# Cadw Scheduling Enhancement **Holy Wells**



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## INTRODUCTION

This project has been grant aided by Cadw, and undertaken by Gwynedd Archaeological Trust. It forms part of a wider scheduling enhancement project which aims to assess all monuments of medieval and post-medieval date. This report forms one of four projects being undertaken within 2010-11 to examine all ecclesiastical remains from the relevant period. The other three areas of assessment are: deserted churches, medieval stone carvings and medieval monastic sites. The projects have been undertaken with the primary aim of providing consistent and accurate information to allow the creation of a database of medieval ecclesiastical sites in northwest Wales, so that sites considered to be of national importance can be identified.

This report assesses Holy Wells and includes a list of all known sites of this type in Gwynedd and provides a list of sites deemed suitable for scheduling in light of the criteria provided.

In order to be suitable for scheduling as part of the current project each well must:

- i. Be associated with a named saint and/or have healing properties.
- ii. Retain some structural remains that pre-date 1750.

The work undertaken for this report has made use of the assessment undertaken in 2009-10 which examined holy wells as part of a prehistoric scheduling enhancement project (GAT Project No. G2013).

## METHODOLOGY

The first stage was to identify all holy wells listed in the Gwynedd HER and to consult key texts on the subject, principally *The Holy Wells of Wales* by Francis Jones (1954). Wider reading was then undertaken, and it became apparent that a number of wells listed in various publications were not present on the HER. These were added before sorting and applying the scheduling criteria. Once the final project database was compiled the criteria were applied and a list of suitable wells was formed.

The majority of wells on the final list had previously been visited during 2009-2010 as part of project No. G2013. These sites were not revisited, and only sites additional to that project were visited.

As has been previously stated the criteria for scheduling for this project required wells to:

- i. Be associated with a named saint and/or have healing properties.
- ii. Retain some structural remains that pre-date 1750.

In addition to this the scheduling criteria set out in Annexe 3 of Circular 60/96 was also used to provide a scoring system which was applied on the following basis:

Documentation:	Low – Listed only, no associated name or tradition Medium – Listed with associated name High – Listed with associated name and historical ref
Group value, Association	Low – No other associated site within 1km Medium – 1 poss. assoc. sites within 1km High – 2 or more poss. assoc. sites within 1km
Survival	Low – Location unknown/Site of only Medium – Well survives but re-built or re-used or vicinity built over or ploughed High – Well and immediately surrounding area intact
Condition	Low – Spring/pool only Medium – Surround walling present or buried High – Walling/Steps/Building survive
Fragility	Low – Protected within enclosure of walling/fencing/building Medium – Open but stone-built High – No stone-work visible
Vulnerability	Low – Low/No threat Medium – Medium threat, poss. future development/clearance High – High threat, Short term/Current
Diversity, type	Low – Natural spring/pool Medium – Walled pool High – Stepped basin/building
Potential, general	Low – Natural pool/structure destroyed Medium – Visible or possibly buried early structure High – Ditto plus possibly associated activity nearby

Each value was allocated a numerical score between 1 and 3, with 3 always being the preferred state. The scores were totaled for each visit to produce a sum score that was then divided according to a Low, Medium or High overall score. This was then used to put each site into a category of heritage value:

A: National importance

B: Regional importance

C: Local importance

D: Minor importance

E: In need of further investigation before a value can be assigned

## RESULTS

## Introduction

The Gwynedd HER originally listed a total of 149 wells and springs 92 of which are classified as being ritual and religious. Twelve of the wells in the HER are already protected, five being Scheduled Ancient Monuments and seven Listed Buildings. As these wells are already protected it was not deemed necessary to include them in the current project but they were used as a threshold for scheduling and to identify any types of well that are under represented.

Those currently protected are:

PRN	SITENAME	NGR	STATUS	No./GRADE
2540	ST. SEIRIOL'S HOLY WELL & CELL, PENMON	SH63058079	SAM	A062
2202	FFYNNON ALLGO, LLANEUGRAD	SH49898477	SAM	A068
2004	FFYNNON GWENFAEN, RHOSCOLYN	SH25957543	SAM	A055
103	FFYNNON BEUNO HOLY WELL, CLYNNOG FAWR	SH41324945	SAM	C091
2772	FFYNNON CYBI HOLY WELL, LLANGYBI	SH42734126	SAM	C037
12644	FFYNNON CYBI, LLANGYBI	SH40434230	LB	GI
17000	WELL-HEAD TO SOUTH-WEST OF VAYNOL HALL	SH53636938	LB	GII
12648	FFYNNON SULIEN, CORWEN	SJ06904411	LB	GII
4500	FYNNON BERIS, NANT PERIS	SH60855836	LB	GII
1221	FFYNNON AELIW HOLY WELL, RHIW	SH23382847	LB	GII
1203	WELL (UN-NAMED), MYNYDD ENLLI	SH12182219	LB	GII
4115	FFYNNON FAIR, DOLGELLAU	SH72601755	LB	GII

Using a variety of sources an additional 73 wells were added to the database, to be subsequently included within the regional HER.

Some of the wells are known only from documentary sources and their sites have never been identified. A rapid search using the First Edition 25inch Ordnance Survey of 1889 identified the location of two more, though considerable research had already been undertaken by Cymdeithas Ffynhonnau Cymru (Welsh Wells Society) and several additional wells to those recorded in the HER are listed in their publications (Gruffydd & Gruffudd 1997 and 1999).

A number of Welsh language sources that were not previously consulted were used during the desk-top research. These included *Llen Gwerin Sir Gaernarfon* (Jones, 1908), *Archaeologia Lleynensis* (Daniel, 1892) and both volumes of *Ffynhonnau Cymru* (Gruffydd & Gruffudd, 1997

and 1999). All of the wells found in these sources that were not present on the Gwynedd HER were added as part of the project.

Recently Gwynedd County Council restored some of the holy wells in the Dwyfor District (Llŷn) as local and visitor attractions. As part of that project the council commissioned local historian Ken Gruffudd to carry out documentary research on wells in the district. This resulted in a large file of information in Welsh, it has since been translated and will be incorporated into the Gwynedd HER. A number of the better and more accessible wells in Llŷn have now been cleared and conserved, and interpretation signs erected by the district council.

## **Historical Background**

Holy wells are notoriously difficult to date. Whilst they are thought to have early Christian or even prehistoric origins the majority of dateable surviving remains belong to the post-medieval period. Suggestions have been made of a pre-Christian Celtic tradition of skulls or heads associated with wells in Ireland (Brennemen 1995), and a few names of wells attributed to saints may be derived from the names of Celtic gods. However, the saints' names of most wells indicate medieval origins, and some of these are confirmed in medieval Saints Lives (Wade-Martins 1944). Similarly by the 12<sup>th</sup> century a number of stories of miracles were recorded in association with St Winefride's well, Holywell, Flintshire (Edwards 1994). Early Irish texts indicate that adult baptism at Easter and outside the church building was accepted practice in Ireland in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The Normans later instituted a reformed practice in Ireland in step with accepted practice on the Continent. This required the baptism of infants within the church, allowing closer ecclesiastical control of the community (de Bhaldraithe 1997).

The key work on holy wells in Wales is that of Francis Jones (1954). This comprised an extensive study and commentary on the documentary evidence for the presence and uses of holy wells from pre-medieval times to the present day, including a discussion of the place names and associated beliefs and rituals. It also included a county by county gazetteer of all known wells, whether identified on the ground or known only from literary or oral sources. The gazetteer included 1179 wells in the whole of Wales.

Wells recorded in the HER include those with saints' names, other personal names, names expressing divination or curative properties or topographic names. There are also wells that were simply sources of drinking water. The latter were not included in the survey although some may have been of historical significance in relation to settlements or buildings of high status. A holy well is defined as a well associated with Christian worship, though it also includes many wells with curative properties, whilst others were associated with divination and cursing. Well dressing, a common practice in Ireland, also took place in Wales.

## **Numbers and Distribution**

A total of 215 wells were catalogued, and of these 51 passed the criteria for consideration for scheduling. The distribution is shown in fig's 1 and 2. There are a slightly lower number of wells in Meirionydd but concentrations can be seen around Dolgellau and along the Ardudwy coast. The largest concentration of wells is found in Llŷn, many of which must be associated with the

pilgrimage to Bardsey. There are several wells on Bardsey itself and there is a notable group of wells around Mynytho and Llanbedrog.

There are relatively few wells on Anglesey, however, several of them became well known, and are attested in early writings, such as Ffynnon Ddwynwen on Landdwyn Island and Ffynnon Seiriol near Penmon church.

There are fewer wells in north Gwynedd and West Conwy apart from a small concentration on the Great Orme, where fresh water would have been a valuable commodity anyway and was important for washing the copper ores from the mines there.

## **Types of Well**

Today wells are generally considered to be domestic water supplies either accessing spring water or deeper aquifers through bored rock. Wells that access spring water are known as 'surface wells' though they can be 2m deep or more, and, where the supply is known, all holy wells fall into this category.

Francis Jones classified wells in a number of ways, but initially by name (Table 1). The majority are known by the name of a saint, though other names are also used, some of which refer to their location or other descriptive feature.

## Table 1: The types of name of Holy Wells in Wales (after F. Jones, 1954)

Holy Names	437
Secular Names	104
Occupational Names	32
Adjectival (descriptive) names	93
Tree Names	25
Animal and Bird Names	61
Topographical Names	125

He also classified wells by area according to their perceived major attributes such as Saint's Names, Healing wells, Wells associated with chapels etc (Table 2). Note that these attributes are not exclusive but can overlap. Generally the proportions within each county in each category are similar. The only very notable exception is that of Caernarfonshire where he states that 84 of the 88 recorded wells are healing wells. This does not seem to be a mis-print to judge by the entries in the gazetteer and seems to be accounted for by the unusually comprehensive record of traditions relating to wells in Caernarfonshire provided by a local bard John Jones, also known as Myrddin Fardd (1908)

County	Saints' names	Healing wells	Assoc. with chapels	Assoc. with megaliths	Pins offered	Rags hung
Anglesey	21	19	5	3	1	
Caernarfon	37	84	9	7	11	1
Meirionnydd	26	23	1	1	3	

## Table 2: Holy Wells in north-west Wales according to their attributes (after F. Jones, 1954)

These 'attributes' formed the main focus of his analysis although he also identified the occurrence of all saints names by county. This distribution was not analysed in detail and could bear some further study. The relation between the saints' names of churches and of wells is also of interest and could be studied further. Jones states that where the names of a church and its well differ then this is usually taken to mean re-dedication of the church rather than the opposite.

In the gazetteer he groups wells by county and divides them into the following five classes, although he did not summarize the numbers in each class.:

A Bearing the names of saints or other sacred designation e.g. Easter (Pasg).

B Associated with churches, chapels, feasts or pilgrimage.

C Reputed to be healing wells and not closely associated with churches.

D Named after secular people.

2 Large

3 Wells

E Miscellaneous. Only those that possess a name of significance or associated with legends or traditions. All others ignored.

Further classification of the structural remains of the wells was undertaken following completion of the fieldwork for this project. This involved dividing by size and by structure type, and differentiated between small pools that only provide access for dipping of vessels and large pools of sufficient size to allow access for bathing or immersion. Table 3 summarizes the identification of wells according to these categories and identifies sub-types.

## Table 3: Classes of well in north-west Wales

1 Small pools (Dipping pools - under 1m max horizontal dimension):

a. Natural or simply modified excavated hollows	11
b. Pool enclosed in a fully built but open surround	16
c. Pool in a covered small hollow/tank	4
pools (Immersion pools - over 1m max horizontal dimension):	
a. Rectangular tank backfilled or silted, visible only as an earthwork	8
<ul> <li>Rectangular tank, of dry stone and possibly early structure</li> </ul>	25
c. Rectangular tank, of Post-medieval construction e.g. slate, brick etc	7
of all Post-medieval construction or unclassifiable:	
a. Re-built as a modern water supply	10
b. Re-built as a Post-medieval landscape feature	1
c. Not located/ Buried and hidden/Too damaged to classify	

### /destroyed/uncertain and in need of further investigation

Many wells with associated holy traditions were later modified to create public water supplies, sometimes with additional cisterns, with coverings over the well, metal pipe-work or even with additional houses for oil-engine pumps. Because of the ubiquity of public piped water even these are now falling into ruin. One of these is Ffynnon Cawrdraf, Abererch, a well with curative traditions, now covered by a brick building from where the water was piped off. The site of the well has local importance but there are no visible remains earlier than the early 20<sup>th</sup> century so any case for its preservation is difficult to argue.

The wells with large pools may have performed a different purpose from the small pools. The provision of steps and sometimes seats and niches indicates bathing and perhaps baptism. The presence of such pools of clearly 19<sup>th</sup> century construction makes their understanding and evaluation difficult. However, there is a good case for the re-construction of wells on older sites and there are some that are clearly of much earlier date. Those of class 2a, that are buried and abandoned have research potential and are good candidates for research excavation and preservation.

