conwy and North Gwynedd

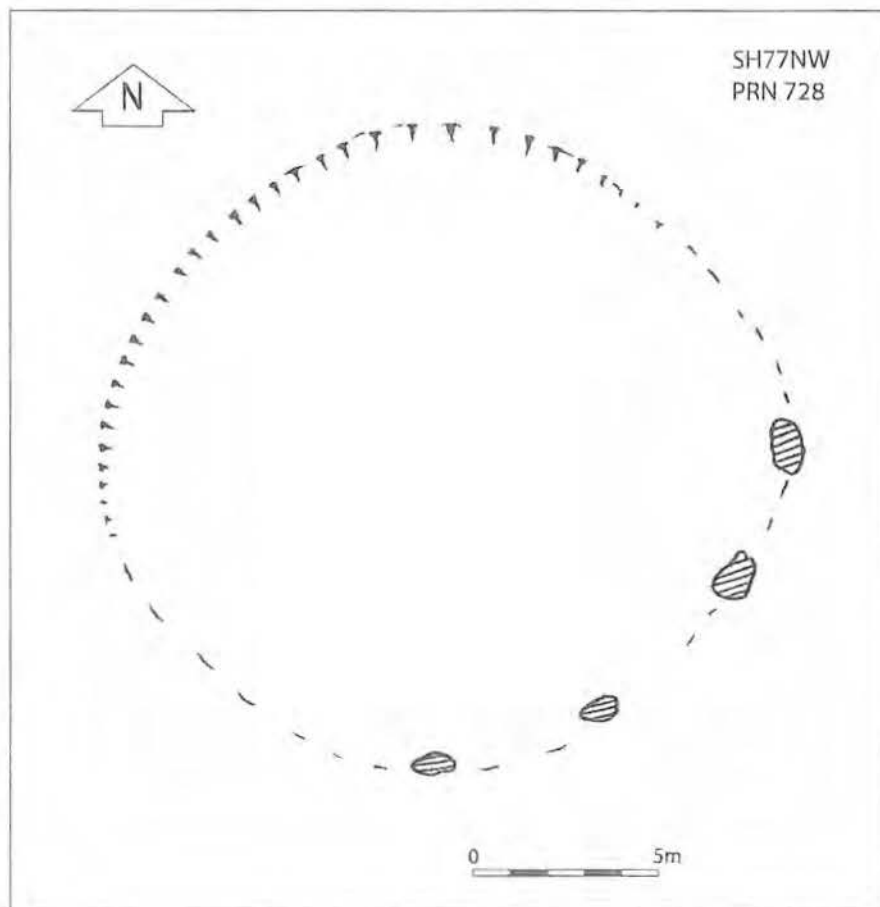


Fig. 28 Stone circle, East of Red Farm, Penmaenmawr

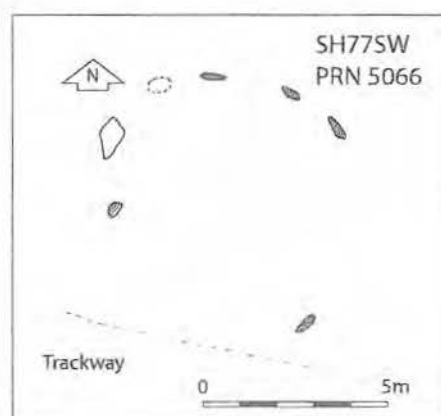


Fig. 29 Stone circle, Cefn Maen Amor

## 6.8 STONE ROW (Fig. 23)

Number: 1 extant, SAM: 1, Class A status: 0.

**Table 14: Stone row, summary**

**Condition:**

A: Intact  
B: Mostly intact  
C: Some damage  
D: Substantial damage  
E: Destroyed  
N: Not applicable  
U: Unknown/not located/not visited/submerged

**Status:**

AA: Scheduled ancient monument  
A: National value  
B: Regional value  
C: Local value  
D: Minor value  
E: Requiring further assessment  
F: Not applicable (Not located/Other site type etc)

| OSMAP  | PRN | SITENAME                             | Con | Sta | Siting    |
|--------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| SH78SE | 649 | Hwylfa'r ceirw stone row, Great Orme | A   | AA  | Cliff top |

This single example is of uncertain interpretation or date, but still an unusual and impressive monument that is scheduled and deserves further investigation. It consists of a double row of neatly spaced orthostats that leads directly up and down a significant slope. This makes it seem unlikely to be an avenue as such although it has been suggested that it leads to an access point down the cliffs. Some nearby, possibly medieval fields are defined by similar lines of stones so a prehistoric date cannot be certain. However, some prehistoric ceremonial activity might be expected with the presence on the Great Orme of a Neolithic chambered tomb, a possible standing stone, the Bronze Age copper mining and hut circle settlement.

## 7 DISCUSSION

### 7.1 THE STATE OF PRESENT UNDERSTANDING AND PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

#### 7.1.1 Neolithic

The earliest funerary and ritual evidence from this area is that from the chambered tombs, with a distribution suggesting colonisation up the Conwy Valley. These are mainly of one type, the portal dolmen, part of an Irish Sea culture, with only one being different – the tomb of Capel Garmon, the furthest south-east, of Cotswold-Severn type, suggesting a separate social group, colonising via Mid-Wales. However, the only settlement evidence of that period comes from beneath the Llandegai henges, near Bangor and there is no corresponding focus of Earlier Neolithic monuments to suggest that Llandegai was already an important centre from that period. There is only one probable earlier Neolithic monument anywhere near – the rather uncertain ruinous tomb at Sling, Tregarth, 4km to the south-east. Llandegai was certainly an important focus of ceremonial activity by the Later Neolithic and seems to have maintained its importance into the Early Bronze Age, demonstrated by the presence of urned cremation burials.

Also in use, at around the same time as the Llandegai henges were the stone circles at Cefn Coch, Penmaenmawr where Graig Lwyd stone axes were found as well as evidence of funerary and ritual use into the Early Bronze Age. Cave burial was also being practised within the later Neolithic as evidenced by finds from Kendrick's Cave, Llandudno.

Actual dating evidence from this period is limited to five excavated sites – the Capel Garmon chambered tomb (Hemp 1927), the Llandegai Henges (Houlder 1967 & 1968 and Lynch forthcoming) and the three stone circles at Cefn Coch (Griffiths 1960). The lack of investigation and dating of any of the portal dolmens is most to be regretted. Some work is needed if only to understand their structure, all of which are unclear, for example Maen y bardd and Llety'r Filiast. Investigation is also needed of one or more of the undated stone circles, such as Cerrig y Pryfaid, or that close to the Maen Crwn standing stone, to provide dates and to see whether they were perhaps primarily Neolithic ceremonial monuments or just variant Bronze Age cairn circles.

#### 7.1.2 Bronze Age

*Standing stones* are a significant element of the monuments in this area but have not been the subject of any research. Some are massive examples, lying close to trackways, like those in the Bwlch y Ddeufaen supporting the idea that routes were defining factor in their placement. However, there are other examples that are either smaller or more isolated with no clear relation to routes. Isolated examples may mark burials such as the Maen Llwyd stone at Glynllifon, Caernarfon, which produced a Food Vessel and a cremation (Wynn 1875). This funerary function seems to be confirmed by the two examples of standing stone actually incorporated in cairns, at Roewen and Abergwyngregyn (Figs 25-26). Such may also be the function of free-standing orthostats close to the stone circles at Cefn Llechen (PRN 736) and Cerrig y Pryfaid (PRN 528), unless they were markers for astronomical alignments. No standing stones have been the subject of modern investigation and only excavation can help to produce understanding of their date and function. Standing stones also have great public appeal, which makes the inability to provide interpretation and dating more regrettable. Reinvestigation of the Maen Llwyd stone could be justified in rescue terms because ploughing closely around it is threatening its stability and also its context. The same is also the case at the Bodfan stone, close to Dinas Dinlle, Caernarfon, another lowland stone in an exposed field position and of uncertain attribution. The stone of Maen Crwn, Penmaenmawr, is a very prominent and impressive stone, alongside to the North Wales long distance path and is worthy of better understanding because of its amenity value.

*Round barrows.* Of the 202 round barrows, 21 have produced finds (Fig. 30 and Appendix 3) of which 12 have produced pottery. Unfortunately most were accidental or robbing finds in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and many of the finds are lost without proper descriptions. The barrows with finds that did survive include single finds of collared urns and three barrows with multiple finds. One of these at Carnedd Howel (PRN 30), produced a Neolithic bowl and two food vessels and two produced both collared urns, pygmy cups and bronze pins at Penmaenmawr (PRN 2879) and Bryn Crug, Bethel (PRN 36). It seems

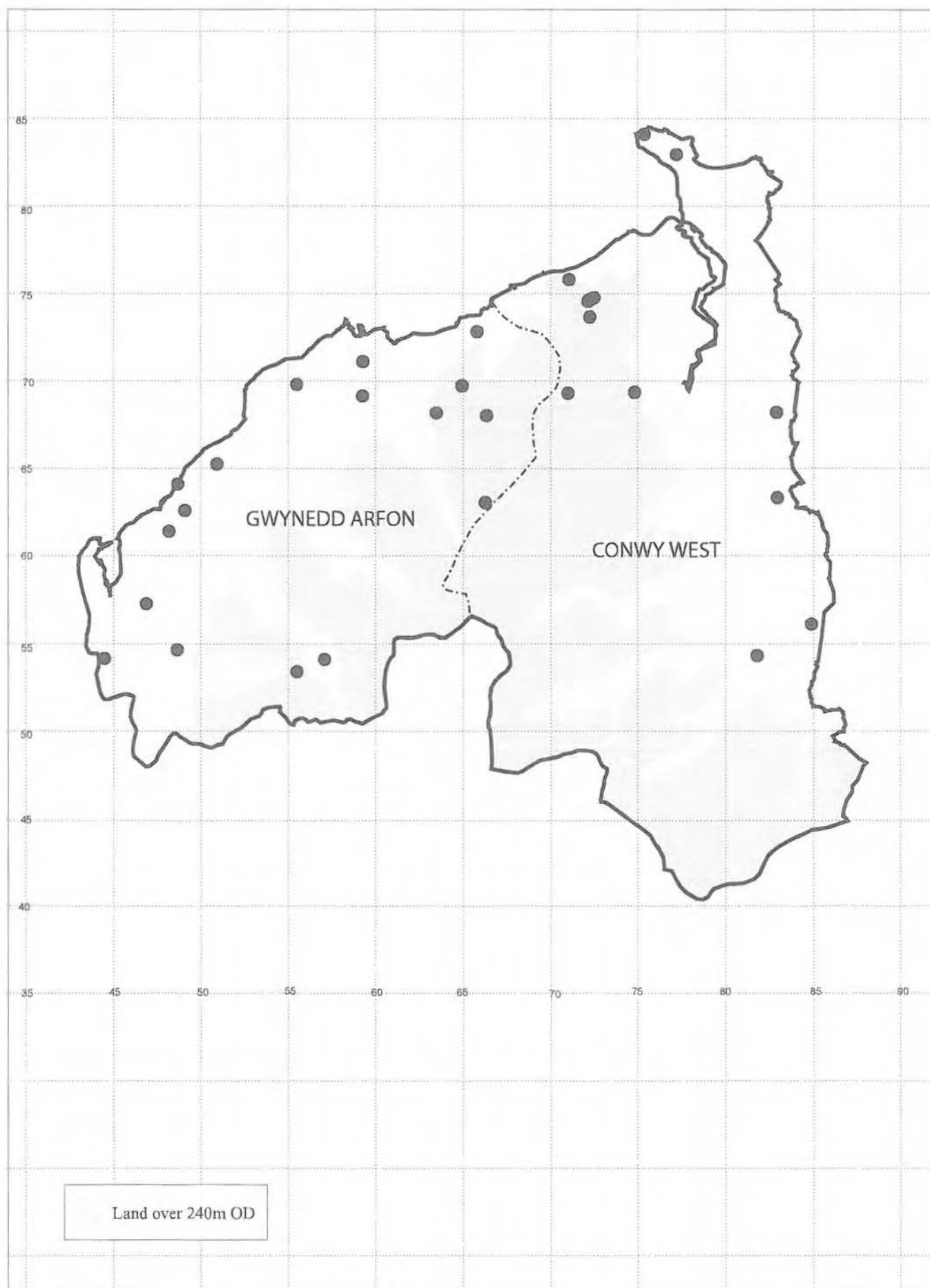


Fig. 30 Distribution of all prehistoric funerary and ritual sites in West Conwy and North Gwynedd with associated finds

significant that all three of these richer barrows are in lowland environments. Two have since been destroyed while one is part of a landscaped garden. Archaeological excavations as such have been very limited. Two barrow mounds lying in close association with the hillfort of Penygaer, Roewen were excavated by Harold Hughes in 1905, but the finds were only charcoal, burnt bone and copper alloy fragments, with no dateable evidence. Modern excavations have been limited to two sites, those of a ring cairn at Cefn Coch, Penmaenmawr (PRN 542) (Griffiths 1960) and of a group of small cairns on the summit of Drosogl, Llanllechid (Crew 1985). The former produce a collared urn, cremation and a radiocarbon date in the Early Bronze Age. The latter produced only undated cremations and a whetstone in stone slab cists. Lack of excavation in general also means that unmarked cist or urn burials are almost entirely unknown although they can be expected to exist around some barrows.