Jones describes the process by which pre-Christian wells were 'Christianised' and became places of popular pilgrimage. Older curative properties could become subsumed into the good properties of the saint to whom it was attributed. The wells were later widely shunned or even damaged during the Reformation although some old traditions and practices clung on in Wales. In the 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> centuries there was a revival of use of wells under Puritanism, particularly with the renewed practice of adult baptism. With the development of scientific study in the 18<sup>th</sup> century the curative properties of wells became a matter of popular knowledge and so their waters were sought again for medicinal purposes. Some wells were reconstructed during this period as a popular place of healthy resort. A documented example is that of Ffynnon Gybi, Llangybi, described by Francis Jones (1954, 73). Its waters were the subject of a published pamphlet in 1767 – An experimental and Practical Enquiry of the waters of Llangybi, (Caern.) by Dr D.W. Linden. The owner of the well, William Price of Rhiwlas, built a bath and bath-house at the well and several cures were recorded as resulting from use of its waters (Jones, 1954, 74).

After about 1850 the development of antiquarian interests put wells into the class of folklore, diverting attention from their original sacred or curative purposes. Nevertheless, Jones records evidence that some belief in the special properties of waters from holy wells survived even into the 20th century. Jones quotes the Rev. Elias Owen who published papers in *Archaeologia Cambrensis* in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century that at Abererch, near Pwllheli, when water from the public water supply was substituted in the church font for that from Ffynnon Gadfarch the congregation watched the event 'with considerable dread and misgivings'. Some wells must have been re-built and enclosed at this time and new springs were even opened up. The well of Ffynnon Dol y Seler, or Llawr-Dolsere near Llanfachreth was described in a paper in 1859/60 (Owen Wyn Jones) which said that it had been filled in with stones ' to prevent its use for witchcraft and magical charming' but then seems to have been totally restored for private use by the landowners from the nearby mansion. It was lost in forestry until found, researched and restored by Reg Wheeler in the 1980's (Wheeler 1986), although now neglected and gradually becoming overgrown again.

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## **Threats and Management**

Through research and subsequent fieldwork it has become clear that a great deal of wells have been neglected and in many cases forgotten completely. This would appear to be the main threat facing most wells. Ffynnon Gorllas (Anglesey) is a typical example of a well once considered of considerable importance but now deteriorating due to neglect and subsequent erosion, mostly in the form of root damage. Other wells that have been neglected have in recent years benefited from clearance and restoration. Gwynedd County Council have recently restored a number of Holy Wells in the Dwyfor area as tourist attractions, an example being Ffynnon Fyw which has now been cleared and partially restored. Groups such as Cymdeithas Ffynhonnau Cymru have been influential is promoting the plight of holy wells in Wales and raising awareness through various publications.

Most of the wells that are not currently protected and located in open fields are under threat from damage by livestock, potential clearance, natural erosion and vegetation. There are very few wells that are located in cultivated areas, however Ffynnon Faglan (Caernarfon) is one exception. This well was fairly recently filled and leveled by a farmer to enlarge his field, it is likely that the well basin still survives under the surface.

Change of ownership and land use can also be a potential threat for unprotected wells. Two wells that may be threatened by this can be seen in those of the highest recorded value (Table 4) Ffynnon Helen (Caernarfon) is currently well maintained by the owners of the well, however being located in the garden of a private house that has been on the market poses the possibility of neglect or destruction by new owners. Ffynnon Cerrig Ceinwen (Llangristiolus, Anglesey) is located in a churchyard and is currently maintained but the church is soon to be deconsecrated which may threaten the condition of the well.

Of the 14 wells identified as being of national importance (Table 4) three are at risk from potential development, two are at risk from stock trample, two have no observable threat, and the remaining eight are only threatened by vegetation and natural erosion.

## Wells of High Recorded Value

Following scoring 14 wells (Table 4) were identified as being of potential national importance (Category A) and 7 of Category A/B, National/Regional value (Table 12). Not all these, however, were able to pass the two essential criteria for scheduling, either because the physical remains were poorly represented, or because of insufficient dating evidence. For example Ffynnon Lygad 2, Dolgellau is a relatively slight monument but has a long tradition of use, and Ffynnon Betws Fawr is a substantial well which was recorded by the 19<sup>th</sup> century antiquarian and bard John Jones (Myrddin Fardd), as being known as Ffynnon Rufeinig but traditions associated with the well had been forgotten by the time he was writing.

## Table 4: Wells of high recorded value

PRN	SITENAME	WALLED RESERVOIR	STEPS	SEATS	BUILDING	ASSOCIATED CHURCH	Status Group
32074	FFYNNON GORLLAS	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	A
1253	FFYNNON ENGAN - HOLY WELL, LLANENGAN		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	A
4125	FFYNNON Y LLYGID - DOLGELLAU	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	A
4745	HOLY WELL- FFYNNON-Y-CAPEL	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	А
32092	FFYNNON ENDDWYN	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	А
2923	FFYNNON OLEDD (OR GOLEDD), BWLCH Y RHIWGYR	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	A
27527	FYNNON LYGAD 2	Yes	No	No	No	No	А
1251	FFYNNON FYW - HOLY WELL, NR CAPEL HOREB	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	A
3119	FFYNNON HELEN HOLY WELL, NR. HEN WALIAU	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	A
8562	FYNNONN DOL SERAU	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	A
657	FFYNNON GELYNIN HOLY WELL, LLANGELYNIN	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	A
5364	FFYNNON FIHANGEL, FFYNNON FARM, MANOD	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	A
2158	CERRIG CEINWEN HOLY WELL & SPRING	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	А
1222	FFYNNON SAINT HOLY WELL, NR RHIW	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	А
634	FFYNNON ELEN HOLY WELL	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	A/B
3567	FFYNNON EILIAN - HOLY WELL, LLANEILIAN	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	A/B
2379	FFYNNON DDUNAWD HOLY WELL, BRAICH- Y-SAINT	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	A/B
3638	FFYNNON DUDWEN - HOLY WELL, SE OF ST. TUDWEN'S CH.	No	No	No	No	No	A/B
4591	ST TUDNO'S WELL (FFYNNON), LLANDUDNO	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	A/B
2597	HOLY WELL, LLANFIHANGEL DIN SILWY	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	A/B
2279	WELL, BETWS FAWR, LLANYSTUMDWY	Yes	No	No	No	No	A/B

## Wells Proposed for Scheduling

(See Fig. 3 & Appendix A)

The scheduling criteria for the current project states that for a well to be schedulable it must :

- 1. Be associated with a named saint and/or have healing properties.
- 2. Retain some structural remains that pre-date 1750.

This means that only wells included in classes 1a-c and 2a-b (Table 3) which also meet the criteria will be suitable for consideration. Fifty one wells remain after the application of these filters, and of these 12 have been deemed potential candidates for scheduling.

Three of the wells which have been proposed for scheduling (Ffynnon Gorllas, Ffynnon Enddwyn and Ffynnon y Capel) were not included in the Gwynedd HER prior to the start of this project. Cerrig Ceinwen holy well is not the most impressive in terms of structure but is potentially at risk due to the forthcoming de-consecration of the associated church. Ffynnon Llygid 2 was discovered during the research for project G2013 and may be the original well that was used for cures as the main Ffynnon Llygid (PRN 4125) is located in the grounds of a large country house and may be a later creation. The same water fills both wells. Ffynnon Fyw has recently been cleared, partially restored and interpretation signs erected by the County Council with the help of Cymdeithas Ffynhonnau Cymru.

PRN	SITENAME	WALLED RESERVOIR	STEPS	SEATS	BUILDING	ASSOCIATED CHURCH	Status Group
2923	FFYNNON OLEDD (OR GOLEDD), BWLCH Y RHIWGYR	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	A
1251	FFYNNON FYW - HOLY WELL, NR CAPEL HOREB	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	A
3119	FFYNNON HELEN HOLY WELL, NR. HEN WALIAU	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	А
8562	FYNNONN DOL SERAU	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	А
657	FFYNNON GELYNIN HOLY WELL, LLANGELYNIN	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	А
5364	FFYNNON FIHANGEL, FFYNNON FARM, MANOD	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	А
32074	FFYNNON GORLLAS, LLAINGOCH	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	А
4745	FFYNNON Y CAPEL	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	А
32092	FFYNNON ENDDWYN	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	А
2158	CERRIG CEINWEN HOLY WELL & SPRING	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	А
27527	FFYNNON LLYGID 2	Yes	No	No	No	No	А
634	FFYNNON ELEN HOLY WELL	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	A/B

## Table 5: Wells proposed for scheduling

## **Future Research**

During the work undertaken for this project it became evident that very little fieldwork has been undertaken on the sites of holy wells, and though we have considerable historical information our understanding of the chronology and form of the wells is considerably lacking.

Ffynnon Betws Fawr is a good example of a well which would benefit from excavation - it was recorded by the 19<sup>th</sup> century antiquarian and bard John Jones (Myrddin Fardd), who said it had been called Ffynnon Rufeinig (Roman well) though the traditions associated with it had been almost lost. The substantial structure which consists mostly of large boulders now appears largely domestic, but the well is named after and lies close to a derelict church (a scheduled ancient monument). It is also clear from historical references that small chapels once accompanied many wells but that these were destroyed during the Reformation. An example of this might be the small rectangular building platform recorded near to the well of Ffynon Oledd, Barmouth. Ffynnon Gorllas is another example of a well which had an associated chapel although its location is not currently known. During excavations for a pipeline in 2005 a complicated stone surface was discovered in close proximity to the well which may also have been associated with the chapel.

A programme of targeted archaeological fieldwork is recommended with the aim of gaining an improved understanding of the nature and chronology of holy wells. Their sacred nature gives them a level of cultural significance within the landscape which their slight physical remains often belie. Their survival and interpretation is important, and the work undertaken on the Llŷn peninsula in conjunction with Cymdeithas Ffynhonnau Cymru provides a good example of what can be achieved.