There is therefore insufficient evidence at present to provide any explanation of sequence or cultural affinity of the many funerary monuments. Particularly desirable is a better understanding of the date of the cairn variants in relation to the simpler cairns, like those at Drosogl. In this respect it would be best to study closely grouped cairns where there is a variety of types present. The best of these groups is that at Waun Llanfair south of Cefn Coch, Penmaenmawr, where there is a variety of cairns in well-defined sub-groups and with good environmental potential. Such environmental potential is usually not present for monuments in lowland or summit settings and this area has been chosen for environmental assessment, described below.

## 7.2 ENVIRONMENTAL LANDSCAPE CASE STUDY: WAUN LLANFAIR (Figs 31-2)

This area was first highlighted by the RCAHMS (1956) for the concentration of funerary monuments and their possible relation to a network of early trackways. There are five groups of cairns here (A-E). The largest group of monuments is that close to the low hill promontory of Bryniau Bugeilydd where there is a 'cairnfield' of eleven cairns with another group of three just 250m to the west, another group of four 300m to the south-east and another group of three 500m to the south (Fig. 31). However, what has been recognised after the present visits is that two of these groups of cairns and possibly all four have areas of settlement associated with them. The settlement remains have not been recognised before because they are so slight and are masked by blanket peat. The exception nearby is that at Foel Llwyd (Area E), which lies in a similar topographic position, about 1km to the south-west. It consists of a settlement of more substantially stone-built huts, which incorporates two cairns. In addition, there are three burnt mounds in this area, two near the Bryniau Bugeilydd group and one close the Foel Llwyd settlement. The position of the burnt mounds strongly suggests some association with the settlement/cairn groups and if true provides good potential for understanding the nature of upland Bronze Age settlement in the area. As a test of this it is likely that there should be another burnt mound close to Bryniau Bugeilydd south (Area D).

**Cairn Group A.** On the shoulder of the promontory of Bryniau Bugeilydd, between the low summit and a rise to higher ground to the east, is a small, level area one side of which is enclosed by a low, irregular stony bank (Fig. 32). Within the bank are two small cairns, one a ring bank, the other a cist within a ring bank, both about 5m in diameter. At the south side of the enclosure bank is another small ring bank, built into or built over by the enclosure bank. About 10m south of the enclosure is another group of boulders that is probably the disturbed remains of another cairn (PRN 473). The topographic position, layout and presence of the enclosing bank suggest the ring banks are actually small huts, one of which, at least, has later been modified to form a funerary monument.

**Cairn Group B.** About 250m to the south-east, across a small valley is the main group of eleven cairns. These are mainly small and simple mounds 3 to 5m diameter although one, with a cist, is 8.5m diameter. The cairns are well scattered and seem on the whole too neat and precisely placed to be clearance cairns, apart from which there are no enclosures or other signs of agricultural activity although three seem to be simply small dumps of clearance stone and one consists of stone piled around a rock outcrop. One of the cairns had previously been identified as a burnt mound by the RCAHMS but, if correctly relocated, consisted of larger stones than is usual for burnt mound and seems more likely to be another cairn. However, of the rest, four had central robbing pits, two had probable cists and one probable kerbing. New features were located, comprising a length of wandering wall at the south of the cairn group, following the contour (PRN 15943) and at the south east, a small enclosure formed by a bank and natural scarps around a natural terrace (PRN 16616 Fig. 32) within which are signs of activity comprising a small cairn and a line of stones. This could well be a small



settlement area similar to that described above. It is well grown over and quite level so that hut platforms might not be visible, whereas the enclosure described previously is well grazed and exposed to view.

**Cairn Group C.** Further to the south-east around the contours is a group of four cairns. Two are on the top of the plateau overlooking the basin and two are on a terrace below it. One has a cist and kerbing and is larger than most here at 10m dia. The other three are all small, 3.5 to 4.5m dia., one with a cist and all four have been robbed. The terrace on which two of the cairns lie has two post-medieval small sheepfolds and these lie on a level area of unusually irregular ground. It is suggested that this may be the disturbed remains of a settlement area associated with the cairns. Running down the slope, west from this area for about 100m is a low rubble bank. This meets another similar but much longer bank (PRN 15944), which runs from near to cairn group B and continues in a very 'wandering' line around the contour to near to cairn group D. Neither end has a clear termination. Along its length it incorporates another small simple cairn, 5m dia. Neither of these walls or the cairn have previously been recorded, despite the visits of the RCAHMW (1960) and a recent aerial mapping survey for the RCAHMW. Further features would certainly be identified if a measured survey was carried out.

**Cairn Group D.** 500m to the south of group C are three cairns. One is a large kerbed cairn, 8m dia., with a cist (Fig. 11 above) and two are small, simple cairns. All three have been robbed. Two other cairns were recorded by the RCAHMW here but they seem to be natural outcrops. The area has been rather disturbed by later clearance and there are two small sheepfolds. Within the cairn group is a low, circular terraced platform, 6m dia., which has been identified as almost certainly a hut platform. The very slight nature of this feature makes it difficult to recognise and similar features would be easily missed. It is only recognisable here because it lies within an area of slightly better grazing that has been grazed to short turf, whereas most of the area is short scrubby heather. The location of the cairns and hut seem to be related to this better grazing, probably where there is a deposit of underlying glacial till, like an alluvial 'fan' which supports grass rather than heather. Similar areas occur around the basin at cairn groups B and C.

**Cairn Group E.** The settlement at Foel Llwyd, 1km to the south lies in exactly the same topographic position as groups A to D, just above the marshy basin. It consists of three stone-walled round huts and enclosure walls. A small cairn, 5m dia. is incorporated in the angle of one of a small rectangular structure/platform. Another larger kerbed cairn, 8m dia., with a robbed cist, lies 60m to the south-east. It lies on the slope but has been carefully terraced up to make it level. About a hundred metres to the west of the settlement, in the marsh is a burnt mound. The settlement may just re-use the area of the cairns and be of the more usual date for such settlements of later prehistoric to Romano-British date. However, it seems less regularly built, and the huts of smaller size than most of those. There is also an abundance of loose stone available here, at the foot of the stony slopes of Foel Llwyd, compared to the situation at cairn groups A to D.

Some features about these cairn groups stand out. They comprise mainly simple small mounds but at three of them there is one larger, more complex cairn. It would be interesting to find the relative dates of the cairns. For instance, were the larger cairns early, 'founding' cairns? At each of the cairn groups there are indications of possibly contemporary settlement. The numbers of cairns, however, seem to outweigh the evidence of settlement in terms of both extent and complexity. Possibly the settlement was extremely marginal at this altitude and the areas continued to be used for funerary purposes after the focus of settlement moved to lower ground, perhaps during climatic deterioration in the Later Bronze Age (Caseldine 1990, 66). In this case we might expect cairns to re-use or be built over house sites, as seems to be the case at cairn group A.

The position of the cairn/settlement groups is closely related to the edge of the marshy basin. The long wandering contour wall seems to form no purpose as an enclosure or be related to any agricultural evidence. The cairns all lie up slope from the wall so the basin may have been important, perhaps as a rich grazing area, prior to some environmental deterioration that led to growth of the blanket peat. It may, on the other hand have been an area of woodland that was an important resource, to be conserved from grazing carried out on poorer land higher on the hill. During use of the burnt mounds a supply of fuel from the basin can be presumed, probably coppiced hazel. The indications are that the peat probably formed after the period of use of the burnt mounds. Environmental study of two burnt mounds in South Wales has shown the presence of cereal cultivation in the vicinity of both, so the present

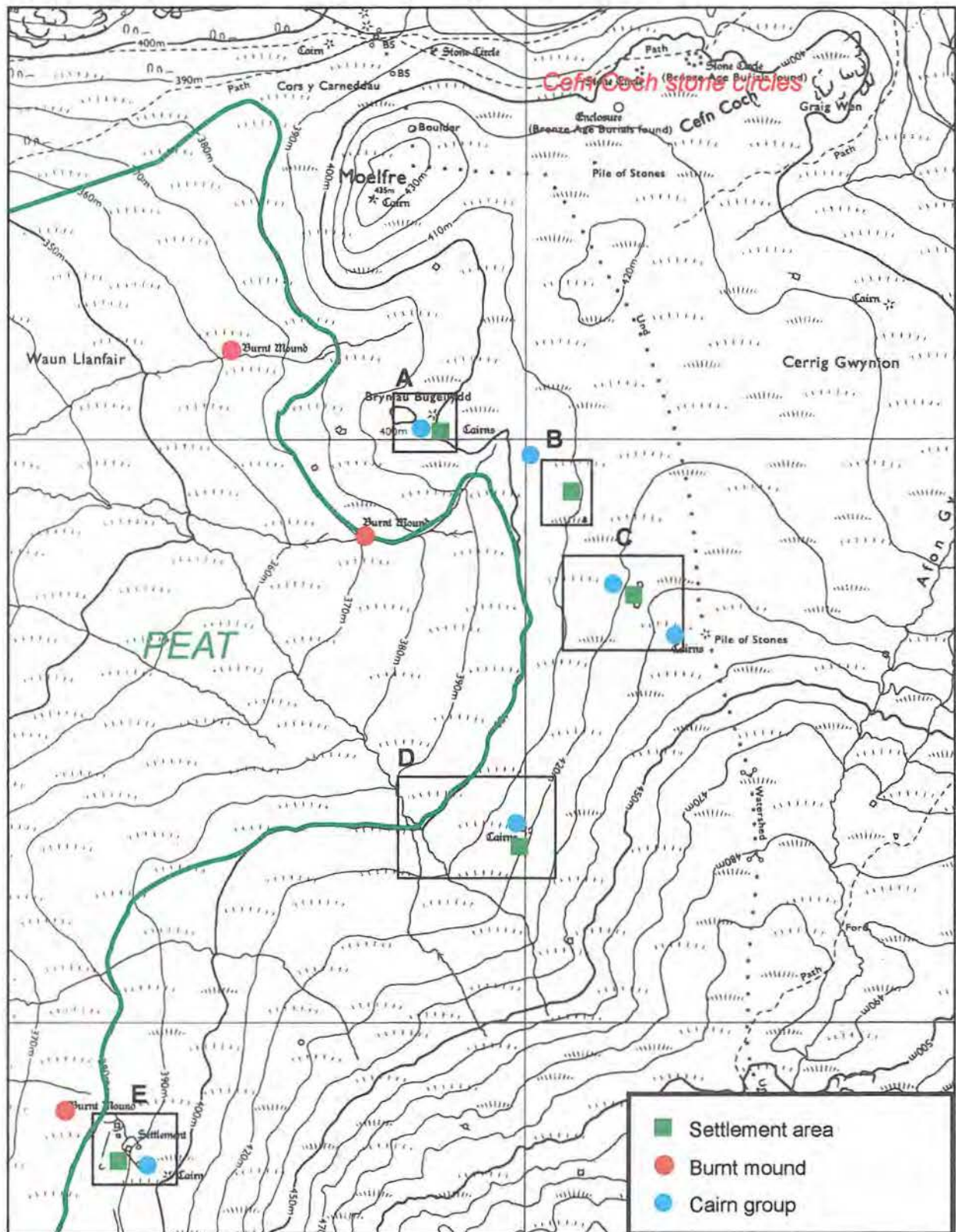


Fig. 31 Waun Llanfair, Llanfairfechan: General topography. Scale 1:10,000  
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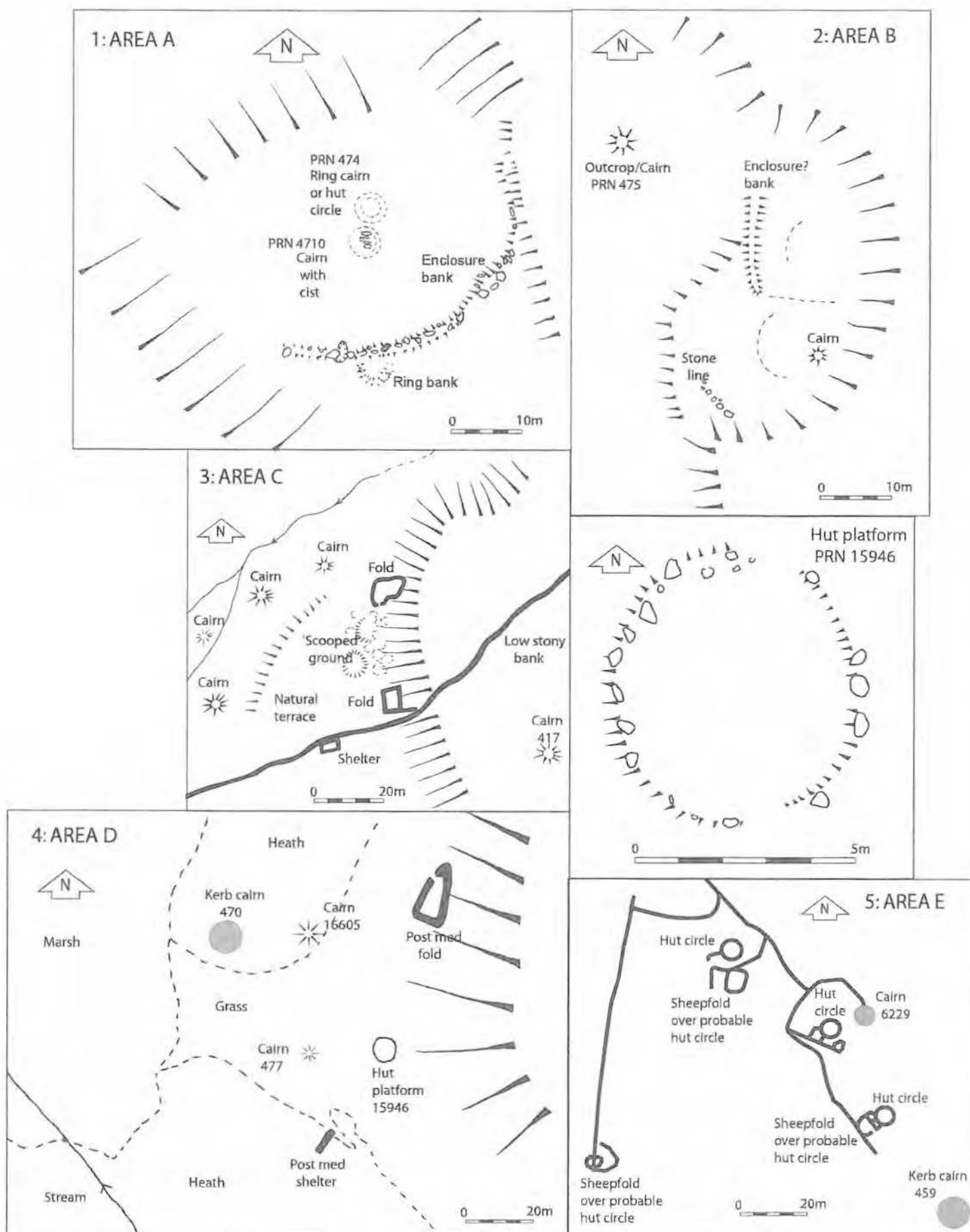


Fig. 32 Waun Llanfair, Llanfairfechan: Hut platform PRN 15946 and Area plans. 1-4 sketch plans. 5 after OS 1:1250 survey



environmental setting may be misleading (Caseldine 1990, 58). Astrid Caseldine made a preliminary visit to this area in January 2002, and the following assessment was produced.

*Palaeo-environmental assessment, Waun Llanfair, Llanfairfechan, Conwy, by Astrid Caseldine*

The area under investigation comprises a mixture of acid grassland, heath and blanket bog. The close proximity of the peat deposits to the archaeological remains suggests that they offer particularly high potential for palaeo-environmental study. A preliminary assessment of the peat deposits indicates that they vary from around 0.5 m to just over 1m in depth. Further work needs to be undertaken to determine the best locations for sampling. However, based on the initial visit to the area it would seem appropriate to sample at two or three sites taking into account the depth of peat and the proximity to the archaeological remains. As well as the general palaeo-environmental record, of particular interest is the relationship between human activity in the area and the date of peat initiation. It is important that the pollen profiles are adequately dated, and preferably that dating material is also recovered from some of the archaeological sites in the area to allow close integration of the environmental and archaeological evidence.

Although study of the burnt mounds, cairns and settlement themselves is needed, environmental study should be most immediately productive, providing information about the environmental history of the basin and perhaps dated episodes of human interference. The Bryniau Bugeilydd cairns seem to represent a distinctive and separate cultural episode to the larger and probably communal monuments on Cefn Coch, even though we know from excavations there that they continued in use until at least the Middle Bronze Age (Griffiths 1960). The Cefn Coch group can be argued to lie along an important routeway but the same cannot be said for Bryniau Bugeilydd. The cairns of the latter are generally quite small, lacking orthostatic stones and not built in prominent positions. The cairns may have doubled as both clearance heaps and funerary mounds, for instance the cists that are visible seem quite high in the mounds, rather than beneath them, perhaps indicating that they may have been added to pre-existing mounds. Any further speculation is unwarranted without evidence, for while several complex cairns have been investigated, like the cairn circles at Cefn Caer Euni, for instance (Lynch 1986), there has been a lack of study of small, simple cairns.

### 7.3 PUBLIC PERCEPTION, FOLKLORE AND PRESENTATION (Fig. 33)

37 out of a total of 270 monuments have names associated with them (Appendix 4), a rather smaller proportion than was the case in Meirionnydd where 60 monuments out of 308 had associated names. Of 26 with folklore associations, 9 had personal names and 16 folk tale associations. 10 had descriptive names and 2 names associated with the topographic location. Of the references to personal names, Llywelyn and Dafydd are historical while in another case (Saint) Twrog has probably been applied fancifully to a prehistoric monument as probably with the cairn of Rhun, also a historical figure. Two are of unknown origin, Howel (a giant?) and Galcacus while the others are names of legend, Tristan, Arthur and Carrawg (a wild boar). The same is probably true of Filiast - the greyhound - and possibly Moel-y-ci - Hill of the dog, and Barclodiad-y-gawres - Apronful of the giantess. Other names derive from legend like Cairn of the English and Graves of the Hundred Men. Others are more mysterious but probably relate to folk tales - Maen y Bardd - the Bard's stone, Maingc y gynhadledd - the Bench/slab of the meeting place, Maen y Campiau - Stone of the (insects?), Maen Allor - Stone altar, Allor moloch - Altar of terror! Pen Llithrig y wrach - Slippery summit of the witch and Hwffa'r ceirw - Race course/path of the deer. One, Maen Pebyll - Stone tent, suggests a reference to early bards or hermits as a related name occurs in Meirionnydd - Pabyll Llywarch Hen - Tent of (the bard) Llywarch Hen. One, an isolated stone, Maen Sertan or Siertyr - Charter stone, was a boundary stone in the charter of Aberconwy Abbey, but was likely to have already been a recognised landscape feature and perhaps boundary marker.

Relatively few are purely descriptive. One, the site of a possible chambered tomb, Castell Rhidyn may be just a romantic name referring to rhedyn - bracken. Garnedd Goch - Red cairn, Maen Llwyd - Grey stone and Maen Crwn - Stout/fat stone are self-evident.

Only one monument has a name that may bear a direct archaeological reference - Carnedd y Ddelw (Fig. 22) - Cairn of the golden image, after the supposed finding of a gold object there, of which no further record survives.

Of the monuments with names only a few are widely known, like Maen y bardd and the Druid's Circle. Others deserve to be better known for their public interest value. In some cases information could be incorporated in local walks leaflets such as within the Great Orme country park, the Abergwyngregyn national nature reserve or the proposed community local nature reserve at Moel-y-ci, Bangor. Most obvious is the need for better presentation at the Cefn Coch and Bwlch y Ddeufaen groups of monuments, both heavily visited areas of great amenity value. This could involve some discrete signing or information panels, for example at the Bwlch y Ddeufaen or Penmaenmawr car parks. Information could also be supplied in relation to the North Wales long distance path, which passes Cefn Coch.

The summary reports alone will not provide sufficient public information, because of the limited circulation of local journals so some other sort of popular publications should be developed. Some of the more obvious monuments close to roads could also do with care and attention and creation of access, for instance the stone circle of Cerrig y Pryfaid, Bwlch y Ddeufaen and the Sling chambered tomb, Tregarth.

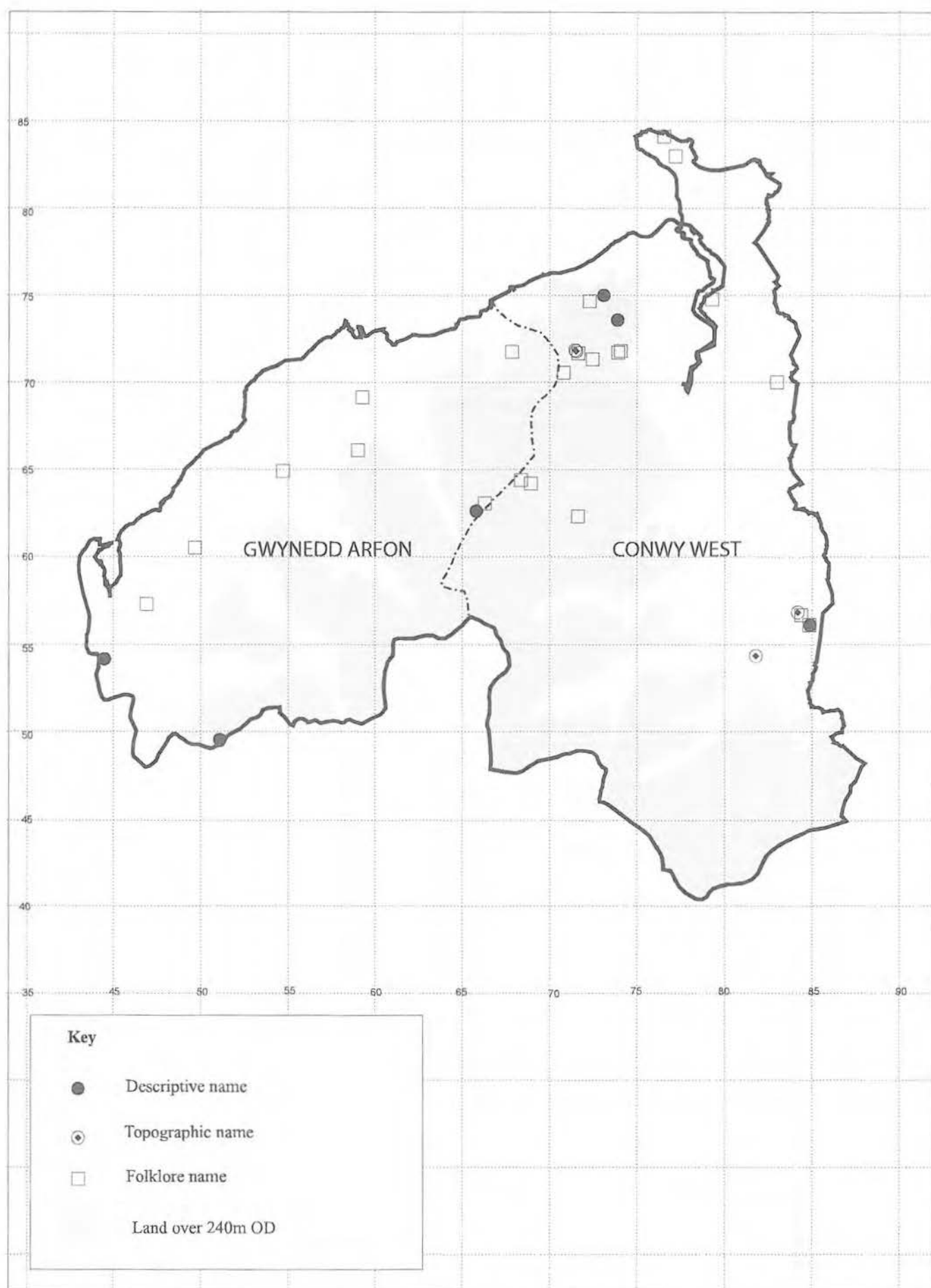


Fig. 33 Distribution of all prehistoric funerary and ritual sites in West Conwy and North Gwynedd with significant names



## 7.4 MANAGEMENT

Fig. 34 shows the distribution of all monuments with their recorded threat class. Those in the uplands tend to be at lower threat from those in the lowland, apart from those on frequently visited summits. Table 15 shows the threat class for the main threat type in each case. The majority of monuments are in upland so are either at no risk or only low risk from sheep trampling. The second most numerous threat is that of visitor disturbance, in this case relating mainly to monuments on summits that are regularly trampled or interfered with. There are only occasional cases of other types of threat, but nevertheless 38 monuments were recorded as having a medium threat and 8 with a high threat and all these deserve attention.