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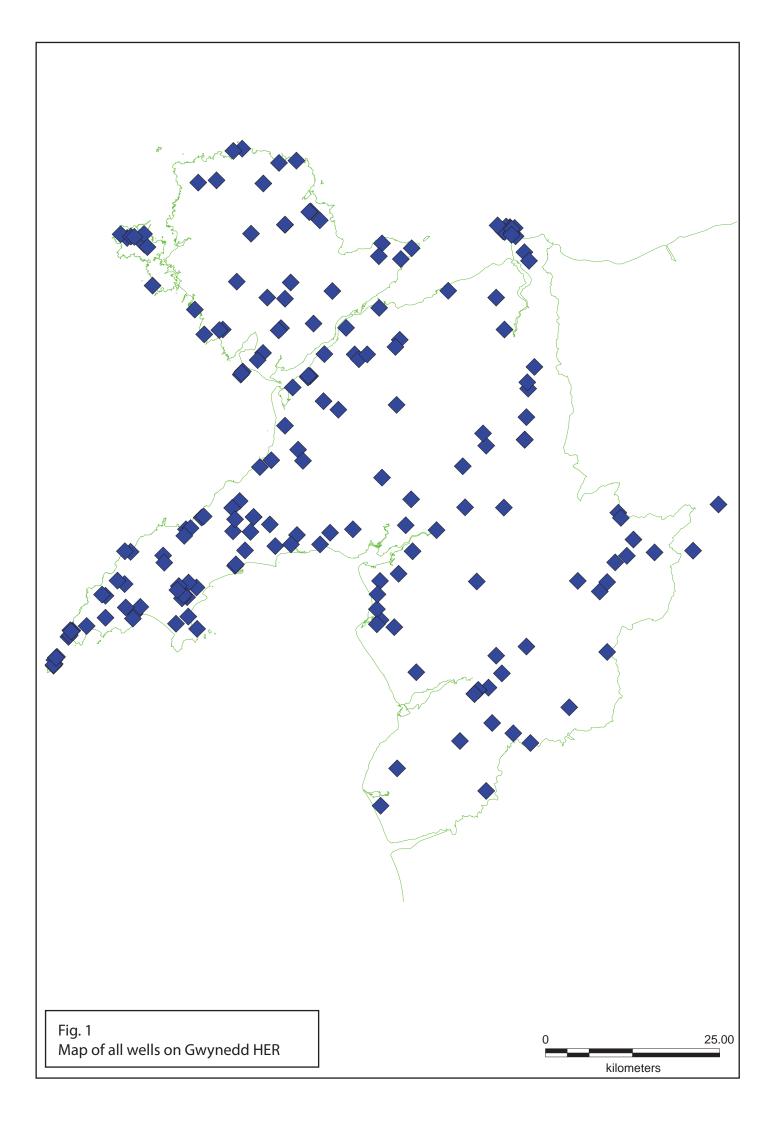
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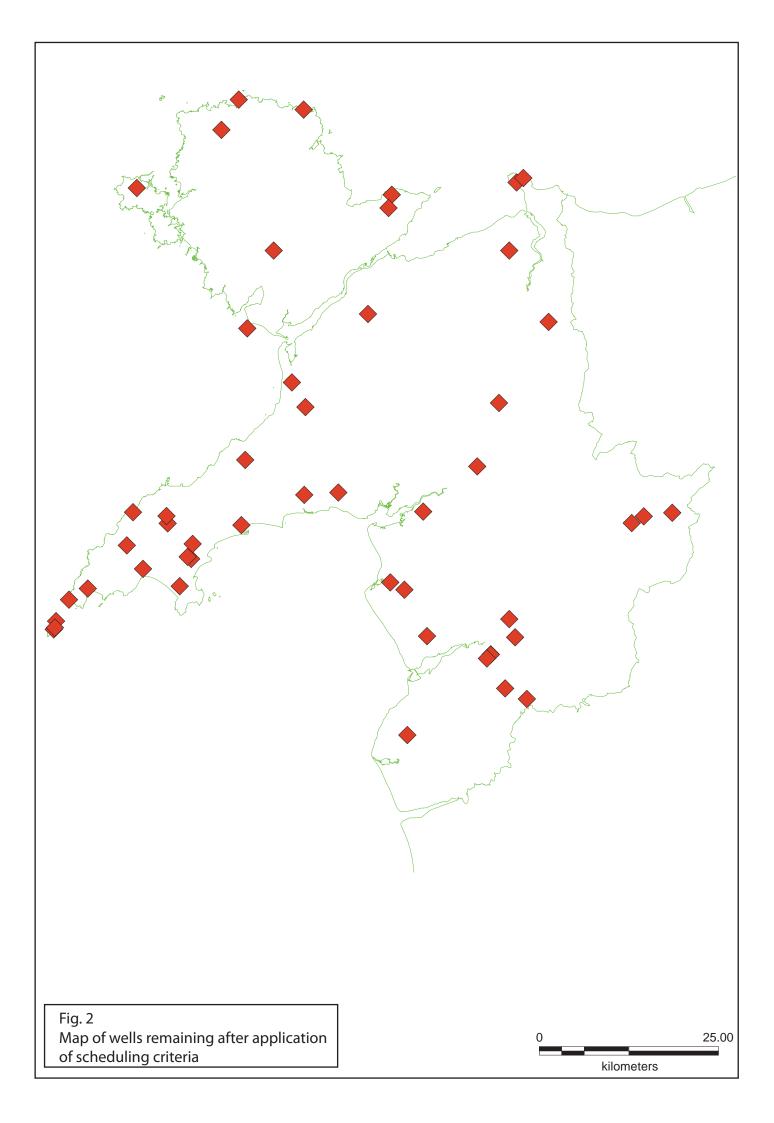
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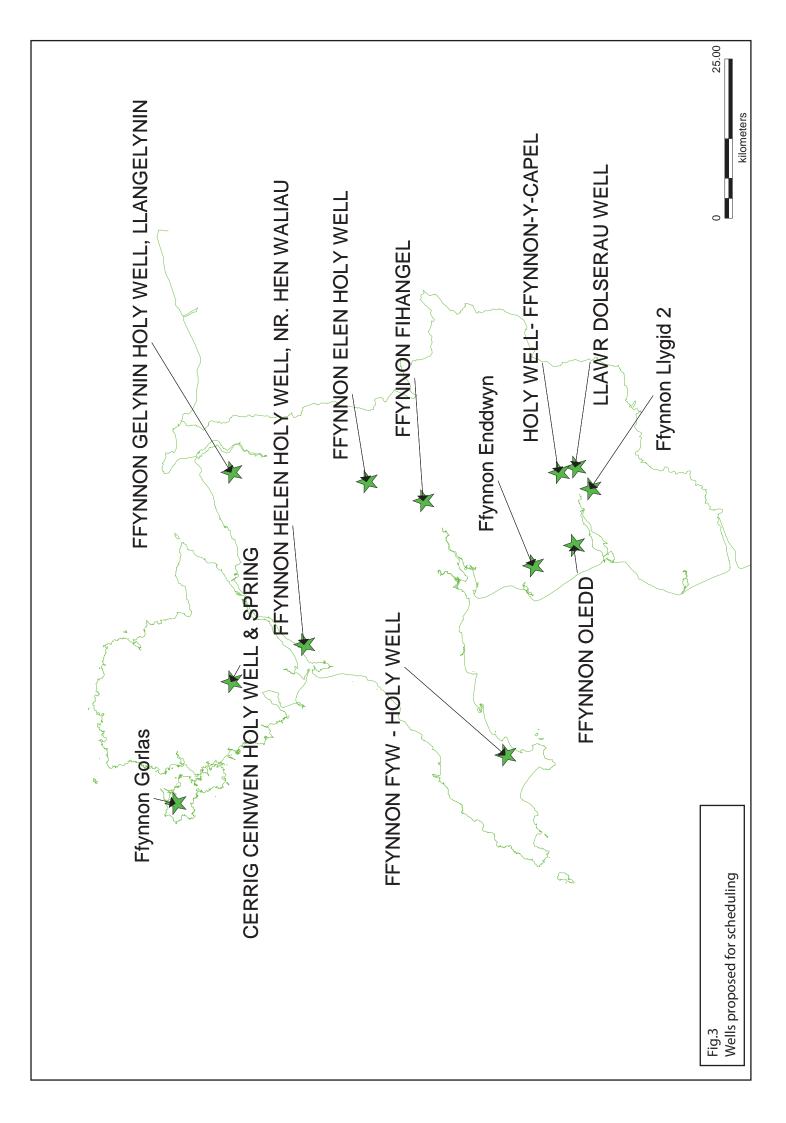
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## Appendix A

Scheduling Recommendations PRN: 32074NGR: SH23368240OSSITE NAME: Ffynnon GorllasLOCATION: Llainwen, Holyhead, Ynys MônSITE TYPE: Well-HolyGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: Holy Well

## NOTES:

A well can be seen on the 1st ed OS map (and subsequent editions) in the same area as the site of Capel Gorllas PRN1761. The well is also known as Ffynnon y Gorlles, Golles or Gollais and is associated with Capel Gorllas. It is recorded as, 'A famous spring called Ffynnon y Gorlles near a ruined chapel called Capel y Gorlles' ; the well was in the east end of this chapel – Price, 'Short Account of Holyhead', *Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica*, V, (1790) – from F. Jones (1954)

## SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

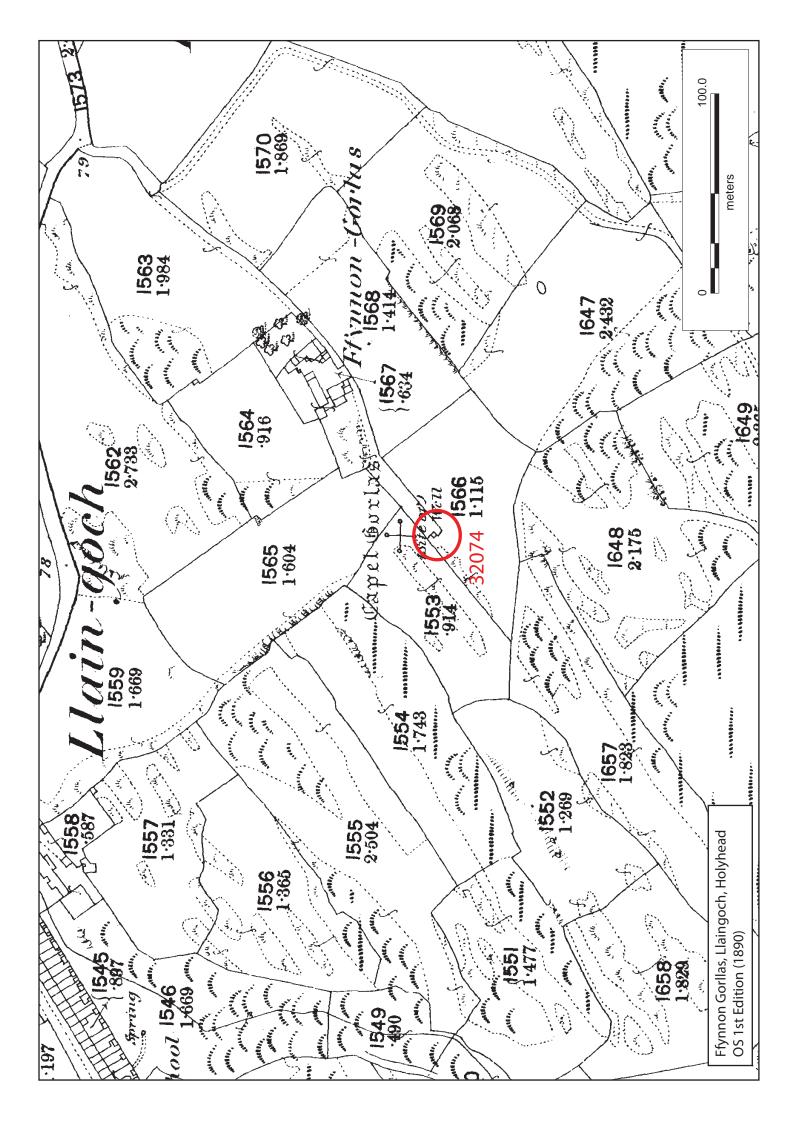
The well is located in an overgrown area in a very wet field which is currently used for pasture. The area to the north and west of the well is dryer and is the location of a paved track discovered during excavations in 2005. All that was visible of the well during the visit was 3 sides of the main reservoir which are of dry stone construction. The north-western and south-western walls are both approximately 5m in length where as 7m of the south-eastern wall was visible. Internally the walls stand to an average height of around 1m, accurate measurement was not possible due to thick bramble growth.

## THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The well is currently totally overgrown and in need of attention. Livestock present a slight risk to the well but vegetation is actively damaging the structure of the well. A number of trees are now growing on the walls of the structure and should be removed as part of any management and maintenance scheme.

OWNER: Hafod yr Eithin

Documentation	3
Group Value	2
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	3
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	3
Sum Value:	22
Value Group:	Н
Evaluation Status:	А
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α





Location of Ffynnon Gorllas from the south-west



Extent of overgrowth makes it impossible to show stonework, view from north-east

NGR: SH75102248

OS MAP: SH72SE

PRN: 4745 NGR: SH SITE NAME: Ffynnon y Capel LOCATION: Llanfachreth, Meirionydd SITE TYPE: Well - Holy

GLOSSARY SITE TYPE: Holy Well

## NOTES:

The well was beneficial for sore eyes and was still resorted to until the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The well was also known as Ffynnon Gwyddno at one time (RCAHMW 1921) and had come into existence through a miracle performed by St Machreth. N. Carlisle states that it was likely a chapel stood nearby in his book *The Topographical Dictionary of Wales*, 1811. It is believed that the well and chapel were built by the monks of Cymer Abbey.

## SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

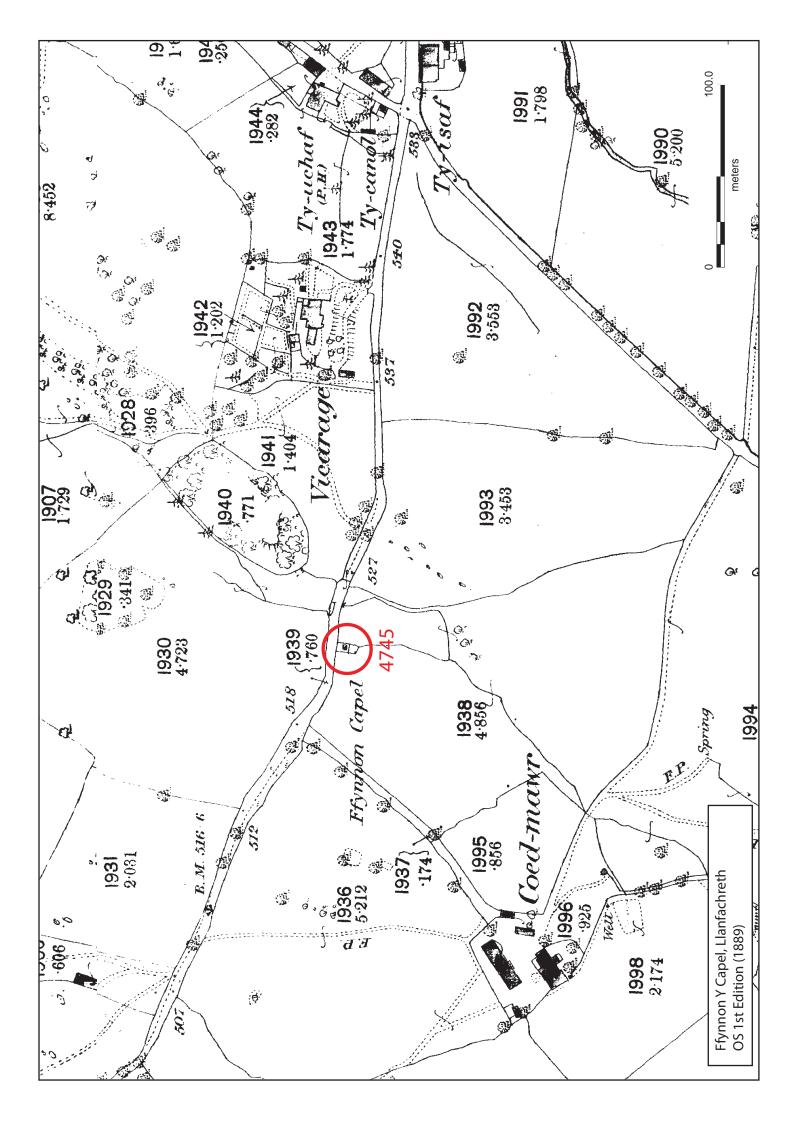
The well is located on the south side of the road that heads west from Llanfachreth. This is a fairly large well which sits on a rectangular mound measuring approximately 9mx7m which appears to be, at least partially, built of stone. On the centre of the earthwork is a mortared stone reservoir which is covered in corrugated sheets. When the site was visited it was not possible to gain access to the well itself as the landowner could not be identified, however Eirlys Gruffudd states in her book *Ffynhonnau Cymru vol.1* (1997) that internally there are five steps that lead to the water.