Those with a high threat include two scheduled monuments, Mwdl Eithin round barrow (PRN 4646) and Maen Pebyll long barrow (PRN 4671), both actively being eroded around their periphery by occasional ploughing for reseeded of pasture. Two summit cairns are being seriously affected by visitor trampling and remodelling - those of Carnedd Dafydd (PRN 749) and Y Garn (PRN 599) and both need recording and consolidation. Two other sites, however, are already largely destroyed round barrows. The remaining site is a low mound of a ploughed down round barrow that was robbed in antiquity and produced an urn (PRN 596). Its poor preservation means it is not of high value but it is a relatively rare survival in a lowland area.

Table 15: Threat class compared to threat type

| <i>Threat type</i> | <i>Threat class</i> |               |            |            | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|                    | <i>High</i>         | <i>Medium</i> | <i>Low</i> | <i>Nil</i> |              |
| Agriculture        | 5                   | 13            | 7          |            | 25           |
| Stock              |                     | 6             | 83         |            | 89           |
| Forestry           |                     | 1             |            |            | 1            |
| Visitors           | 12                  | 12            | 29         |            | 53           |
| Natural/Vegetation |                     | 1             | 1          |            | 2            |
| Construction       |                     | 3             |            |            | 3            |
| Clearance/robbing  |                     | 2             | 2          |            | 4            |
| Vehicles           |                     |               | 3          |            | 3            |
|                    | 17                  | 38            | 125        | 31         | 211          |

Altogether eight scheduled monuments are recorded as having a medium threat class, two from encroaching ploughing and three from heavy stock trampling and these all urgently need attention. Another is becoming overgrown and encroached upon by trees in forestry at Meuryn Isaf, Abergwyngregyn (PRN 359), with felling due in the near future. One, a cairn and stone circle at Cefn Coch (PRN 537) has been damaged in the past by insertion of an electricity pole into its centre. The last is the remaining area of the Llandegai henge complex comprising part of the cursus and other features, which although visible only as cropmarks, continues to be heavily ploughed on an annual basis which must be affecting survival of the remains.

Other monuments under medium threat include 17 of national value. Six of these are in improved pasture at risk from further ploughing and six are on summits at risk from visitor trampling and interference and two are at risk from heavy stock trampling.

**Condition** is often related to threat and monuments with high or medium threat are often those already damaged to some extent. Table 16 shows the condition in relation to monument type. Over half of all monuments are recorded as intact or nearly so (excluding the effects of natural decay) which provides a remarkable resource. This is largely down to the proportion of upland compared to lowland, where upstanding monuments of any kind are rare. The main monument class in a damaged condition comprises round barrows affected by visitor damage, heavy stock trampling or clearance. However, as most of these are stone-built cairns underlying archaeological evidence will be likely to survive despite damage to the upstanding visible remains.

Table 16: Monument condition and type.

|                  | A             | B                    | C                  | D                         | E                | U                   |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                  | <i>Intact</i> | <i>Mostly intact</i> | <i>Some damage</i> | <i>Substantial damage</i> | <i>Destroyed</i> | <i>Unclassified</i> |
| Carved stone     | -             | -                    | -                  | -                         | -                | 1                   |
| Chambered tomb   | 1             | 5                    | 4                  | -                         | 7                | 3                   |
| Circular feature | -             | -                    | -                  | -                         | -                | 1                   |
| Cist/cremation   | 1             | -                    | 1                  | -                         | 4                | -                   |
| Cursus           | -             | 1                    | -                  | -                         | -                | -                   |
| Henge            | -             | -                    | -                  | 1                         | -                | -                   |
| Round barrow     | 81            | 33                   | 39                 | 13                        | 12               | 24                  |
| Standing stone   | 14            | 10                   | 1                  | 1                         | 1                | 2                   |
| Stone circle     | 3             | 4                    | 1                  | -                         | 1                |                     |
| Stone row        | 1             | -                    | -                  | -                         | -                | -                   |
|                  | 101           | 53                   | 45                 | 15                        | 25               | 31                  |

**Monument evaluation** has been carried out according to the same criteria previously used by all the WATs despite the reservations about its effectiveness as discussed in the report for Meirionnydd. It has been the General Status given by professional judgement that has been needed to provide a reasonable separation of overall value. This has been successful in that this has produced a fairly 'normal' range of monument values in terms of the proportions of monuments of high, medium and low value that were quite similar to the proportions recorded for Meirionnydd. The general value (status) of each site has been shown in the summary table for each monument type, above.

**Environmental potential (Fig. 35).** Although much of the area visited in 2001 was upland, where blanket peat is common, many summits, ridges and slopes have only limited soil cover. It is only plateau and basins that have higher environmental value and not all of these are valuable in terms of other criteria. As described above (7.2) the basin of Waun Llanfair, Llanfairfechan has a large number of funerary monuments with extensive nearby peat deposits. It is also close to the previously excavated complex of stone circles at Cefn Coch, which lacks associated environmental evidence. Waun Llanfair was the subject of a preliminary environmental assessment and it is planned to carry out sampling during 2002.

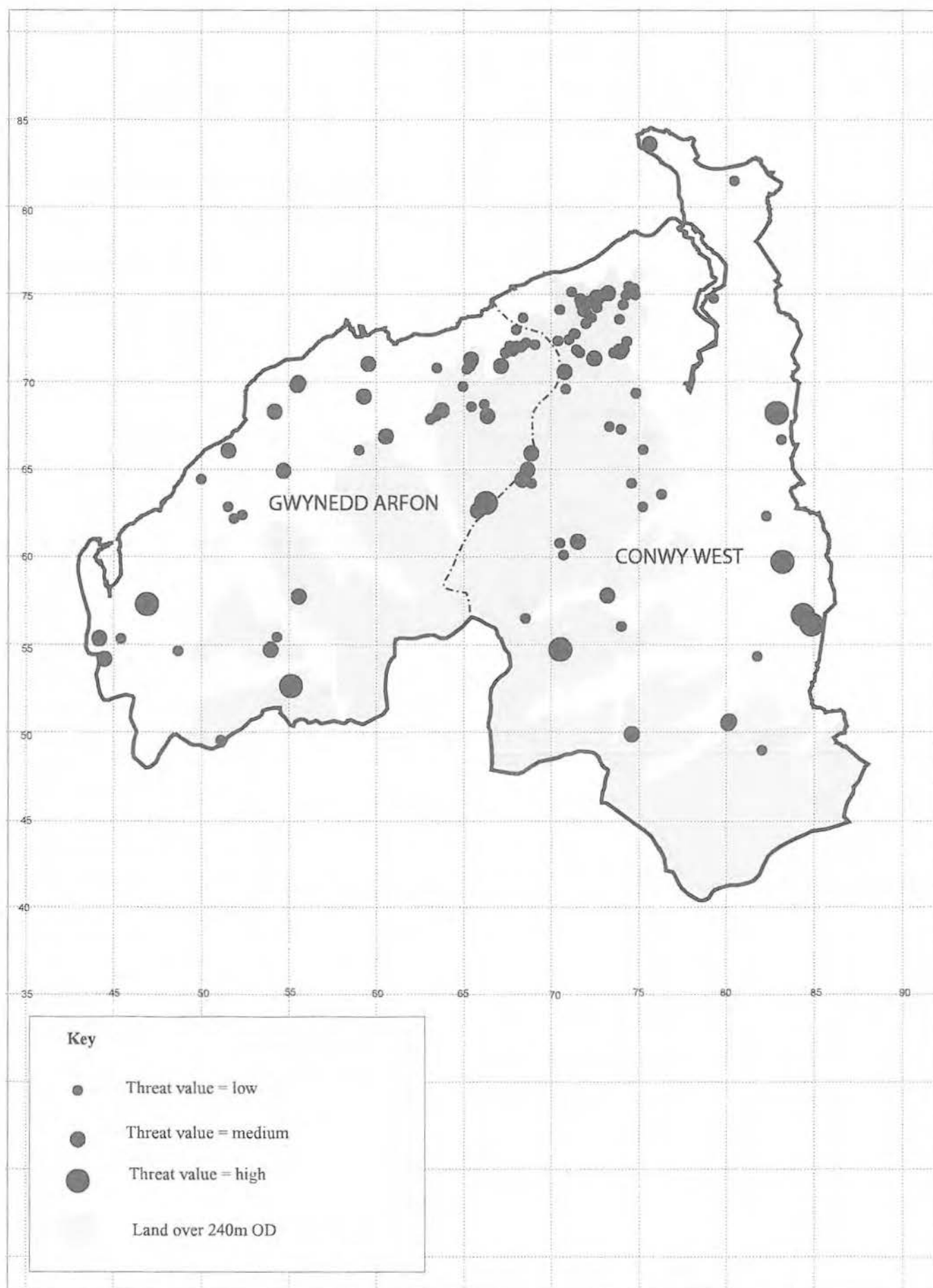


Fig. 34 Distribution of all prehistoric funerary and ritual sites in West Conwy and North Gwynedd showing threat class

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*Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Monument Survey, West Conwy and North Gwynedd: Appendix 1, Summary gazetteer in OS map order*

| <i>OSMAP</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>NGR</i>  | <i>Monument type</i>         | <i>Sub-type</i> | <i>Gen class</i> |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| SH45NE       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 596        | SH46905725  | Round barrow                 | Mound           | B                |
|              | 5529       | SH45445530  | Standing stone/rubbing stone |                 | C                |
|              | 12904      | SH45775588  | Standing stone               |                 | A                |
| SH45NW       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 2265       | SH44205532  | Standing stone               |                 | A                |
| SH45SE       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 1387       | SH48675464  | Other site type/period       | Hut circle      | F                |
|              | 1829       | SH49765438  | Round barrow, site of        | Kerb cairn      | D                |
|              | 2351       | SH49705470A | Round barrow                 | Cairn           | E                |
|              | 2354       | SH49805430A | Chambered tomb, site of      |                 | F                |
|              | 12905      |             | Standing stone?              |                 | C                |
|              | 12906      | SH45985388  | Standing stone               |                 | A                |
| SH45SW       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 1313       | SH44495415  | Standing stone               |                 | AA               |
| SH46SE       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 1633       | SH47206180A | Chambered tomb? site of      |                 | F                |
|              | 3099       | SH48206140A | Round barrow, site of        |                 | F                |
|              | 3101       | SH49116259  | Cremation                    |                 | F                |
|              | 3109       | SH49996442  | Round barrow?                | Cairn           | C                |
|              | 3116       | SH48706410A | Round barrow? site of        |                 | D                |
|              | 3130       | SH46706100A | Stone circle                 |                 | D                |
|              | 3131       | SH46406010A | Chambered tomb, site of      |                 | D                |
|              | 3132       | SH49706050A | Chambered tomb, site of      |                 | F                |
|              | 3620       | SH49026230  | Other site type/period       | Rubbing stone   | C                |
| SH54NW       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 1429       | SH51114952  | Round barrow                 | Cairn           | B                |
| SH55NE       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 4050       | SH55585771  | Round barrow                 | Cairn           | A                |
| SH55NW       |            |             |                              |                 |                  |
|              | 398        | SH50405980A | Chambered tomb?              |                 | F                |
|              | 399        | SH51105960A | Chambered tomb?              |                 | C                |



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|               | 747        | SH54335542  | Round barrow             | Cairn                  | A                |
|               | 5762       | SH50975967  | Round barrow?            | Cairn                  | C                |
|               | 5848       | SH51225970  | Non-site/natural feature |                        | F                |
|               | 12907      | SH50405980  | Standing stone           |                        | A                |
| <b>SH55SE</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 599        | SH55135260  | Round barrow             | Cairn                  | A                |
|               | 600        |             | Round barrow             | Cairn                  | B                |
|               | 1574       | SH57205222  | Round barrow?            | Mound                  | C                |
|               | 3391       | SH57105410A | Cist, site of            |                        | F                |
|               | 3392       | SH56505140A | Round barrow, site of    | Cairn                  | F                |
|               | 3393       | SH55505340A | Cist cemetery, site of   |                        | F                |
| <b>SH55SW</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 2779       | SH53965469  | Round barrow             | Cairn                  | B                |
| <b>SH56NE</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 22         | SH55506980  | Round barrow?            | Mound                  | D                |
|               | 23         | SH55566990  | Round barrow             | Mound                  | A                |
|               | 30         | SH59286914  | Round barrow             | Cairn                  | A                |
|               | 31         | SH59036609  | Round barrow             | Cairn                  | A                |
| <b>SH56NW</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 36         | SH50946524  | Round barrow, site of    |                        | D                |
|               | 627        | SH51546604  | Chambered tomb?          |                        | E                |
|               | 631        | SH54196827  | Standing stone           |                        | A                |
| <b>SH56SW</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 396        | SH54056170  | Round barrow             | Kerb cairn             | A                |
|               | 1832       | SH50636465C | Other site type/period   | Hut circle settlement? | E                |
|               | 3616       | SH51866217  | Other site type/period   | Memorial stone         | C                |
|               | 3617       | SH52356238  | Other site type/period   | Memorial stone         | C                |
|               | 3618       | SH51546285  | Other site type/period   | Memorial stone         | C                |
|               | 3687       | SH54706490  | Round barrow?            | Cairn                  | AA               |
|               | 3713       | SH54706180  | Standing stone           |                        | A                |
|               | 12908      |             | Other site type/period   | Memorial stone         | C                |
| <b>SH57SE</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 222        | SH59307110C | Henge                    |                        | F                |
|               | 2314       | SH59557100  | Cursus                   |                        | AA               |
| <b>SH65NE</b> |            |             |                          |                        |                  |
|               | 4509       | SH68565648  | Round barrow             | Kerb cairn             | A                |



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| SH65NW       |            |             |  |                            |                  |
|              | 4506       | SH63505590A | Other site type/period                     | Hut circle                 | F                |
|              | 12909      |             | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
|              | 12910      |             | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
| SH66NE       |            |             |  |                            |                  |
|              | 758        | SH66366802  | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn                 | B                |
|              | 760        | SH68886589  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
|              | 2335       | SH66206870  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
|              | 2336       | SH65606870A | Round barrow, not located                  | Ring cairn                 | E                |
|              | 5001       | SH65436888  | Round barrow cemetery/clearance cairnfield |                            | F                |
|              | 5002       | SH65456858  | Round barrow                               | Ring cairn                 | A                |
|              | 5896       | SH66326912  | Round barrow? not located                  | Cairn                      | E                |
|              | 12911      |             | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn                 | B                |
|              | 12912      | SH65436888A | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 12913      | SH65436888A | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 12914      | SH65436888A | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 12915      |             | Round barrow? not located                  | Cairn                      | A                |
| SH66NW       |            |             |  |                            |                  |
|              | 221        | SH60556686  | Chambered tomb                             |                            | AA               |
|              | 306        | SH63506817  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 307        | SH63516815  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 308        | SH63456804  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 309        | SH63056775C | Other site type/period                     | Field clearance cairnfield | F                |
|              | 310        | SH63106783  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
|              | 311        | SH63156789  | Round barrow                               | Structured cairn           | A                |
|              | 314        | SH64966972  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 316        | SH63746835  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 12916      | SH63746836  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
| SH66SE       |            |             |  |                            |                  |
|              | 748        | SH68366438  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 749        | SH66286305  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 753        | SH66136293  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 754        | SH65806262  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 3923       | SH68676494  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
|              | 3924       | SH68926418  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                      | B                |
| SH66SW       |            |             |  |                            |                  |

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|               | 3980       |             | Other site type/period                     | Field clearance cairnfield            | F                |
|               | 5671       | SH61006490C | Duplicate number, same as 3980             |                                       | F                |
|               | 12917      | SH65436888A | Round barrow?                              | Kerb cairn                            | B                |
|               | 12918      | SH65436888A | Round barrow?                              | Kerb cairn?                           | B                |
| <b>SH67SE</b> |            |             |  |                                       |                  |
|               | 239        | SH65417126  | Round barrow                               | Ring cairn                            | A                |
|               | 332        |             | Standing stone & Round barrow              | Cairn                                 | E                |
|               | 354        | SH67837174  | Round barrow cemetery/clearance cairnfield |                                       | AA               |
|               | 355        | SH67427163  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | A                |
|               | 356        | SH67397166  | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn                            | A                |
|               | 357        | SH68937118A | Other site type/period                     | Spring hollow                         | F                |
|               | 358        | SH68977119A | Non-site/natural feature                   |                                       | F                |
|               | 359        | SH67147088  | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn                            | AA               |
|               | 360        | SH65397089  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | A                |
|               | 361        | SH65387123  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | A                |
|               | 362        | SH67647205  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | A                |
|               | 364        | SH68287195  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | E                |
|               | 375        | SH68027296  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | C                |
|               | 376        | SH68377203  | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn                            | A                |
|               | 378        | SH68427364  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | AA               |
|               | 379        | SH68387361  | Other site type/period                     | Field clearance cairn/natural feature | AA               |
|               | 380        | SH68597221  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | A                |
|               | 381        | SH69107211  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | A                |
|               | 816        | SH68377128  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | E                |
|               | 4069       | SH65197071  | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | C                |
|               | 4079       | SH65817281A | Cremation                                  |                                       | F                |
|               | 4083       | SH69247104  | Round barrow?/other site type              |                                       | E                |
|               | 4093       | SH65257055C | Other site type/period                     | Marker cairn                          | F                |
|               | 4095       | SH68037202  | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn?                           | A                |
|               | 12795      |             | Round barrow                               | Ring cairn                            | B                |
|               | 12806      |             | Round barrow                               | Kerb cairn                            | B                |
|               | 12810      |             | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | B                |
|               | 12919      |             | Round barrow                               | Structured cairn                      | AA               |
|               | 12920      |             | Round barrow                               | Cairn                                 | AA               |
|               | 15921      |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn               | Cairn                                 | AA               |
|               | 15922      |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn               | Cairn                                 | AA               |

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|              | 15923      |             | Round barrow                 | Cairn              | AA               |
|              | 15924      |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn | Cairn              | AA               |
|              | 15925      |             | Round barrow                 | Kerb cairn         | AA               |
|              | 15926      |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn | Cairn              | AA               |
|              | 15927      |             | Round barrow                 | Kerb cairn         | AA               |
|              | 15928      |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn | Cairn              | AA               |
|              | 15929      |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn | Cairn              | AA               |
|              | 15930      | SH67647205A | Round barrow                 | Ring cairn         | A                |
|              | 15931      |             | Round barrow?                | Cairn              | B                |
| SH67SW       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 2321       | SH64607220A | Non-site/natural feature     |                    | F                |
|              | 2344       | SH62477100  | Round barrow, site of        | Cairn              | F                |
|              | 3893       | SH63477078  | Standing stone               |                    | B                |
| SH74NE       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 3974       | SH77864713  | Other site type/period       | Shepherd's shelter | F                |
|              | 6037       | SH77564635  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6039       | SH78554614  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6040       | SH78544641  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6044       | SH75704525  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6047       | SH77544579  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
| SH74NW       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 5036       | SH74584985  | Round barrow                 | Cairn              | C                |
| SH74SE       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 6077       | SH78744248  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6085       | SH77954188  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6089       | SH79314120  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
|              | 6092       | SH79054088  | Other site type/period       | Marker cairn       | F                |
| SH75NW       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 3750       | SH73195775  | Round barrow                 | Cairn              | A                |
|              | 3758       | SH73555515  | Round barrow                 | Cairn              | A                |
|              | 3759       | SH73525510  | Round barrow                 | Cairn              | A                |
|              | 3761       | SH74015601  | Round barrow                 | Cairn              | C                |
| SH75SE       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 3933       | SH75955250  | Round barrow? not located    | Cairn              | E                |
| SH75SW       |            |             |                              |                    |                  |
|              | 985        | SH70555132  | Non-site/natural feature     |                    | F                |

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|              | 3727       | SH70535469  | Round barrow              | Cairn                          | B                |
|              | 15934      | SH74585005  | Round barrow              | Cairn                          | C                |
| SH76NE       |            |             |                           |                                |                  |
|              | 684        | SH75256611  | Round barrow              | Platform cairn                 | A                |
|              | 685        | SH75206617  | Duplicate number          |                                | F                |
|              | 1544       | SH77036777  | Chambered tomb, site of   |                                | F                |
|              | 5280       | SH75206571  | Other site type/period    | Boundary stone/waymarker stone | F                |
| SH76NW       |            |             |                           |                                |                  |
|              | 704        | SH70846959  | Round barrow              | Cairn                          | B                |
|              | 4558       | SH74836936  | Round barrow              | Mound                          | AA               |
|              | 4559       | SH74836934  | Round barrow              | Mound                          | AA               |
|              | 4562       | SH71006930A | Round barrow, not located | Cairn                          | E                |
|              | 10251      | SH73326742  | Round barrow              | Ring cairn?                    | A                |
|              | 10253      | SH73996715  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10254      | SH73966711C | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairnfield     | F                |
|              | 10255      | SH73986727  | Round barrow              | Kerb cairn?                    | A                |
|              | 10290      | SH74116701  | Other site type/period    | Rubbing stone                  | F                |
|              | 10291      | SH74116703  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10292      | SH74136703  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10294      | SH74156703  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10296      | SH74186705  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10297      | SH74216707  | Other site type/period    | Hut circle?                    | F                |
|              | 10298      | SH74206710  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10299      | SH74196709  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10300      | SH74206708  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10302      | SH74126706  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
| SH76SE       |            |             |                           |                                |                  |
|              | 4623       | SH77146063  | Other site type/period    | Burnt mound/clearance cairn    | F                |
|              | 4624       | SH75236284  | Round barrow              | Cairn                          | A                |
|              | 10594      | SH75236318  | Other site type/period    | Summit marker cairn            | F                |
|              | 10649      | SH75246282  | Round barrow?             | Cairn?                         | C                |
|              | 10650      | SH75676406  | Round barrow?             | Cairn?                         | C                |
|              | 10723      | SH76556417  | Other site type/period    | Field clearance cairn          | F                |
|              | 10749      | SH76296356  | Standing stone            |                                | B                |
| SH76SW       |            |             |                           |                                |                  |
|              | 3762       | SH70526080  | Round barrow              | Cairn                          | A                |

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|              | 3763       | SH70516077  | Standing stone                        |                       | A                |
|              | 3764       | SH70566080  | Cist                                  |                       | A                |
|              | 3765       | SH71536085  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 3773       | SH71096079  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 3774       | SH70736010  | Round barrow                          | Structured cairn      | A                |
|              | 3779       | SH71606232  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 5035       | SH70526080  | Part of 3762                          |                       | F                |
|              | 5181       | SH71506130A | Round barrow? not located             | Cairn                 | E                |
|              | 5621       | SH71026310  | Non-site/natural feature              |                       | F                |
|              | 10653      | SH74586418  | Round barrow?                         | Cairn                 | C                |
| SH77NW       |            |             |                                       |                       |                  |
|              | 728        | SH73237504  | Stone circle                          |                       | A                |
|              | 730        | SH71187513  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 736        | SH74757531  | Stone circle                          |                       | AA               |
|              | 737        | SH74487508  | Cist                                  |                       | B                |
|              | 2879       | SH71057580  | Round barrow, site of                 |                       | F                |
|              | 5520       | SH74427546C | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 15935      |             | Round barrow?                         | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 15936      | SH71197510  | Round barrow?                         | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 15937      | SH71177510  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 15938      | SH71157509  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 15939      | SH71157511  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 15947      |             | Round barrow, not located             | Cairn                 | E                |
|              | 15948      |             | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | B                |
| SH77SE       |            |             |                                       |                       |                  |
|              | 2474       | SH76477026  | Standing stone, site of               |                       | E                |
|              | 2475       | SH79297475  | Chambered tomb                        |                       | AA               |
|              | 2488       | SH79137407A | Non-site/natural feature? not located |                       | E                |
|              | 2489       | SH78607190A | Chambered tomb? site of               |                       | E                |
|              | 3020       | SH75107300A | Other site type/period                | Field clearance cairn | F                |
|              | 3448       | SH77007190A | Chambered tomb? site of               |                       | F                |
| SH77SW       |            |             |                                       |                       |                  |
|              | 456        | SH70787055  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 459        | SH71397273  | Round barrow                          | Kerb cairn            | A                |
|              | 460        | SH71727441  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 461        | SH70417234  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                 | B                |