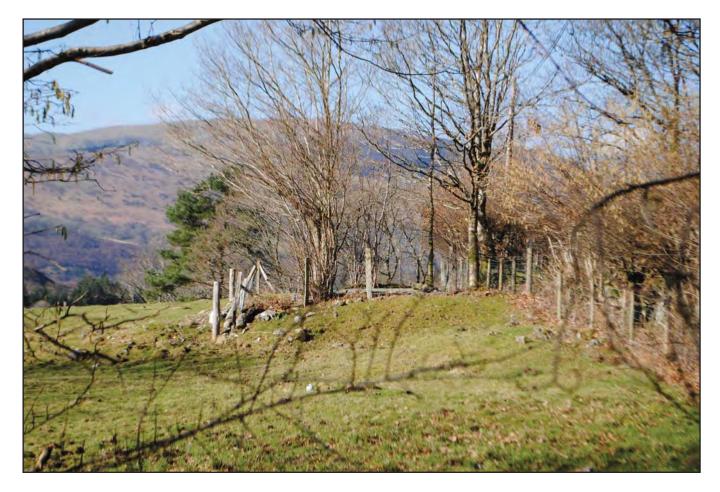
## THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

Until recently the site of the well was fairly overgrown but the area has now been cleared. A post and wire fence has been placed around the centre of the well but the earthwork on which it stands is still susceptible to erosion form livestock.

OWNER: Unknown

Documentation	3
Group Value	2
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	1
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	2
Sum Value:	19
Value Group:	M/H
Evaluation Status: Scheduling Grade (A-C)	A <b>A</b>





Location of Ffynnon y Capel from the east



PRN: 32092NGR: SH61372553OS MAP: SH62NWSITE NAME: Ffynnon EnddwynLOCATION: Fridd y Talwrn Mawr, east of Llanenddwyn, MeirionyddSITE TYPE: Well - HolyGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: Holy Well

## NOTES:

The well is located on the road from Llanenddwyn/ Dyffryn Ardudwy to Cwm Nantcol. It is said that St. Enddwyn was suffering from a painful disease that was cured after she bathed in the well. The well was said to be beneficial for a number of conditions including sore eyes and glandular problems.

## SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

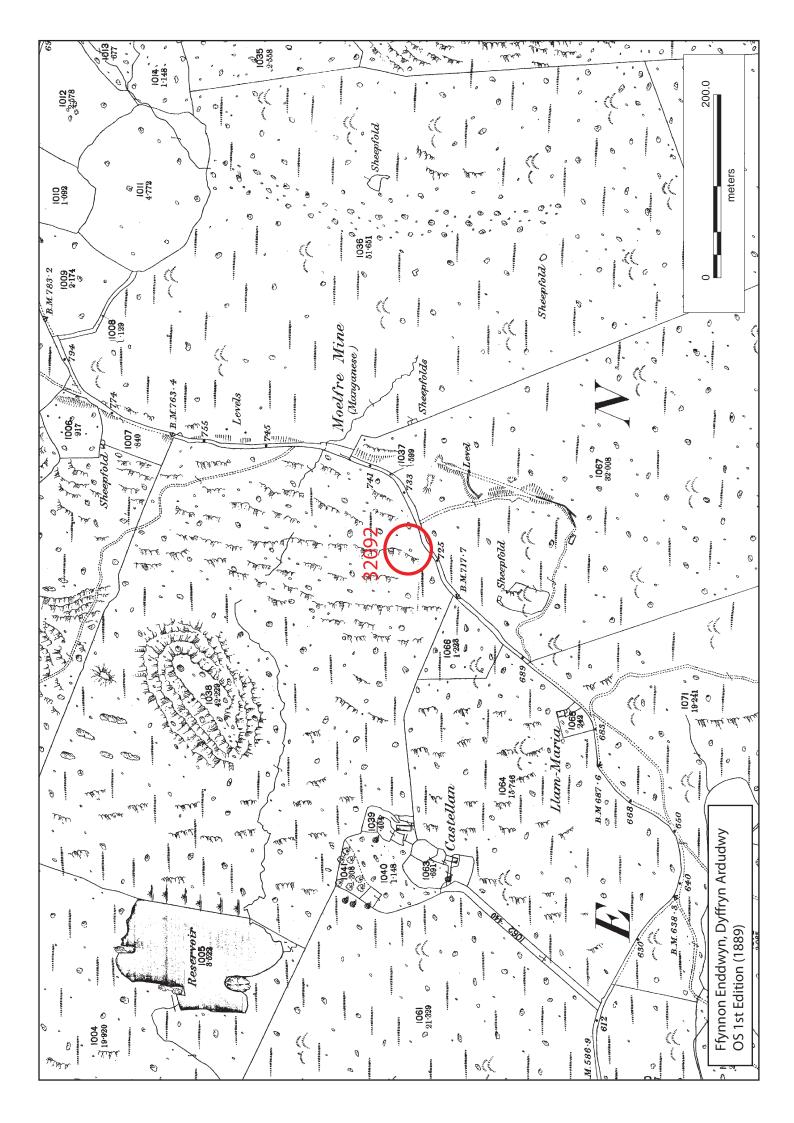
The well is located on open land which overlooks Llanenddwyn and Dyffryn Ardudwy. The well itself is of dry stone construction and is fairly large, consisting of a small well and bathing pool. The small well is  $0.8m^2$  and on the day of the visit held a depth of 0.3m of water. Water flows from the well into the bathing pool which is approximately  $2m^2$  then flows downstream through a small culvert. Around 0.1m of water was held in the pool at the time of the visit.

## THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The well is currently in a good state of repair and a plaque indicating the location of the well had been placed at the kissing gate that leads from the road. Another small plaque giving a short history of the site has also been erected close to the well.

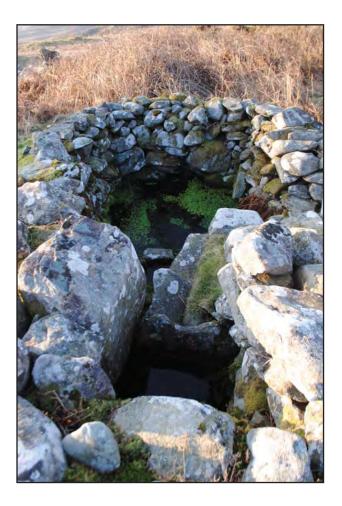
OWNER: Tyddyn Bach Ucha

Documentation	3
Group Value	1
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	1
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	2
Sum Value:	18
Value Group:	Н
Evaluation Status:	А
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α





Location of Ffynnon Enddwyn from the south



Detail of well and bathing pool from the south-east

NGR: SH30903086

OS MAP: SH33SW

PRN: 1251 SITE NAME: Ffynnon Fyw LOCATION: Mynytho, Gwynedd SITE TYPE: Well - Holy

GLOSSARY SITE TYPE: Holy Well

## NOTES:

The well is a fairly substantial structure that consists of a wall that surrounds two pools, a small one for drinking/filling vessels and a larger one for bathing. The well was said to be dedicated to Curig who's chapel stood nearby (Baring Gould & Fisher, *vol 2*, 1913). Daniel states in *Archaeologia Lleynensis* (1892) that blind people had been cured at the well.

## SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

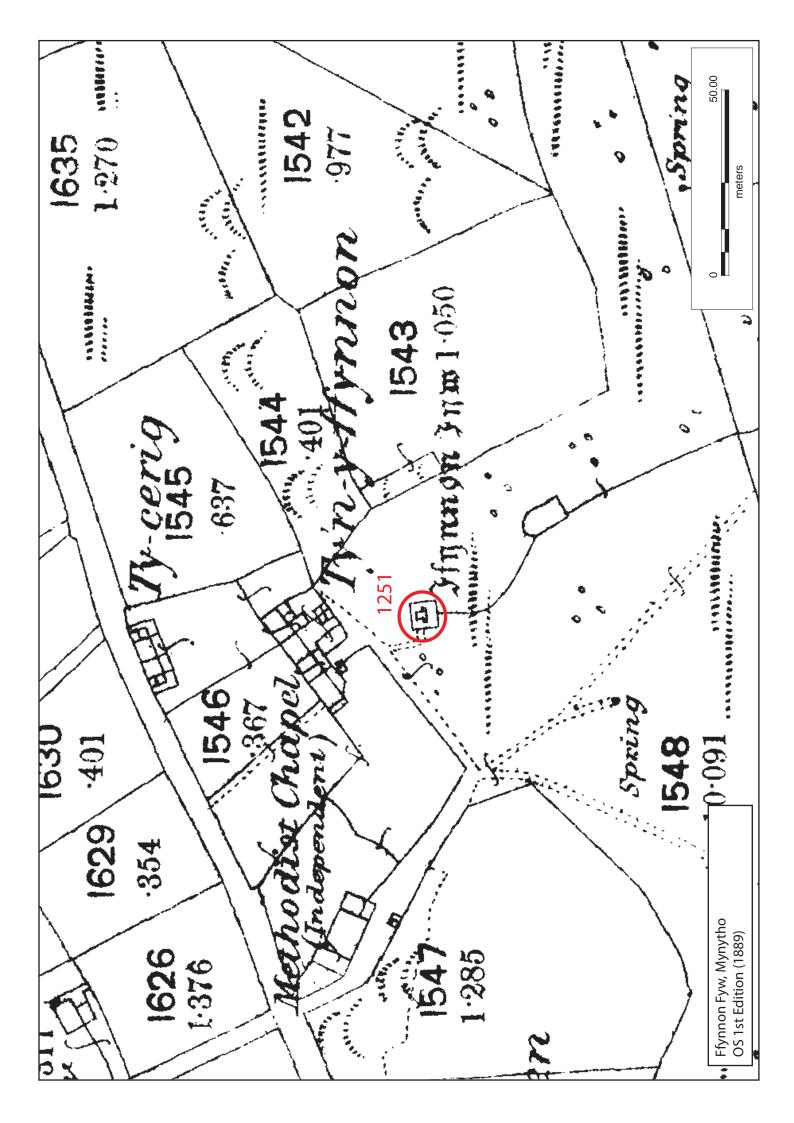
The well is located to the south of the road from Mynytho to Abersoch close to Capel Horeb. The two pools are enclosed by a wall measuring 7mx7m that is up to 1m high in places. The largest of the pools measures 2.75m x 2m and holds approximately 0.8m of water. The smaller well is 1.8m x 0.75m and contains water to a depth of 0.7m. Along the eastern wall there is a stone bench and steps lead down from a gap in the western wall to the two pools.

## THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The well has been cleared of overgrowth and has been renovated. A fence has been erected to protect the structure along with signage to promote its location.

OWNER: Common land.

Documentation	3
Group Value	3
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	1
Vulnerability	1
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	3
Sum Value:	20
Value Group:	Н
Evaluation Status:	А <b>Д</b>
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	A





Ffynnon Fyw from the west



PRN: 2158NGR: SH42377369SITE NAME: Cerrig Ceinwen Holy Well & SpringLOCATION: Llangrustiolus, Ynys MônSITE TYPE: Well - HolyGLOSSARY

OS MAP: SH47SW

GLOSSARY SITE TYPE: Holy Well

## NOTES:

IN THE CHURCHYARD OF CERRIG CEINWEN ON THE S SIDE, IS A HOLY WELL FORMED NATURALLY IN THE ROCK, AND ONCE MUCH RESORTED TO AS A SPRING THAT COULD CURE MANY DISEASES.<1> FFYNNON CERRIG CEINWEN. IN 1893 THERE WAS A NEGLECTED WELL IN CERRIG CEINWEN CHURCHYARD WHICH WAS CREDITED WITH HEALING QUALITIES: IT PROBABLY COMMEMORATED ST. CEINWEN.<2>

A SPRING ISSUING FROM A NATURAL CLEFT IN THE ROCK. SURVEYED AT 1:2500.<3>

## SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

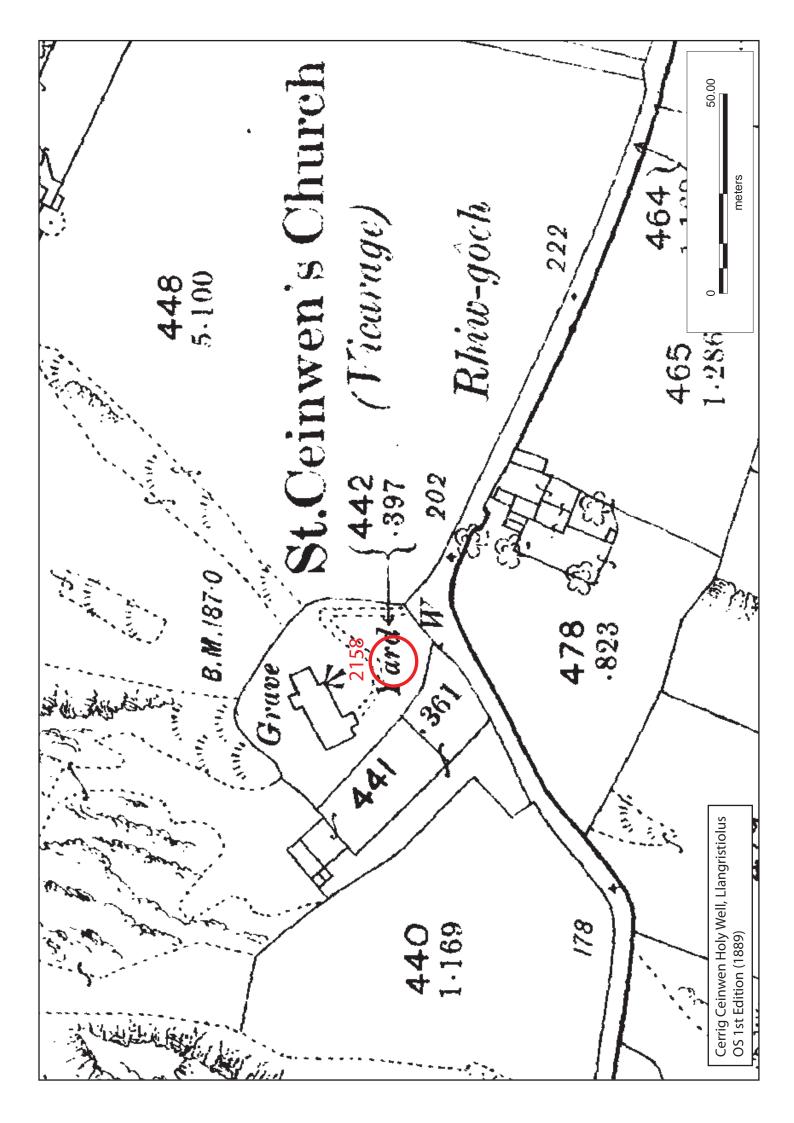
The well is located around 20m to the south-west of the church entrance and is passed as one walks towards the building. The well still resembles a natural spring however stonework is present and appears to form a step into the water although the pool appears to be too small for bathing. At the time of the visit the pool held 0.5m of water.

## THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The area of the well has recently been cleared of brambles and general overgrowth and is generally in a maintained condition. St. Ceinwen's church is due to be de-consecrated which would mean that the well may become neglected. Small scale excavation may help understand the structure.

OWNER: Church in Wales

Documentation	3
Group Value	2
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	2
Potential Gen.	2
Sum Value:	19
Value Group:	Н
Evaluation Status:	А
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α





Cerrig Ceinwen Holy Well from the north-west



Cerrig Ceinwen, detail of pool showing depth of water, view from the north-west

PRN: 634NGR: SH73675252SITE NAME: FFYNNON ELEN HOLY WELLLOCATION: DOLWYDDELAN, CONWYSITETYPE: WELL - HOLYGLO

#### OS MAP: SH75SW

#### GLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

Ffynnon Elen. A small rectangular basin now dry 9ft by 7ft., with walls of earth-mortared rubble, on ground sloping steeply to the S. The S wall is 1ft 6 ins thick and 1ft high; the remaining walls are revetments only, that on the N reaching a height of 4ft; water emerging outside the S wall is now collected in a drinking trough. The name has also been applied to a natural spring about 100 yards to the NW. <1>

Surveyed at 1:2500. <2>

The well is as described by the RCAHM. It is easily accessible up a path beside the church. It did not appear to be very deep and was rather clogged up with leaves. A stream runs down beside it. <3>

#### SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

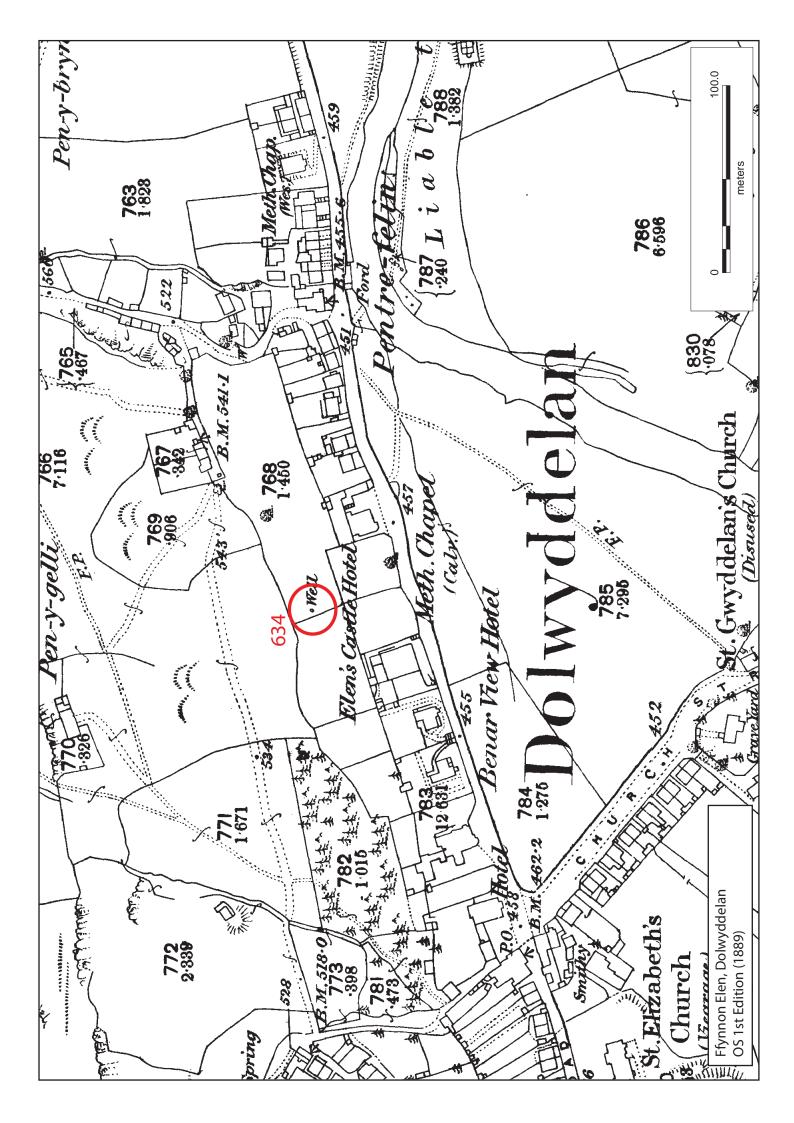
Overgrown well to north of chapel and hotel, comprises a pool 1.9 x 1.2m now containing a few cm of water. Spring enters under north wall. Rough slabs on the N and E form seats or access. One large stone in the NE corner probably acted as a step surrounded by drystone revetment walls. Wall at N stands 2m above well floor. Water currently seeps through S wall into a very overgrown trough that is partly covered by slate and contains an alkathene pipe.

### THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

A well preserved and unimproved example of a simple well. Long term threat by growth of trees which will destabilize the revetment walls. Bill Jones and Dolwyddelan Hist. Soc. are planning to clear it.

**OWNER:** Ellis Roberts at Castell Elen Hotel

Documentation	2
Group Value	3
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	2
Sum Value:	20
Value Group:	Н
Evaluation Status:	A/B
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α





Ffynnon Elen from the east



PRN: 657NGR: SH75127369OS MAP: SH77SESITE NAME: FFYNNON GELYNIN HOLY WELL, LLANGELYNINLOCATION: LLANGELYNIN, CONWYSITETYPE: WELL - HOLYGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

Ffynnon Gelynin is located in the s corner of the churchyard of the old parish church (GAT 1581). It is a rectangular basin 5' x 2' and now c 2' deep. It was enclosed within a small rectangular building 10' x 6' 6", the floor paved with slabs which overlap the edge of the basin. The entrance, 2' 6" wide, is on the E side. The building is now ruined and roofless, though it has been much built up, especially on the S and W where it is joined to the churchyard wall. Lower parts of the wall are of good masonry, and are probably medieval.

Condition: ruinous. <1>

Reference un-checked. <2>

This water was taken from the church for baptism, used for divination, clothes of sick children put in water to see if they floated (recovery) or sank (death). The building over the wall was in good repair in 1739, and had a slated roof in 1742. <3>

Described by Hughes and North as being in the centre of a small (roofless) oblong building with a seat on all but the E side, the water was noted for the cure of sick children who were taken care of at Cae Iol farm, just S of the church (now ruined). <4>

The well is as described. <5>

An interesting well at the SW corner of the churchyard. It had a roof in 1742. The water was noted for its alleged cure of sick children. <6>

Condition unchanged since 1962. <7>

Building is no longer visible, some rubble of N wall left, S and W now churchyard wall. Stone slabs *in situ* around oblong pool of water, marshy immediately E in churchyard. <8>

# SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

As described; the basin and seats on either side and the slab floor are original and intact. The basin is full of water but contains some rubble. The adjoining walls of the church yard have been rebuilt and so have the walls of the well building, that of the NE relatively recently. RCAHMW NPRN 32211. Said to have born a date stone of 1622 & to have been roofed in 1742 (RCAHMW 1956 (Caernarvon I) 133).

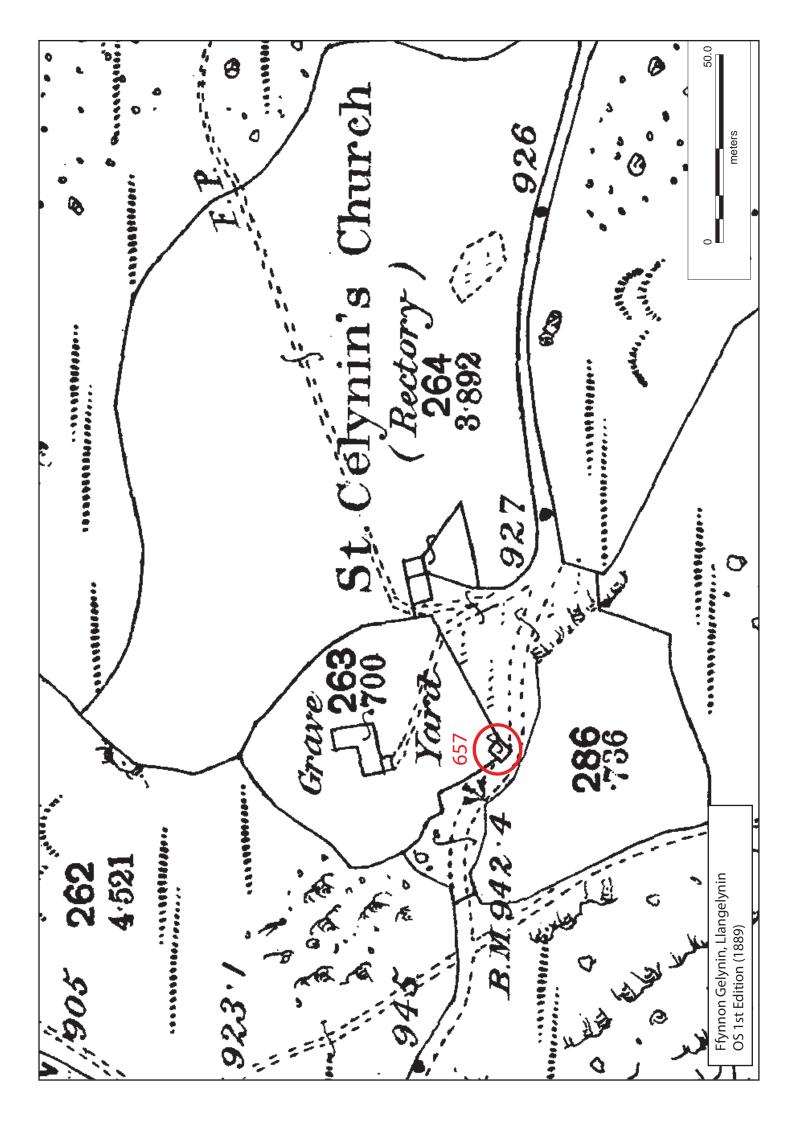
# THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The well is part of the church property but a separate building to the church itself (which is a listed building Grade 1). Stable and cared for. A valuable part of the church and yard. A name-board would give added interest.