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|              | 462        | SH71037241  | Round barrow?                 | Cairn                 | C                |
|              | 463        | SH70897198  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | C                |
|              | 464        | SH71657468  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 465        | SH70527412  | Round barrow                  | Mound                 | A                |
|              | 470        | SH71987334  | Round barrow                  | Kerb cairn            | A                |
|              | 471        | SH72257366  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | A                |
|              | 472        | SH72007394  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 473        | SH71827401  | Round barrow?                 | Kerb cairn?           | E                |
|              | 474        | SH71847404  | Round barrow                  | Ring cairn            | A                |
|              | 475        |             | Round barrow/clearance cairn  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 476        | SH72307366  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 477        |             | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | C                |
|              | 478        | SH71957378  | Other site type/period        | Field clearance cairn | F                |
|              | 483        | SH70557201  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | C                |
|              | 484        | SH71967408  | Round barrow?                 | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 485        | SH72007398  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 486        | SH71957392  | Other site type/period        | Field clearance cairn | F                |
|              | 487        | SH72047390  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 488        |             | Round barrow/burnt mound?     | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 489        | SH71957384  | Other site type/period        | Field clearance cairn | F                |
|              | 490        | SH72037382  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 491        | SH72017379  | Other site type/period        | Field clearance cairn | F                |
|              | 492        | SH72077379  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 493        | SH72067324  | Non-site/natural feature      |                       | F                |
|              | 494        | SH72097328  | Other site type/period        | Stone line            | F                |
|              | 495        | SH72207370A | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 496        | SH72227366  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | B                |
|              | 519        | SH71647166  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 520        | SH71827158  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 521        | SH71687163  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 523        | SH71527178  | Standing stone                |                       | AA               |
|              | 524        | SH71467183  | Standing stone                |                       | AA               |
|              | 525        | SH74177182  | Standing stone                |                       | AA               |
|              | 526        | SH73557164  | Standing stone & Round barrow | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 527        | SH73927170  | Standing stone & Round barrow | Cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 528        | SH72457132  | Stone circle                  |                       | AA               |
|              | 529        | SH74067178  | Chambered tomb                |                       | AA               |

| <i>OSMAP</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>NGR</i>  | <i>Monument type</i>                  | <i>Sub-type</i>            | <i>Gen class</i> |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
|              | 530        | SH74127189  | Chambered tomb                        |                            | AA               |
|              | 534        | SH71687476  | Round barrow                          | Kerb cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 535        | SH71727472  | Round barrow                          | Kerb cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 536        | SH71727473  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 537        | SH72607480  | Round barrow                          | Mound                      | AA               |
|              | 538        | SH72387470  | Round barrow, not located             | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 539        | SH72507476  | Stone circle                          |                            | AA               |
|              | 540        | SH73267499  | Other site type/period                | Unidentified               | F                |
|              | 541        | SH72287464  | Stone circle                          | Embanked                   | AA               |
|              | 542        | SH72157456  | Round barrow                          | Ring cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 543        | SH71847466  | Stone circle?                         |                            | AA               |
|              | 544        | SH72197463  | Standing stone group                  |                            | AA               |
|              | 553        | SH70837483  | Other site type/period                | Summit marker cairn        | F                |
|              | 555        | SH72127448  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 556        | SH72627423  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | B                |
|              | 559        | SH71387183  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 560        | SH71727158  | Round barrow                          | Ring cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 562        | SH73907357  | Standing stone                        |                            | AA               |
|              | 575        | SH73847359  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 576        | SH74797496  | Standing stone                        |                            | AA               |
|              | 3487       | SH74407170A | Chambered tomb, site of               |                            | F                |
|              | 4678       | SH73107499  | Standing stone                        |                            | A                |
|              | 4679       | SH72307457  | Non-site/natural feature? not located |                            | AA               |
|              | 4681       | SH72367454  | Non-site/natural feature? not located |                            | AA               |
|              | 4682       | SH72217458  | Round barrow? not located             |                            | AA               |
|              | 4683       | SH73527021  | Non-site/natural feature              |                            | E                |
|              | 4686       | SH74277493  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 4687       | SH74297261  | Other site type/period                | Field clearance cairnfield | F                |
|              | 4689       | SH74227177  | Standing stone? not located           |                            | E                |
|              | 4695       | SH74327230  | Round barrow                          | Kerb cairn                 | AA               |
|              | 4707       | SH72387462  | Round barrow? not located             | Cairn                      | AA               |
|              | 4710       | SH71837403  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | A                |
|              | 4718       | SH74367314  | Round barrow                          | Kerb cairn                 | B                |
|              | 5066       | SH73867359  | Stone circle                          |                            | A                |
|              | 5077       | SH71537175  | Other site type/period                | Peat cutting markers       | F                |
|              | 6227       | SH74117439  | Round barrow                          | Cairn                      | C                |
|              | 6229       | SH71327275  | Round barrow?                         | Cairn                      | A                |



| <i>OSMAP</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>NGR</i>  | <i>Monument type</i>                        | <i>Sub-type</i>      | <i>Gen class</i> |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---|----------------------|------------------|
|              | 8078       | SH71487407  | Round barrow? not located                   | Cairn                | E                |
|              | 8079       | SH71467405  | Round barrow? not located                   |                      | E                |
|              | 8080       |             | Round barrow? not located                   | Mound                | E                |
|              | 8081       |             | Round barrow? not located                   | Mound                | E                |
|              | 8086       | SH71637403  | Other site type/period? not located         |                      | F                |
|              | 8093       |             | Other site type/period                      | Quarrying trial pit? | F                |
|              | 8094       |             | Round barrow? not located                   | Mound                | E                |
|              | 8095       | SH71787478  | Round barrow cemetery/clearance cairnfield, |                      | E                |
|              | 15940      | SH70527412  | Round barrow                                | Mound                | A                |
|              | 15941      |             | Round barrow                                | Kerb cairn           | B                |
|              | 15942      |             | Other site type/period                      | Marker cairn         | F                |
|              | 15943      |             | Other site type/period                      | Wandering wall       | F                |
|              | 15944      |             | Other site type/period                      | Wandering wall       | F                |
|              | 15946      |             | Other site type/period                      | Round house platform | F                |
|              | 16605      | SH72007333  | Round barrow                                | Cairn                | B                |
|              | 16616      |             | Enclosure                                   |                      |                  |
| SH78SE       |            |             |   |                      |                  |
|              | 647        | SH75618357  | Round barrow                                | Kerb cairn           | B                |
|              | 648        | SH77228295  | Chambered tomb                              |                      | AA               |
|              | 649        | SH76568409  | Stone row                                   |                      | AA               |
|              | 4605       | SH75408410A | Round barrow? site of                       |                      | F                |
|              | 5433       | SH77548325  | Round barrow?/other site type               | Cairn?/spoil heap    | E                |
|              | 5434       | SH75828415  | Standing stone?/natural feature             |                      | D                |
|              | 5435       | SH75418408  | Round barrow?                               | Cairn?               | E                |
|              | 5441       | SH77908360A | Chambered tomb?/natural feature             |                      | F                |
|              | 15945      |             | Other site type/period                      | Cairn?/spoil heap    | F                |
| SH84NE       |            |             |   |                      |                  |
|              | 6256       | SH85104517  | Round barrow                                | Cairn?               | B                |
| SH84NW       |            |             |   |                      |                  |
|              | 1459       | SH82064895  | Round barrow                                | Kerb cairn?          | B                |
|              | 6253       | SH83934613  | Standing stone, not located                 |                      | E                |
| SH84SE       |            |             |   |                      |                  |
|              | 1790       |             | Standing stone                              |                      | B                |
|              | 1791       |             | Standing stone                              |                      | B                |
|              | 1792       |             | Standing stone                              |                      | B                |
|              | 3219       | SH85704460A | Round barrow? not located                   | Cairn?               | C                |

| <i>OSMAP</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>NGR</i>  | <i>Monument type</i>          | <i>Sub-type</i>                   | <i>Gen class</i> |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|              | 6879       |             | Circular feature, not located |                                   | E                |
|              | 6882       |             | Other site type/period        | Summit marker cairn               | D                |
| SH84SW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 3935       | SH81744365  | Non-site/natural feature      |                                   | F                |
|              | 5283       | SH81154405  | Carved stone, not located     |                                   | E                |
|              | 6271       | SH80114278  | Other site type/period        | Marker cairn                      | F                |
| SH85NW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 626        | SH84205680A | Round barrow? site of         | Cairn                             | F                |
|              | 4669       | SH83225969  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                             | D                |
|              | 4670       | SH80605590A | Non-site/natural feature      |                                   | F                |
|              | 4671       | SH84385665  | Chambered tomb                |                                   | AA               |
|              | 4672       | SH84905609  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                             | B                |
|              | 4673       | SH84865609  | Round barrow, site of         | Ring cairn?                       | D                |
|              | 4674       | SH82915699  | Non-site/natural feature      |                                   | E                |
|              | 4676       | SH84085541  | Standing stone                |                                   | AA               |
| SH85SW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 3953       | SH80285169A | Non-site/natural feature      | Natural feature? Clearance cairn? | F                |
|              | 4650       | SH81795431  | Chambered tomb                |                                   | AA               |
|              | 4651       | SH84365482  | Non-site/natural feature      |                                   | F                |
|              | 4653       | SH80115049  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                             | A                |
|              | 4654       | SH80175059  | Round barrow                  | Cairn                             | A                |
| SH86NW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 3017       | SH82906820  | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | AA               |
|              | 3018       | SH82906820  | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | AA               |
|              | 4640       | SH83176669  | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | B                |
|              | 4641       | SH83706586  | Round barrow? not located     |                                   | E                |
|              | 4646       | SH82906820A | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | AA               |
| SH86SW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 2464       | SH82336231  | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | B                |
|              | 2465       | SH82956332  | Round barrow, site of         |                                   | F                |
|              | 2468       |             | Non-site/natural feature      |                                   | F                |
| SH87NW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 2886       | SH84847532  | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | A                |
|              | 2887       | SH84797548  | Round barrow                  | Mound                             | A                |
| SH87SW       |            |             |                               |                                   |                  |
|              | 412        | SH83007000A | Round barrow/natural feature  | Mound                             | F                |

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|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|              | 2890       | SH82867410 | Non-site/natural feature      |                 | F                |
|              | 2892       | SH80347065 | Round barrow?/natural feature | Mound           | E                |
|              | 5678       | SH80517047 | Round barrow?/other site type | Mound           | E                |
| SH88SW       |            |            |                               |                 |                  |
|              | 4541       | SH82328116 | Round barrow, site of         |                 | E                |
|              | 4545       | SH80488149 | Chambered tomb?               |                 | A                |
|              | 4560       | SH80488149 | Non-site/natural feature      |                 | F                |

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| <i>Map</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>Draw 1</i> | <i>Draw 2</i> | <i>Modifications</i>           | <i>Exc author</i> | <i>Exc date</i> | <i>Pub date</i> | <i>Refs</i>   |
|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| SH45NE     | 596        |               |               | Robbed,<br>Destroyed           |                   | 1853            |                 | 1853 Cilmyrn, AC, 73  |
| SH45SE     | 1387       |               |               | Robbed                         |                   |                 |                 |   |
| SH45SE     | 2351       |               |               | Destroyed,<br>under slate tip? |                   |                 |                 |   |
| SH45SW     | 1313       |               |               |                                | F.G. Wynn         | 1875, 1931      |                 | AC1875 pp.303, 381. AC 1932, p. 199. 1951 Grimes. Prehist. Wales p. 108, Fig 34, p.219 No 683 |
| SH46SE     | 3099       |               |               |                                |                   | 19th C          |                 | Hughes, H. 1919. AC Grimes, W.F. 1951, 216-7  |
| SH46SE     | 3101       |               |               | Accidental<br>discovery        |                   | 1946            |                 | 1949 AC. Miscellanea 100-1  |
| SH46SE     | 3116       |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 | AC 1853. Miscell, 155<br>Grimes 1951 206-7  |
| SH46SE     | 3132       |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 |   |
| SH54NW     | 1429       |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 |   |
| SH55NW     | 5762       |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 | AC, 1922, 344   |
| SH55SE     | 3391       |               |               | Accidental<br>discovery        |                   | 1864            |                 | Jenkins, D.E. 1899. Beddgelert its facts fairies and folklore. 177                            |
| SH55SE     | 3393       |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 | J H Bransby, 1840 Descrip. & historical sketch of Beddgelert and neighbourhood                |
| SH56NE     | 22         |               |               | Exc/surface<br>find            |                   | 1934            |                 |   |
| SH56NE     | 30         |               |               |                                |                   | c. 1869         |                 | a. J. Ethnological Soc. Of London 1869-70, 309-11. b. Savory, H. 1958-60. BBCS, 18. P113      |
| SH56NE     | 31         |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 |   |
| SH56NW     | 36         |               |               | Accidental<br>discovery        |                   | 1855, 1868      |                 | 1868 W. O. Stanley and A. Way. AC. 14, 3rd set 259-61 & Arch Journ XXV                        |
| SH56SW     | 3687       |               |               |                                |                   |                 |                 | A. Wynn Williams, 1858 King Arthur's Well, Llanddeiniolen                                     |
| SH57SE     | 222        |               |               |                                |                   | 1967, 1968      |                 | C. Houlder Antiq 41 1967. 58-60, C. Houlder Antiq 42 1968, 216-221                            |