OWNER: Church in Wales

Documentation	3
Group Value	2
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	1
Vulnerability	1

Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	3
Sum Value:	19
Value Group:	M/H
Evaluation Status:	А
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α





Ffynnon Gelynin from the north-east



# PRN: 2923NGR: SH63702012OS MAP: SH62SWSITE NAME: FFYNNON OLEDD (OR GOLEDD), BWLCH Y RHIWGYRLOCATION: LLANELLTYD, BARMOUTH, MEIRONNYDDSITE TYPE: WELL - HOLYGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

# SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

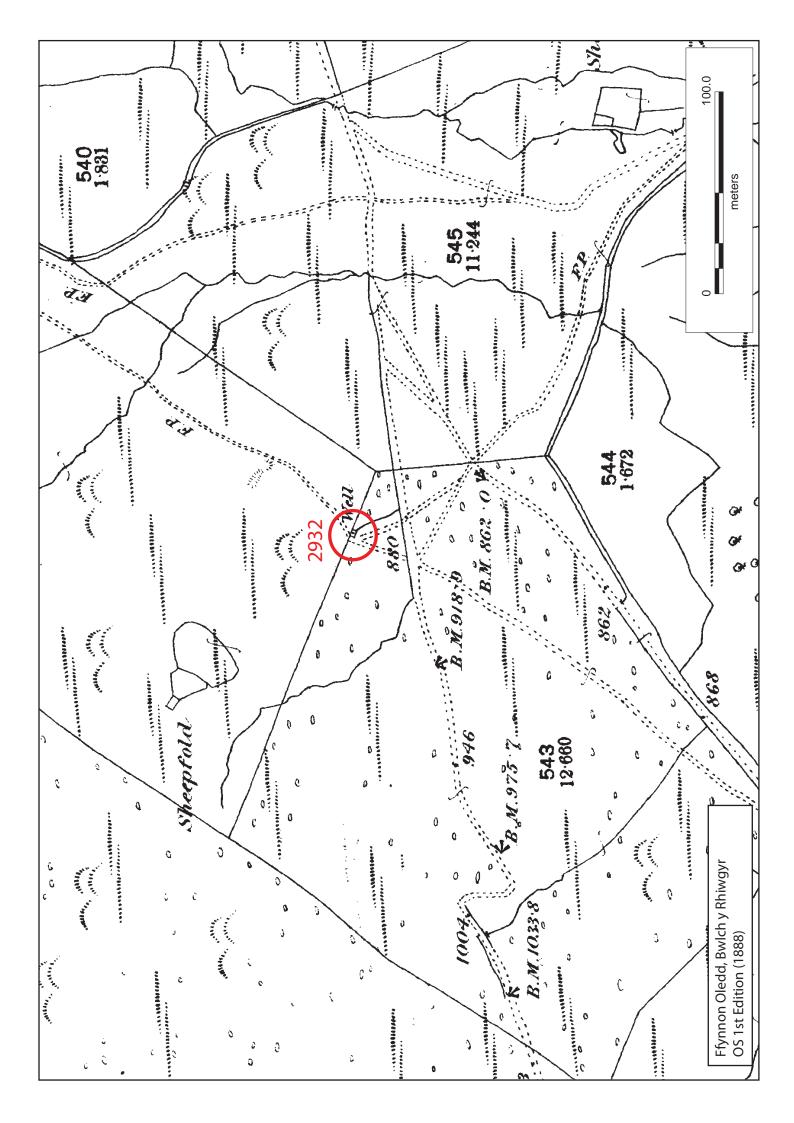
The well is as described by the OS in 1973. It has a stone floored basin within a small sub-rectangular structure with walls up to 1.2m wide. Vertical flat slabs create the basin within the wells and a small ditch takes the run-off down to join a modern ditch. The adjoining field wall of enclosure period type, clearly is built over the north wall of the well. To the south-west at 20m away are the remains of a small rectangular building with adjoining small terraced platform.

# THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The well building is in good condition and complete and is certainly pre 19th C and the nearby small rectangular building is more of medieval type i.e. stone footings for a timber building.

**OWNER:** Unknown, probably Sylfaen **TENANT:** 

Documentation	3
Group Value	2
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	1
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	3
Sum Value:	20
Value Group:	Н
Evaluation Status: Scheduling Grade (A-C)	A <b>A</b>





Ffynnon Oledd from the south-east with possible roofing slab



# PRN: 3119NGR: SH48216217OS MAP: SH46SESITE NAME: FFYNNON HELEN HOLY WELL, NR. HEN WALIAULOCATION: CAERNARFON, GWYNEDDSITETYPE: WELL - HOLYGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

# SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

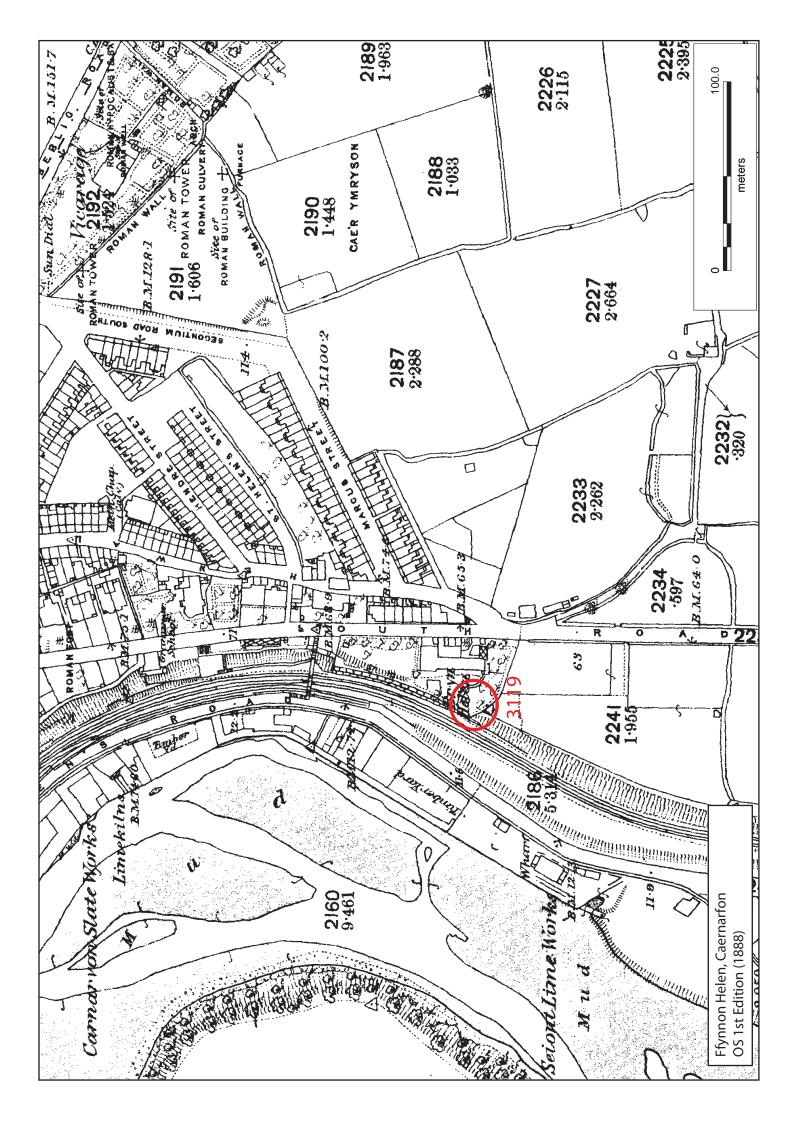
NB new grid ref SH 7821262166. The well consists of a square tank filled with cut slates slabs and mortared sides. It is c.2m square internally with slab floor c. 2m below ground level. A narrow curving series of slate steps leads down from ground level. The well has been partially covered over by slabs and masonry supported on 2 steel posts. The whole well is set in a terraced hollow in the hillside.

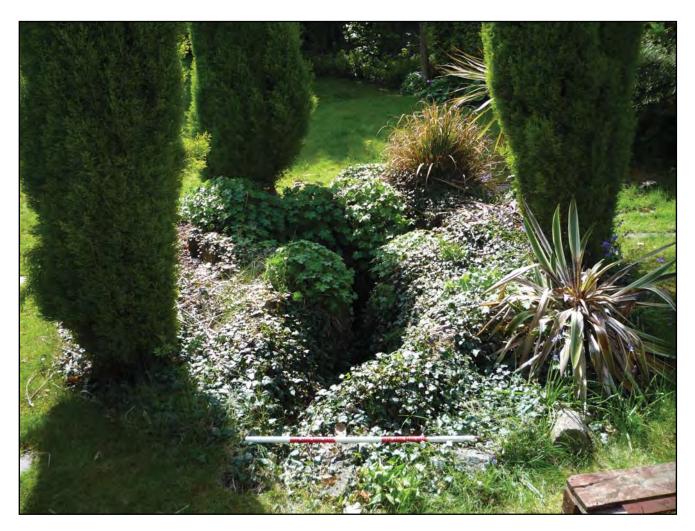
# THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

The visible well structure is of the 19<sup>th</sup> century but it is still the outward survival of an earlier well. Cared for as part of the garden but the roof and side are at risk of collapse without maintenance. The well needs fencing as it is a fall hazard, particularly for children. The tank still contains shallow water but probing suggests it was originally about 0.8m deep. The well is very vulnerable to destruction by infilling and garden landscaping should the house be sold in future (currently on the market).

# **OWNER:** Llwyn Helen, South Road, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2HP **TENANT:**

Documentation	3
Group Value	2
Survival	2
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	3
Sum Value:	20
Value Group:	M/H
Evaluation Status:	А
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α





Ffynnon Helen from the north-east

PRN: 5364NGR: SH70664369OS MAP: SH74SWSITE NAME: FFYNNON FIHANGEL, FFYNNON FARMLOCATION: MANOD, BLAENAU FFESTINIOG, MEIRIONNYDDSITE TYPE: WELL - HOLYGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

Spring of water flowing out from underneath small ruined building at Ffynnon Farm. The water is very cold and clear, even on a very hot day, suggesting its origin is well underground. The water is still considered beneficial. The owner of Ffynnon Farm believes the ruined building to be the old church of St Michael, (the more recent church in Llan Ffestiniog being named after it). Apparently the water from the spring was carried to many churches in the area for baptisms. The building and the well are very overgrown at present but the owner does have plans to clear the site up.<3>

# SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

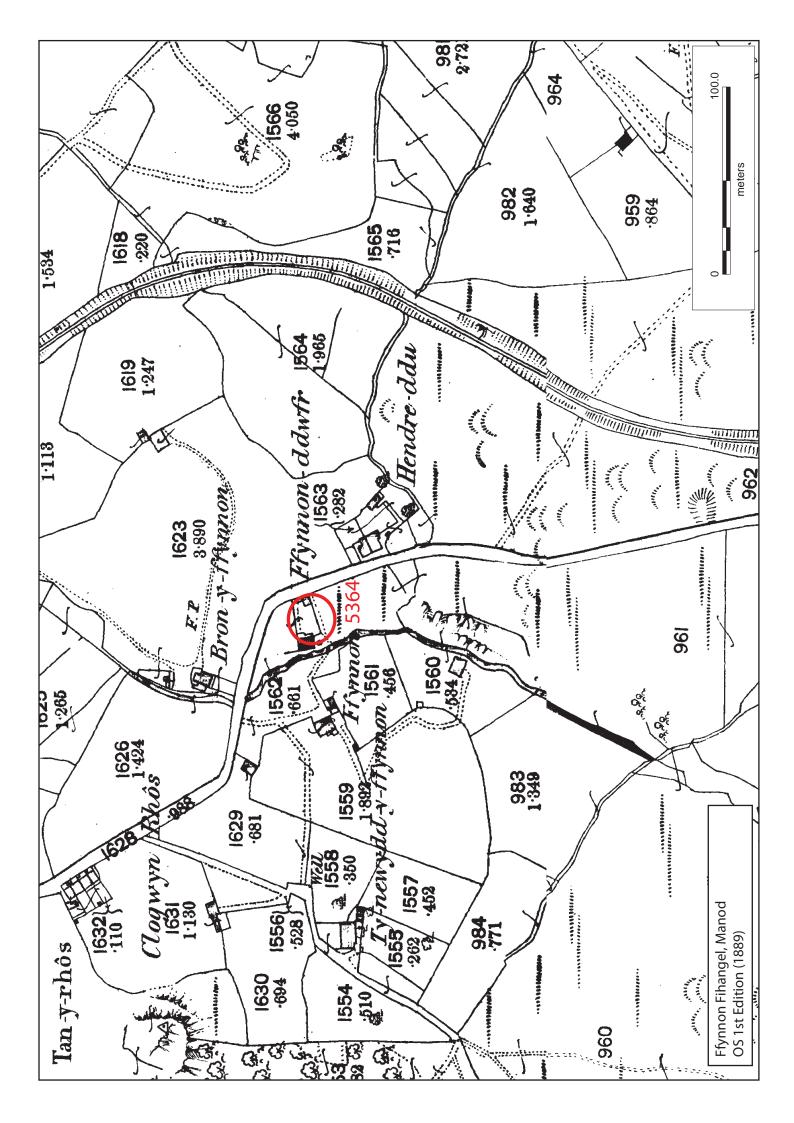
The building has become heavily overgrown with trees threatening to further damage the well. Otherwise the building is largely complete except west wall collapsed, obscuring the interior and steps and pool. A complex structure, best visited in winter when the vegetation is down.

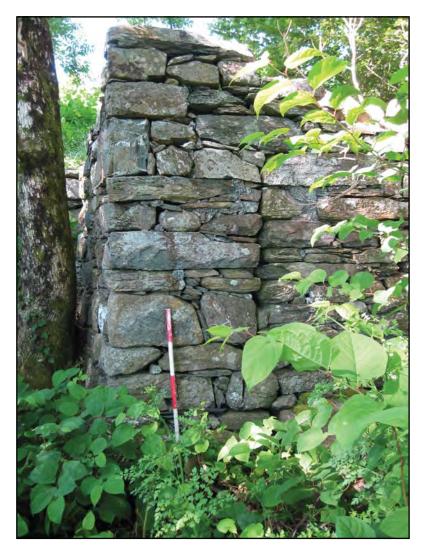
# THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

A complex and relatively well preserved building deserves protection and clearance which the owner is keen to carry out but requiring funds. Presently applied for EU grant scheme but unsuccessful. Encroached on by road building. Statutory protection would help its survival. Needs a proper survey, could be of high value possibly wider visitor interest

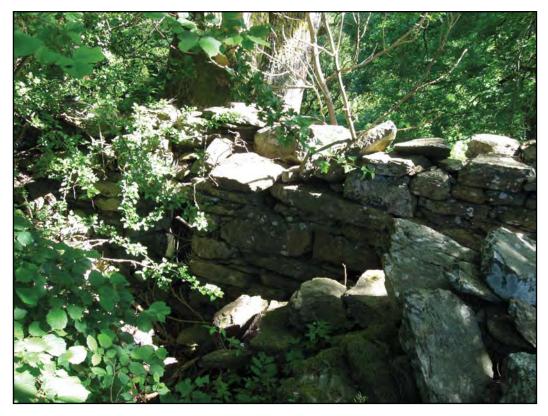
OWNER: Elizabeth Watkins-Hughes, Ffynnon, Manod, Blaenau Ffestiniog

Documentation	3
Group Value	1
Survival	3
Condition	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	2
Sum Value: Value Group:	19 M/H
Evaluation Status: Scheduling Grade (A-C)	A <b>A</b>





Ffynnon Fihangel, exterior corner from the south-east



Ffynnon Fihangel, interior of south wall showing window aperture, view from the north-west

PRN: 8562NGR: SH75941993OS MAP: SH71NWSITE NAME: FFYNNON DOL SERAULOCATION: DOLGELLAU, MEIRIONNYDDSITE TYPE: WELL - HOLYGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

## SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

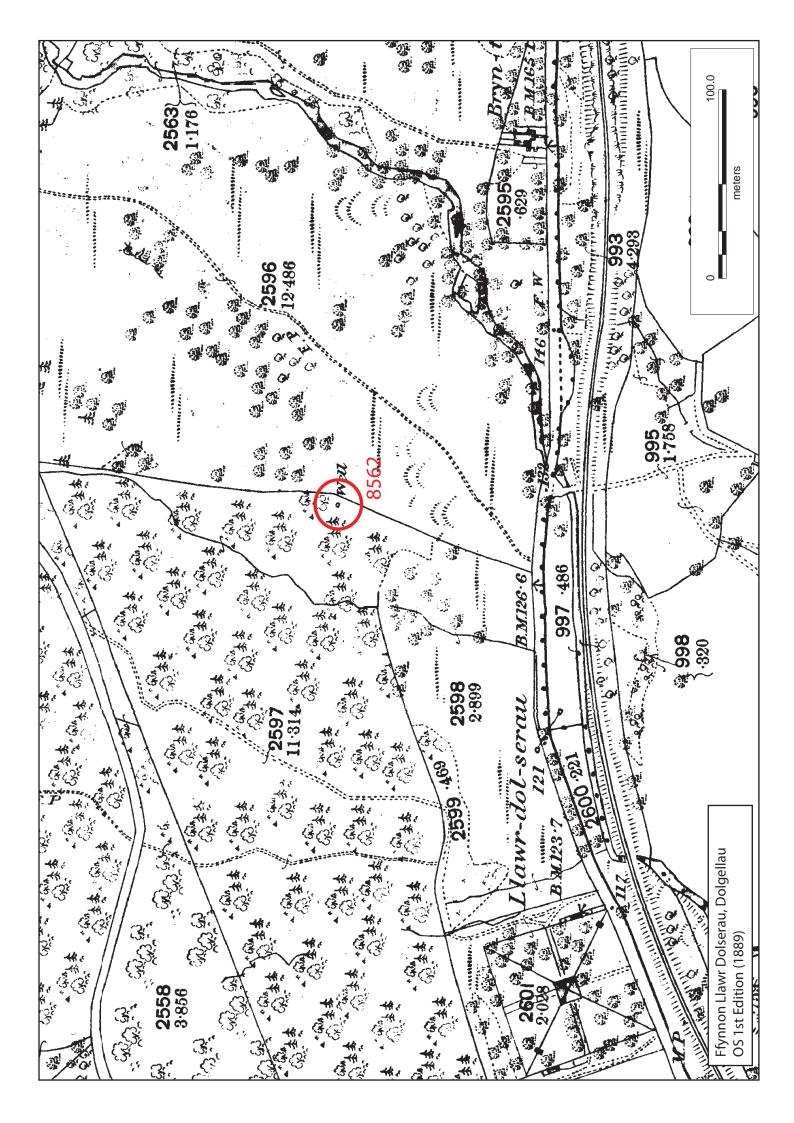
A large sub rectangular reservoir walled with drystone slabs, 5 slabs steps lead down in the SW corner. Built into the slope, slab floored. Refs of it from the mid-19th century say it was 'filled in with stone to prevent people who came there to follow magic charms.' Cleared again and recorded by local historian Reg Wheeler, detailed records of his research work and site recording are in Dolgellau archives (see FI). Tank 2m x 2.5m and 1.5m deep.

# THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

Becoming overgrown again and difficult to see and as it is full of water forms a hazard for walkers especially children so needs fencing. A fine feature in Forestry Commission amenity woodland and close to a public footpath. Although the visible remains now are probably all early 19th century it deserves recognition, maintenance and signing.

**OWNER:** Forestry Commission

Documentation	3
Group Value	1
Survival	3
Condition:	3
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	3
Potential Gen.	2
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Sum Value:	19
Value Group:	M/H
Evaluation Status:	A
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	Α
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Ffynnon Dol Serau from the east



Ffynnon Dol Serau from the north

# PRN: 27527NGR: SH72541756OSMAP: SH71NWSITE NAME: FFYNNON LLYGAD 2LOCATION: DOLGELLAU, MEIRIONNYDDSITETYPE: WELL - HOLYGLOSSARY SITE TYPE: HOLY WELL

# NOTES:

# SITE LOCATION AND MONUMENT DESCRIPTION:

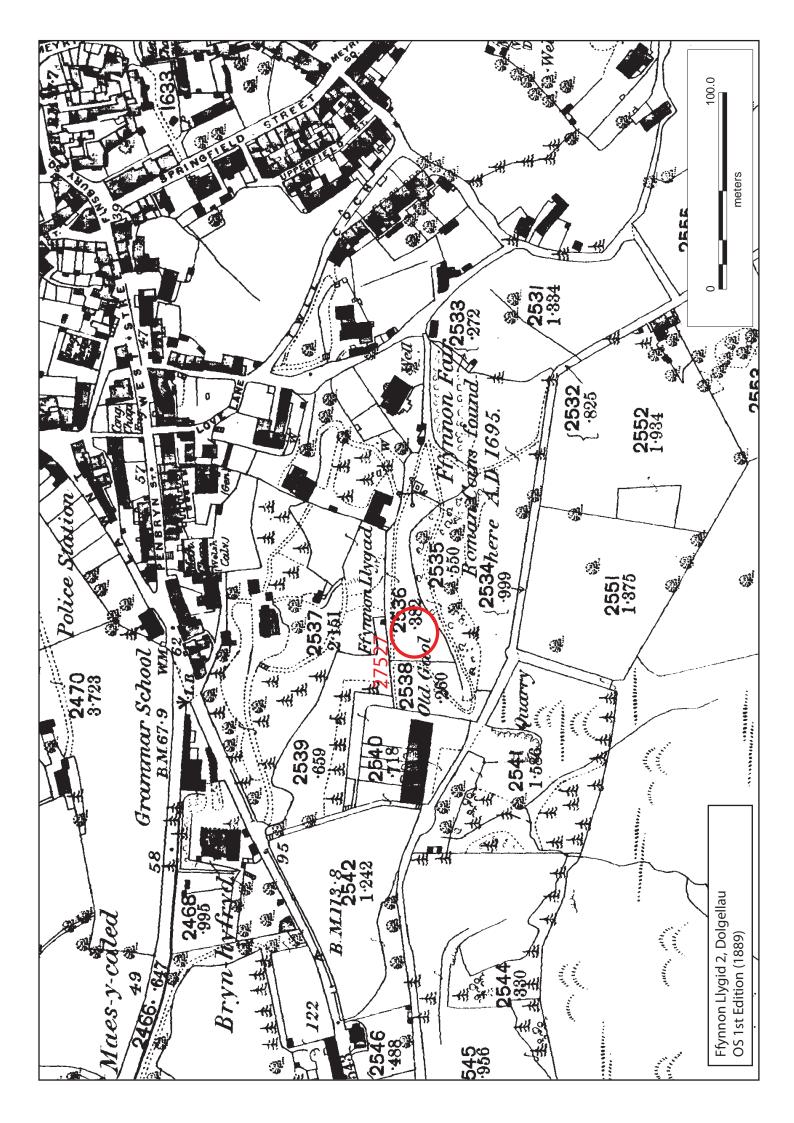
In the woodland between a well and footpath leading to the boundary wall of a nearby house is a depression in the ground almost hidden by undergrowth. It contains a rectangular pool edged by slate slabs. The sides of the surrounding slopes are revetted with drystone walling. The well is upslope from Ffynnon Llygad 1 (4125) and the water from 27527 must also fill 4125. 27527 has always been accessible and therefore the one used for cures while 4125 is in the grounds of a grand house.

# THREAT COMMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Hidden and forgotten despite the attention given to restoring the listed building of Ffynnon Fair (PRN 4115, just to the east. The well deserves recognition, clearance, signing and maintenance, with a fenced or walled surround.

OWNER: Dolgellau CC ?

Documentation	3
Group Value	3
Survival	3
Condition	2
Fragility	2
Vulnerability	2
Diversity Type	2
Potential Gen.	2
Sum Value:	19
Value Group:	Μ
Evaluation Status:	А
Scheduling Grade (A-C)	В





Ffynnon Llygid 2 from the north

# Appendix B

# Wells Shortlisted for Scheduling

NGR: SH73675252

SITENAME: FFYNNON ELEN HOLY WELL

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

FFYNNON ELEN. A SMALL RECTANGULAR BASIN NOW DRY 9FT BY 7FT., WITH WALLS OF EARTH-MORTARED RUBBLE, ON GROUND SLOPING STEEPY TO THE S. THE S WALL IS 1FT 6 INS THICK AND 1FT HIGH; THE REMAINING WALLS ARE REVETMENTS ONLY, THAT ON THE N REACJING A HEIGHT OF 4FT; WATER EMERGING OUTSIDE THE S WALL IS NOW COLLECTED IN A DRINKING TROUGH. THE NAME HAS ALSO BEEN APPLIED TO A NATURAL SPRING ABOUT 100 YARDS TO THE NW. <1> SURVEYED AT 1:2500. <2>

THE WELL IS AS DESCRIBED BY THE RCAHM. IT IS EASILY ACCESIBLE UP A PATH BESIDE THE CHURCH. IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY DEEP AND WAS RATHER CLOGGED UP WITH LEAVES. A STREAM RUNS DOWN BESIDE IT. <3>

**PRN:** 650 **NGR:** SH76158319

SITENAME: FFYNNON LLYGAID, GREAT ORME

SITETYPE: WELL GLOSSARY SITETYPE: WELL

NOTES

FFYNNON LLYGAID. THE WELL CAHMBER, 2' X 1' IS OF LIMESTONE SLABS, NOW RUINED. CONDITION:ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED. <1>

PRN: 657

NGR: SH75127369

SITENAME: FFYNNON GELYNIN HOLY WELL, LLANGELYNIN

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

FFYNNON GELYNIN IS LOCATED IN THE S CORNER OF THE CHURCHYARD OF THE OLD PARISH CHURCH (GAT 1581). IT IS A RECTANGULAR BASIN 5' X 2' AND NOW C 2' DEEP. IT WAS ENCLOSED WITHIN A SMALL RECTANGULAR BUILDING 10' X 6' 6", THE FLOOR PAVED WITH SLABS WHICH OVERLAP THE EDGE OF THE BASIN. THE ENTRANCE, 2' 6" WIDE, IS ON THE E SIDE. THE BUILDING IS NOW RUINED AND ROOFLESS, THOUGH IT HAS BEEN MUCH BUILT UP, ESPECIALLY ON THE S AND W WHERE IT IS JOINED TO THE CHURCHYARD WALL. LOWER PARTS OF THE WALL ARE OF GOOD MASONRY, AND ARE PROBABLY MEDIEVAL. CONDITION: RUINOUS. <1> REFERENCE UN-CHECKED. <2>

THIS WATER WAS TAKEN FROM THE CHURCH FOR BAUTISM, USED FOR DIVINATION, CLOTHES OF SICK CHILDREN PUT ON WATER TO SEE IF THEY FLEATED (RECOVERY) OR SRANK (CLEATH). THE BUILDING OVER THE WALL WAS IN GOOD REPAIR IN 1739, AND HAD A SLATED ROOF IN 1742. <3>

DESCRIBED BY HUGHES AND NORTH AS BEING IN THE CENTRE OF A SMALL (ROOFLESS) APLONG BUILDING WITH A SEAT ON ALL BUT THE E SIDE, THE WATER WAS NOTED FOR THE CAVE OF SICK CHILDREN WHO WERE TAKEN CARE OF AT CAE IOL FARM, JUST S OF THE CHURCH (NOW RUINED). <4>

THE WALL IS AS DESCRIBED. <5>

AN INTERESTING WALL AT THE SW CORNER OF THE CHURCHYARD. IT HAD A ROOF IN 1742. THE WATER WAS NOTED FOR ITS ALLEGED CURE OF SICK CHILDREN. <6>

CONDITION UNCHANGED SINCE 1962. <7>

BUILDING IS NO LONGER VISIBLE, SOME RUBBLE OF N WALL LEFT, S AND W NOW CHURCHYARD WALL. STONE SLABS IN SITU AROUND OBLONG POOR OF WATER, MARSHY IMMEDIATELY E IN CHURCHYARD.