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|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| SH66NE     | 758        |               |               |                               | P Crew            | 1976            |                 | 1985 Crew 1985 BBCS, 32, 290-32  |
| SH66NW     | 306        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH66NW     | 314        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH66SE     | 748        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH66SE     | 749        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH66SE     | 754        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH66SE     | 3924       |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH67SE     | 354        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH67SE     | 4079       |               |               | Exc./Accidenta<br>l discovery |                   | 1824            |                 | Owen, E. 1864 AC 3rd ser<br>Vol 10, 317  |
| SH76NW     | 4558       | Hughes 1906   |               |                               | H Hughes          | 1905            |                 | 1906 Hughes, 1906, AC, 247-8   |
| SH76NW     | 4559       | Hughes 1906   |               |                               | H Hughes          | 1905            |                 | 1906 Hughes 1906, AC, 247-8.   |
| SH76NW     | 4562       |               |               |                               |                   | Pre-1912        |                 | 1912 Lowe, W.B. 1912, Heart of<br>Northern Wales. 1, 38<br>Savory, H.N. 1955, BBCS, 16,<br>232 |
| SH76NW     | 10251      | E. Hughes 19  |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH76SW     | 3765       | Lowe, 1912,   |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH76SW     | 3779       |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77NW     | 2879       |               |               |                               |                   | 1890            |                 | 1891 J. P. Earwaker, 1891. AC. 33-7  |
| SH77SE     | 542        | see below     |               |                               | W. E. Griffiths   | 1958-9          |                 | 1960 PPS, 26, 303-39   |
| SH77SE     | 2475       |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 456        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 461        | (Photo) Lowe  |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 471        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 519        | RCHMW 19      |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 523        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 524        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 527        |               |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 528        | RCHMW 19      |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 529        | RCHMW 19      | Lynch 1969, M |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 530        | RCHMW 19      |               |                               |                   |                 |                 |  |
| SH77SW     | 539        | PPS 1960 26   |               |                               | W. E. Griffiths   | 1958-9          |                 | 1960 Griffiths, 1960, PPS, 26, 317-<br>8, & 328 ff   |

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|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| SH77SW     | 541        | see below     |               |                      | W. E. Griffiths          | 1958-9          | 1960 PPS, 26, 303-39  |   |
| SH77SW     | 544        | RCHMW, 19     | PPS 1960?     |                      | W. E. Griffiths          | 1958-9          | 1960 PPS, 26, 303-39  |   |
| SH77SW     | 562        |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH77SW     | 4678       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH78SE     | 648        | RCAHMW,       |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH78SE     | 649        |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH78SE     | 4605       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH84SW     | 4727       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH84SW     | 6272       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH85NW     | 626        |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH85NW     | 4671       | Davies 1929   | Davidson 1988 |                      |                          |                 |   | E. Davies, 1929. Prehisoric and Roman rem's of Denbighshire 319-21. A Davidson 1988 AM Form |
| SH85NW     | 4672       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH85NW     | 4673       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH85NW     | 4676       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH85SW     | 4650       |               |               |                      | a. Hemp b. Ya a. 1924 b. |                 | 1927 W, J, Hemp. AC 1927, LXXXII, Ser 7, VII 1-43. M.J. Yates & M Jones, AW. 31, 1-5. |   |
| SH86NW     | 4646       | Davies 1929   |               |                      | Davies?                  | 1911/12         | 1929 E Davies, Prehist & Roman Remains of Denbighshire 113-8                          |   |
| SH86SW     | 2465       |               |               |                      | ?                        | 1913            |   |   |
| SH87SW     | 412        |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH87SW     | 2892       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |
| SH88SW     | 4545       |               |               |                      |                          |                 |   |   |



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| <i>Monument type</i>   | <i>Sub-type</i>  | <i>PRN MAP</i> | <i>SITENAME</i>                               |               |  |
|------------------------|--|----------------|---|---------------|--|
|                        | <i>Artefacts</i>   |                | <i>Artefact location</i>                      | <i>Period</i> |  |
| Chambered tomb         |  | 648 SH78SE     | LLETY'R FILIAST BURIAL CHAMBER, GREAT ORME    |               |  |
|                        | Pottery  |                | Lost  |               |  |
| Chambered tomb         |  | 4650 SH85SW    | CAPEL GARMON BURIAL CHAMBER                   |               |  |
|                        | 1 flint waste flake, Beaker frags, 3 vessels                             |                | NMW   |               |  |
| Cist cemetery, site of |  | 3393 SH55SE    | CISTS - BWLCHGYLFIN                           |               |  |
|                        | Unurned cremations in cists  |                | Lost  |               |  |
| Cist, site of          |  | 3391 SH55SE    | CIST WITH URN - FINDSPOT, GLAN YR AFON        |               |  |
|                        | Urn, burnt bone  |                | Lost  |               |  |
| Cremation              |  | 3101 SH46SE    | URN BURIAL, MAES Y BARCER, CAERNARFON         |               |  |
|                        | MBA urn, burnt bone  |                | NMW   |               |  |
| Cremation              |  | 4079 SH67SE    | URN BURIAL - FINDSPOT, PEN Y BRYN MANOR       |               |  |
|                        | Urn, burnt bone  |                | Lost  |               |  |
| Henge                  |  | 222 SH57SE     | HENGES, CURSUS AND NEO. SETTLEMENT, LLANDEGAI |               |  |
|                        | Early Neolithic pottery, Flintwork, Stone Axes etc                       |                | C14NMW, FML                                   |               |  |
|                        | dates  |                |   |               |  |
| Other site type/period | Hut circle   | 1387 SH45SE    | CAIRN, NW OF CAE-FORGAN, CARMEL               |               |  |
|                        | 'Pottery'  |                | Glynllifon - lost                             | EBA?          |  |
| Round barrow           | Cairn  | 30 SH56NE      | CAIRN WITH FOOD VESSELS, CARNEDD HOWEL        |               |  |
|                        | a. Neolithic bowl, b. Food vessel urn c. Small food vessel d. Burnt bone |                | Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford                    |               |  |
| Round barrow           | Cairn  | 306 SH66NW     | CAIRN (& URN BURIAL), MOEL FABAN              |               |  |
|                        | B. A. urn  |                | Lost  |               |  |
| Round barrow           | Cairn  | 314 SH66NW     | CAIRN, MOEL WNION                             |               |  |
|                        | Cup marked (?) slab  |                | In Situ                                       |               |  |
| Round barrow           | Cairn  | 471 SH77SW     | CAIRNFIELD, CERRIG GWYNION                    |               |  |
|                        | Flint flake  |                | Lost  |               |  |
| Round barrow           | Cairn  | 749 SH66SE     | CAIRN - CARNEDD DAFYDD                        |               |  |
|                        | Cup-marked stone   |                | In situ                                       |               |  |

| <i>Monument type</i>    | <i>Sub-type</i>   | <i>PRN MAP</i> | <i>SITENAME</i>                                      |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|--|---|--|
|                         | <i>Artefacts</i>  |                | <i>Artefact location</i>                             | <i>Period</i>   |  |
| Round barrow            | Cairn   | 4672 SH85NW    | CAIRN + BURIALS (Y GARNEDD?), E OF BRYN CYPLAU       |   |  |
|                         | Cists, inhumation burials   |                | Lost   |   |  |
| Round barrow            | Kerb cairn  | 758 SH66NE     | CAIRN - DROGL SUMMIT                                 |   |  |
|                         | Burnt bone  |                |  |   |  |
| Round barrow            | Mound   | 596 SH45NE     | BARROW, BENALLT, BETHESDA BACH                       |   |  |
|                         | Urn   |                | Lost   |   |  |
| Round barrow            | Mound   | 4558 SH76NW    | ROUND BARROW (N) NW OF PEN Y GAER HILLFORT           |   |  |
|                         | Charcoal, burnt bone, Cu, CuA frags   |                |  |   |  |
| Round barrow            | Mound   | 4559 SH76NW    | ROUND BARROW <S> NW OF PEN Y GAER HILLFORT           |   |  |
|                         | Charcoal, burnt bone, Cu & CuA frags.   |                |  |   |  |
| Round barrow            | Mound   | 4646 SH86NW    | MWDWL EITHIN, ROUND BARROW                           |   |  |
|                         | Urn, flint knife, flint borer   |                | Lost? (Not NMW)                                      |   |  |
| Round barrow            | Ring cairn  | 542 SH77SW     | RING CAIRN, CEFN COCH, ABOVE PENMAENMAWR             |   |  |
|                         | a. Collared urn b. Pottery fragments c. Unumed cremation  |                | NMW  | with b: 3470+/-143bp<br>NPL 11, inside circle:<br>3355+/-155 NP10 |  |
| Round barrow, not locat | Cairn   | 4562 SH76NW    | TUMULUS - SITE OF, BWLCH Y GWRYD                     |   |  |
|                         | 'A' Beaker, burnt bone  |                | Bangor Museum  |   |  |
| Round barrow, site of   |   | 36 SH56NW      | URN BURIAL - BRYN CRUG, NEAR BETHEL                  |   |  |
|                         | a. Several urns b. Pygmy cup. c. Bronze pin, d. Bronze a. NMW b. Chester Mus. C. knife blade, e. Loopheaded pin, f. Double loop palstav Lost d., e., f. NMW |                |  |   |  |
| Round barrow, site of   |   | 2465 SH86SW    | CAIRN, FARM YARD FARM                                |   |  |
|                         | Urns, cremations  |                | Lost?  | 2465  |  |
| Round barrow, site of   |   | 2879 SH77NW    | TWO BARROWS - SITE OF (+FINDS), PENMAENMAWR QUARRY   |   |  |
|                         | a. 2 urns and pygmy cup, b. Stone pygmy cup, 2 bronze pins, c. Other urns & unumed cremations   |                | a. Bangor Museum, b. Chester Mus. (possibly) c. lost |   |  |
| Round barrow, site of   |   | 3099 SH46SE    | TUMULUS + URN BURIAL - SITE OF, NR. BRYN SEIONT      |   |  |
|                         | a. Urns b. Pygmy cup  |                | b. NMW   |   |  |
| Round barrow?           | Cairn   | 5762 SH55NW    | ROUND CAIRN AND URN, BRYN BEDDAU ISAF                |   |  |
|                         | Urn, burnt bone   |                | Lost   |   |  |
| Round barrow?           | Mound   | 22 SH56NE      | TUMULUS, NEAR GOETRE UCHAF, PENRHOSGARNEDD           |   |  |
|                         | Flint convex scraper  |                | Lost   |   |  |

| <i>Monument type</i>  | <i>Sub-type</i>   | <i>PRN MAP</i>                   | <i>SITENAME</i>                                 | <i>Artefact location</i> | <i>Period</i>         |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|                       | <i>Artefacts</i>  |                                  |   |                          |                       |
| Round barrow? site of |   | 3116 SH46SE                      | TUMULUS + URN BURIAL, WATERLOO PORT, CAERNARFON |                          |                       |
|                       | Collared urn, burnt bone  |                                  |   | NMW                      |                       |
| Round barrow? site of |   | 4605 SH78SE                      | BARROW - SITE OF, MARINE DRIVE, GREAT ORME      |                          |                       |
|                       | Ashes, charcoal   |                                  |   | Lost                     |                       |
| Standing stone        |   | 1313 SH45SW                      | MAEN LLWYD STANDING STONE, GLYNLLIFON           |                          |                       |
|                       | Urn, charcoal, burnt bone   |                                  |   | NMW                      | MBA Food Vessel       |
| Standing stone group  |   | 544 SH77SW                       | STONE CIRCLE, CEFN COCH, ABOVE PENMAENMAWR      |                          |                       |
|                       | a. 2 cists & cremations<br>d. Graig Lwyd axe  | b. Fire pit<br>c. Quartz pebbles | NMW   |                          | Fire pit 3080+/-145bp |
| Stone circle          |   | 539 SH77SW                       | STONE RING, CEFN COCH, ABOVE PENMAENMAWR        |                          |                       |
|                       | Graig Lwyd axe  |                                  |   | Manchester Museum        |                       |
| Stone circle          | Embanked  | 541 SH77SW                       | DRUIDS' CIRCLE (STONE CIRCLE), CEFN COCH        |                          |                       |
|                       | a. Urn b. Food vessel & CuA knife<br>Urn frags c. Flint scrapers and flakes<br>f. GL rough out & flakes | c. Burnt bone d.                 | NMW   |                          |                       |

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| <i>Monument type</i>      | <i>Sub-type</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>MAP</i> | <i>Name identifier</i>                             | <i>Name English</i>                                    | <i>Type</i> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--|--|-------------|
| Chambered tomb            |                 | 529        | SH77SW     | a. Maen y Bardd, b. Cwt-y-bugail, c. Cwt-y-Filiast | a. Bard's stone, b. Shepherd's hut, c. Greyhound's hut | F           |
| Chambered tomb            |                 | 648        | SH78SE     | Llety'r Filiast                                    | Lodgings of the greyhound                              | F           |
| Chambered tomb            |                 | 2475       | SH77SE     | Allor Moloch                                       | Altar of terror!                                       | F           |
| Chambered tomb            |                 | 4650       | SH85SW     | Cae'r ogof (field name)                            | Field of the cave                                      | T           |
| Chambered tomb            |                 | 4671       | SH85NW     | Maen Pebyll  | Stone of the tent (camp?)                              | F           |
| Chambered tomb, site of   |                 | 3132       | SH46SE     | Castell Rhidyn                                     |  | F           |
| Chambered tomb?           |                 | 4545       | SH88SW     | Mainge y gynhadledd                                | Bank of the meeting place                              |             |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 30         | SH56NE     | Carnedd Howel                                      | Howel's cairn  | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 31         | SH56NE     | Carnedd Moel-y-Ci                                  | Cairn of the bare hill of the dog                      | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 456        | SH77SW     | Carnedd y ddelw                                    | Cairn of the image                                     | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 519        | SH77SW     | Barclodiad y Gawres                                | The apronful of the giantess                           | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 748        | SH66SE     | Carnedd Llewelyn                                   | (Prince) Llewelyn's cairn                              | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 749        | SH66SE     | Carnedd Dafydd                                     | (Prince) Dafydd's cairn                                | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 754        | SH66SE     | Carnedd fach                                       | Little cairn   | D           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 1429       | SH54NW     | Garnedd-goch                                       | Red cairn  | D           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 2351       | SH45SE     | Bedd Twrog   | Grave of (Saint) Twrog                                 | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 3779       | SH76SW     | Pen Llithrig y Wrach                               | Slippery top of the hag/witch                          | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 3924       | SH66SE     | Tristan's Cairn                                    |  | F           |
| Round barrow              | Cairn           | 4672       | SH85NW     | Y Garnedd Wen                                      | The White Cairn  | D           |
| Round barrow              | Mound           | 596        | SH45NE     | Grave of Galcacus                                  |  | F           |
| Round barrow cemetery/cl  |                 | 354        | SH67SE     | Carnedd y Saeson                                   | Cairn of the English                                   | F           |
| Round barrow, site of     | Ring cairn?     | 4673       | SH85NW     | Y Garnedd Rhun (possibly)                          | The Cairn of Rhun                                      | F           |
| Round barrow/natural feat | Mound           | 412        | SH87SW     | Bedd-y-canwr                                       | Grave of the hundred (men)                             | F           |
| Round barrow?             | Cairn           | 3687       | SH56SW     | Glyn Arthur  | (King) Arthur's valley                                 | F           |
| Round barrow?             | Cairn           | 5762       | SH55NW     | Bryn Beddau Isaf                                   | Hill of the graves                                     | F           |
| Round barrow? site of     | Cairn           | 626        | SH85NW     | Pen y Carnedd (Farm)                               | Top of the cairn                                       | T           |
| Round barrow?/natural fea | Mound           | 2892       | SH87SW     | Bedd Carawg  | Grave of Carrog  | F           |

| <i>Monument type</i>           | <i>Sub-type</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>MAP</i> | <i>Name identifier</i>           | <i>Name English</i>                                  | <i>Type</i> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Standing stone                 |                 | 523        | SH77SW     | Bwlch y Ddeufaen                 | Pass of the two stones                               | T           |
| Standing stone                 |                 | 524        | SH77SW     | Bwlch y Ddeufaen                 | ditto  | T           |
| Standing stone                 |                 | 562        | SH77SW     | 1. Maen Penddu 2. Maen y Campia  | 1. Black-headed stone? 2. Stone of the games         | D           |
| Standing stone                 |                 | 1313       | SH45SW     | Maen Llwyd                       | Grey Stone   | D           |
| Standing stone                 |                 | 4676       | SH85NW     | Maen Sertan, Maen y Siartyr      | Charter stone (Boundary stone, Aberconwy Abbey 1198) | D           |
| Standing stone                 |                 | 4678       | SH77SW     | Maen Crwn                        | Stout stone  | D           |
| Standing stone & Round b Cairn |                 | 527        | SH77SW     | a. Ffôn y Cawr, b. Picell Arthur | a. Stick of the giant b. Arthur's spear              | F           |
| Stone circle                   |                 | 528        | SH77SW     | Cerrig y Pryfaid                 | Stones of the insects?                               | F           |
| Stone circle                   | Embanked        | 541        | SH77SW     | Druid's Circle                   |  | F           |
| Stone row                      |                 | 649        | SH78SE     | Hwyffa'r Ceirw                   | (Race?/Course/Path of the deer                       | F           |

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| <i>MAP</i> | <i>PRN</i> | <i>Monument type</i> | <i>SITENAME</i>                           | <i>NGR</i> | <i>ALT</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>Env value</i> |
|------------|------------|----------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| SH55SE     | 1574       | Round barrow?        | CAIRN - E OF LLYN Y GADER                 | SH5720522  | 190        | C             | 3                |
| SH65NE     | 4509       | Round barrow         | CAIRN AND STANDING STONE - DYFFRYN MYMB   | SH6856564  | 210        | A             | 3                |
| SH66NE     | 12912      | Round barrow         | CAIRN, DROSGL NORTH                       | SH6543688  | 500        | A             | 3                |
| SH66NE     | 12913      | Round barrow         | CAIRN, DROSGL NORTH                       | SH6543688  | 500        | A             | 3                |
| SH66NE     | 12914      | Round barrow         | CAIRN, DROSGL NORTH                       | SH6543688  | 500        | A             | 3                |
| SH66SW     | 12917      | Round barrow?        | CAIRN, DROSGL NORTH                       | SH6543688  | 500        | B             | 3                |
| SH66SW     | 12918      | Round barrow?        | CAIRN, DROSGL NORTH                       | SH6543688  | 500        | B             | 3                |
| SH67SE     | 380        | Round barrow         | CAIRN, N OF FOEL GANOL                    | SH6859722  | 310        | A             | 3                |
| SH67SE     | 381        | Round barrow         | CAIRN, NE OF FOEL GANOL                   | SH6910721  | 370        | A             | 3                |
| SH76NE     | 684        | Round barrow         | CAIRN, ABOVE CAE DU                       | SH7525661  | 395        | A             | 3                |
| SH77NW     | 5520       | Round barrow         | CAIRNFIELD - CEFN LLECHEN                 | SH7442754  | 280        | B             | 3                |
| SH77SW     | 473        | Round barrow?        | CAIRNFIELD, BRYNIAU BUGEILYDD             | SH7182740  | 390        | E             | 3                |
| SH77SW     | 474        | Round barrow         | CAIRNFIELD, BRYNIAU BUGEILYDD             | SH7184740  | 400        | A             | 3                |
| SH77SW     | 477        | Round barrow         | Cairn                                     |            | 420        | C             | 3                |
| SH77SW     | 485        | Round barrow         | CAIRN, BRYNIAU BUGEILYDD                  | SH7200739  | 405        | B             | 3                |
| SH77SW     | 4710       | Round barrow         | CAIRNFIELD, BRYNIAU BUGEILYDD             | SH7183740  | 400        | A             | 3                |
| SH84NE     | 6256       | Round barrow         | CAIRN, BRYN CERBYD                        | SH8510451  | 375        | B             | 3                |
| SH84NW     | 1459       | Round barrow         | POSS. CAIRN BASE/HUT CIRCLE, YSBYTTY      | SH8206489  | 320        | B             | 3                |
| SH84SE     | 3219       | Round barrow? n      | TUMULUS (POSSIBLE) - SITE OF, LLANDDERFEL | SH8570446  | 643        | C             | 3                |
| SH85NW     | 4676       | Standing stone       | STONE, MAEN SERTAN                        | SH8408554  | 310        | AA            | 3                |
| SH86NW     | 3018       | Round barrow         | MWDWL EITHIN, ROUND BARROW                | SH8290682  | 389        | AA            | 3                |
| SH86NW     | 4646       | Round barrow         | MWDWL EITHIN, ROUND BARROW                | SH8290682  | 389        | AA            | 3                |



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## Field Record Form

| YMDDIRIEDOLAETH ARCHAEOLEGOL GWYNEDD ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  |  |  |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| FUNERARY AND RITUAL MONUMENT SURVEY, G1629, Form 1:       |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  | MAP  |  |
| DESCRIPTION   |  | Site Name           |                     |                 |  |                               |  | PRN  |  |
| Monument type   |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Sub-type                      |  |  |  |
| Period  |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Form                          |  |  |  |
| Length  |  | Width               |                     |                 |  | Diameter                      |  | Height                                       |  |
| Slope class   |  | Slope aspect        |                     |                 |  | Site prospect                 |  | Reverse prospect                             |  |
| Orientation   |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Siting                        |  |  |  |
| Topography gen.   |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Land use, site                |  |  |  |
| Land use, area  |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Vegetation, site              |  |  |  |
| Vegetation, area  |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Gen. deterioration            |  | Stable Slight Some Serious Gen dam/destroyed |  |
| Threat 1 type   |  |                     |                     | Threat 1 class  |  |                               |  | Threat 1 time                                |  |
| Threat 2 type   |  |                     |                     | Threat 2 class  |  |                               |  | Threat 2 time                                |  |
| Threat 3 type   |  |                     |                     | Threat 3 class  |  |                               |  | Threat 3 time                                |  |
| TEXT Site location and monument description               |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  |  |  |
|   |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  |  |  |
| EVALUATION CRITERIA                                       |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  |  |  |
| Condition   |  | Fragility           |                     | Vulnerability   |  | Survival                      |  | Potential                                    |  |
| Group value   |  | Arch docum          |                     | Histor docum    |  | Amenity value                 |  | Pal envir value                              |  |
| Sum value   |  | Overall value class |                     | High<br>(30-24) |  | Med<br>(23-17)                |  | Low<br>(16-10)                               |  |
|   |  |                     |                     |                 |  | Gen value class<br>(AA = SAM) |  | AA A B C D E                                 |  |
| TEXT Threat comment and management recommendation         |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  |  |  |
|   |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  |  |  |
| Owner/Tenant, name, address                               |  |                     |                     |                 |  |                               |  | Database                                     |  |
| Photo ref col neg   |  |                     | Photo ref col trans |                 |  | Visit date                    |  | Visit by                                     |  |

| YMDDIRIEDOLAETH ARCHAEOLEGOL GWYNEDD ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST              |  |  |     |
|--|--|--|-----|
| FUNERARY AND RITUAL MONUMENT SURVEY, G1629, <i>DESKTOP RECORD FORM</i> |  |  |     |
| OSMap  |  |  | PRN |
| Drawn record1  |  |  |     |
| Drawn record2  |  |  |     |
| Drawn record3  |  |  |     |
| Excavations  |  |  |     |
| Date of excavation   |  |  |     |
| Date of publication  |  |  |     |
| Refs   |  |  |     |
| Artefacts  |  |  |     |
| Artefact location  |  |  |     |
| Period/C14date   |  |  |     |
| Name identifier  |  |  |     |
| Name English   |  |  |     |
| Name type  |  |  |     |
| Comments   |  |  |     |
|  |  |  |     |