NGR: SH16532671

SITENAME: FFYNNON SAINT HOLY WELL, MINAFON

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

THE WELL IS A SMALL D-SHAPED POOL, ABOUT 1M ACROSS SURROUNDED WITH STONE WALLING WATER LEVEL AND COVERED AT GROUND LEVEL BY A MODERN HINGED IRON LID. AROUND THIS, ABOVE GROUND LEVEL, IS A DRY-BUILT STONE WALL ABOUT 0.3M HIGH, SURROUNDING THE WELL ON THREE SIDES AND OPEN TO THE WEST. CONDITION: FAIR, STILL INUSE. <1> AS DESCRIBED: THE WELL IS IN USE AS A DOMESTIC WATER SUPLY. PUBLISHED SURVEY 25" REVISED. <2>

MEDIACINAL- ITS PROTECTIVE MASONRY WAS REMOVED TO BUILD A NEARBY HEDGE. <3>

PRN: 1222

NGR: SH24202947

SITENAME: FFYNNON SAINT HOLY WELL, NR RHIW

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

Stands at a height of 95m above Od on the slopes of Bron Llwyd. It has walls of rubble enclosing a pool 3n square. The walls are 0.6m thick, stand to a maximum height of 1.3m on the east. It is not possible to decide whether the two groups of three steps at the eastern side of the north and south sides are artificial or fortuitously caused by stone fall. Condition Fair <1> The well remains unchanged except that the steps are at the western ends of the north and south sides and appear to be artificial. Published survey 25'' correct <2>

PRN:1251

NGR: SH30903086

SITENAME: FFYNNON FYW - HOLY WELL, NR CAPEL HOREB

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

NOTES

PRN: 1253

NGR: SH29302707

SITENAME: FFYNNON ENGAN - HOLY WELL, LLANENGAN

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

NOTES

<1>,<1> Slight remains of masonary

Known to have been used for baptisms. It consists of a walled basin, 3m square ad 0.6m deep and waterfilled. At SH29292711 a spring exists which was used as a water supply when Ffynnon Engan ran dry. No trace of masonry or water at this point <2>

#### NGR: SH63173742

#### SITENAME: FFYNNON DECWYN HOLY WELL, LLANDECWYN

#### SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

#### **GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

Ffynnon Decwyn, holywell <1> Situated not far from Llandecwyn church . A spring flows from a rock cavity measuring 3ft by 2ft 21" in breadth and 14" deep. It is no longer known as Tecwyn<2> As above <3>

PRN: 2158

#### NGR: SH42377369

#### SITENAME: CERRIG CEINWEN HOLY WELL & SPRING, C.C. CHURCHYARD

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

#### GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

IN THE CHURCHYARD OF CERRIG CEINWEN ON THE S SIDE, IS A HOLY WELL FORMED NATURALLY IN THE ROCK, AND ONCE MUCH RESORTED TO AS A SPRING THAT COULD CURE MANY DISEASES.<1> FFYNNON CERRIG CEINWEN. IN 1893 THERE WAS A NEGLECTED WELL IN CERRIG CEINWEN CHURCHYARD WHICH WAS CREDITED WITH HEALING QUALITIES: IT PROBABLY COMMEMORATED ST. CEINWEN.<2> A SPRING ISSUING FROM A NATURAL CLEFT IN THE ROCK. SURVEYED AT 1:2500.<3>

<b>PRN:</b> 2232	NGR: SH38424462
SITENAME: FFYNNON AELHAEARN - H	IOLY WELL, LLANAELHAERN
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 2266	NGR: SH44915539
SITENAME: FFYNNON EDLIW HOLY W	ELL, SE OF BODFAN
SITETYPE: WELL	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 2279	NGR: SH46633975

**SITENAME:** WELL, BETWS FAWR, LLANYSTUMDWY

SITETYPE: WELL

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE: WELL** 

#### NOTES

G2156 - This well is Ffynnon Rufeinig as mentioned by Myrddin Fardd

<b>PRN:</b> 2343	NGR: SH46805195
SITENAME: FFYNNON RHEDYW HOLY WEI	L, LLANLLYFNI
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
PRN: 2379 NO	GR: SH51354009
SITENAME: FFYNNON DDUNAWD HOLY W	/ELL, BRAICH-Y-SAINT
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 2417	NGR: SH55486488
SITENAME: FFYNNON CEGIN ARTHUR HOI	Y WELL, PENISARWAUN
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
PRN: 2462 NO	GR: SH80596378
SITENAME: FFYNNON DDOGET HOLY WEL	L, LLANDDOGED
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 2597	NGR: SH58808146
SITENAME: HOLY WELL, LLANFIHANGEL D	IN SILWY
SITETYPE: WELL GLOSSARY SITETYPE: I	HOLY WELL

# NOTES

NOTICING THAT THE SHAPE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL SUGGESTED THE EARLY CELTIC FORM, I EXAMINED THA AREA ROUND AND ABOUT AND FOUND A SPRING JUST ABOVE THE CHURCH BOXED IN WITH STONES IN THE MANNER COMMON TO SACRED WATERS. AS THIS POSITION IS ON THE SITE OF A THIRD OR FOURTH CENTURY FORT THIS ASSOCIATION MIGHT BE SIGNIFICANT.<1>

FIELD INVESTIGATOR 'DRB' (SH58SE 3) RECORDS, 'AROUND THIS SPRING ARE A FEW SCATTERED STONES BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IT IS A HOLY WELL'. THIS IS MARKED ON OS 6" 1914-49 AS A 'SPRING' (SH58748160) AND IS IN FACT NOT THE SITE REMARKED UPON BY BARNES. HIS WELL OR SPRING - SH58708146 - IS AS STATED - 'BOXED WITH STONES' AND REACHED BY SEVERAL WELL MADE STEPS.<2>

NGR: SH58337961

SITENAME: FFYNNON IESTYN WELL, LLANIESTYN

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

NOTES

FFYNNON ESTYN, NAMED AFTER ST. IESTYN. IN THE CORNER OF A FIELD ON TYDDYN UCHAF FARM A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE CHURCH.<1> NOTHING KNOWN ABOUT THE WELL ON TYDDYN UCHAF FARM.<2> COVERED WELL AT ABOCE NGR IS POSSIBLY THE WELL REFERRED TO BUT NOTHING IS KNOWN LOCALLY AND NAME UNCONFIRMED.<3>

PRN: 2769

NGR: SH12152218

SITENAME: FFYNNON CORN HOLY WELL, YNYS ENLLI

SITETYPE: WELL

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

NOTES

HOLY WELL WITH DRY STONE OUTLET.

PRN: 2770

NGR: SH11822106

SITENAME: FFYNNON DOLYSGWYDD HOLY WELL, YNYS ENLLI

SITETYPE: WELL

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

NOTES

HOLY WELL, WHERE MIRACLES REPUTEDLY PERFORMED (CHITTY 1925, 196). THE WATER ISSUES FROM THE BEDROCK, WITH A BANK ABOVE AND SIDES ROUGHLY REVETTED WITH STONE.

PRN: 2771

NGR: SH11962130

SITENAME: FFYNNON WEIRGLODD BACH HOLY WELL, YNYS ENLLI

SITETYPE: WELL

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

NOTES

DAWSON: HOLY SPRING WITH NO STRUCTURE. <2>

**PRN:** 2923 **NGR:** SH63702012

SITENAME: FFYNNON OLEDD (OR GOLEDD), BWLCH Y RHIWGYR

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

NOTES

NGR: SH60940637

SITENAME: FFYNNON Y FRON, DYSYNNI

SITETYPE: WELL

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: WELL

NOTES

PRN: 3028

NGR: SH38706290A

SITENAME: FFYNNON DARFADEN SPRING, LLANDDWYN ISLAND

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

SITUATED ON LLANDDWYN HEADLAND (CLASS 'B' WELL I.E. TYPE ASSOCIATED WITH CHURCHES, CHAPELS, FEASTS, PILGRIMS ETC.) <1> THE ONLY SPRING LOCATED HEREABOUTS IS AT SH38676288, AND FLOWS INTO A NATURAL BASIN. THERE IS NO TRACE OF ANY ARTIFICIAL STONE WORK.<2> AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, SPRING FLOWING INTO A NATURAL BASIN.<3> (SH387-629-) FFYNON DAFADEN - NOTED BY OS.<4> A CLEFT IN THE CLIFF FACE.<5>

**PRN:** 3043 **NGR:** SH37549468

SITENAME: FFYNNON BADRIG HOLY WELL, LLANBADRIG

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

NOTES

NAMED AFTER ST. PADRIG AB ALFRYD. THE WELL IS NOW NEGLECTED AND A SPRING ALONE REMAINS. IT WAS FORMERLY MUCH FREQUENTED AND WAS CELEBRATED FOR CURES, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF CHILDREN.<1> ANY REMAINS OF THE WELL WERE DESTROYED IN 1967 BY A STORM.<2> (SH37549468) FFYNON BADRIG - NOTED BY OS.<3> NO TRACE OF STRUCTURE OR WATER SOURCE.<4> SITE NOT LOCATED.<5>

PRN: 3045

NGR: SH35109050

SITENAME: FFYNNON DDYGFAEL, NR. LLANDDYGFAEL GROES

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

NOTES

LISTED AS A CLASS 'A' WELL.<1> FYNNON DDYGFAEL IS A SHAFT IN A FIELD NOT BOARDED OVER.<2> FFYNNON DDYGFAEL (SH35109050) NOTED BY OS.<3>

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LOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
LANDDERFEL
LOSSARY SITETYPE: WELL
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LOSSARY SITETYPE: WELL
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LL), LLANDDERFEL ALOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL 46569329 JAN ALOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL AGAINST THE CLIFF BY A SMALL BAY.<7> ANGLESEY DRY STONE WALLERS ASSOCIATION.<8>

NOTES

<b>PRN:</b> 3638	NGR: SH27473679	
SITENAME: FFYNNON DUDW	EN - HOLY WELL, SE OF ST. TUDWEN'S CH.	
SITETYPE: WELL	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL	
NOTES		
<b>PRN:</b> 3647	NGR: SH21973272	
SITENAME: FYNNON LLEUDD	AD - HOLY WELL, SE OF CARROG	
SITETYPE: WELL	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL	
NOTES		
<b>PRN:</b> 3653	NGR: SH31133293	
SITENAME: FFYNNON FAIR H	OLY WELL, NW OF HENLLYS UCHAF	
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL	
NOTES		
<b>PRN:</b> 3659	NGR: SH30413113	
	NGR: SH30413113 - HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO	
SITENAME: FFYNNON ARIAN	- HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO	
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SITENAME: FFYNNON ARIAN SITETYPE: WELL NOTES	- HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL NGR: SH72551757	
SITENAME: FFYNNON ARIAN SITETYPE: WELL NOTES PRN: 4125	- HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL NGR: SH72551757	
SITENAME: FFYNNON ARIAN SITETYPE: WELL NOTES PRN: 4125 SITENAME: FFYNNON Y LLYG	- HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL NGR: SH72551757 ID - DOLGELLAU	
SITENAME: FFYNNON ARIAN SITETYPE: WELL NOTES PRN: 4125 SITENAME: FFYNNON Y LLYG SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	- HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL NGR: SH72551757 ID - DOLGELLAU	
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SITENAME: FFYNNON ARIAN SITETYPE: WELL NOTES PRN: 4125 SITENAME: FFYNNON Y LLYG SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY NOTES PRN: 4127	- HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL NGR: SH72551757 ID - DOLGELLAU GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL NGR: SH72001700A	

<b>PRN:</b> 4591	NGR: SH77068378
SITENAME: ST TUDNO'S WELL (FF	YNNON), LLANDUDNO
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 4745 <b>NG</b>	<b>R:</b> SH75102248
SITENAME: HOLY WELL- FFYNNO	N-Y-CAPEL
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 4765	NGR: SH74541283
SITENAME: FFYNNON CWM RHW	/YFOR - WELL
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES FFYNNON CWM RHWYFOR, MED RHEUMATISM.<1>	ICINAL WELL IN TAL-Y-LLYN. NOTED FOR ITS CURATIVE PROPERTIES FOR
<b>PRN:</b> 4774	NGR: SH77571138
SITENAME: WELL- FFYNNON BAD	VARN
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 4784	NGR: SH58602760A
SITENAME: HOLY WELL - FFYNNC	DN DELAU
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 5364	NGR: SH70664369
SITENAME: FFYNNON FIHANGEL,	FFYNNON FARM, MANOD
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL
WATER IS VERY COLD AND CLEAR UNDERGROUND. THE WATER IS S RUINED BUILDING TO BE THE OLD	T FROM UNDERNEATH SMALL RUINED BUILDING AT FFYNNON FARM. THE R, EVEN ON A VERY HOT DAY, SUGGESTING ITS ORIGIN IS WELL STILL CONSIDERED BENIFICIAL. THE OWNER OF FFYNNON FARM BELIEVES THE D CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL, (THE MORE RECENT CHURCH IN LLAN FFESTINIOG ENTLY THE WATER FROM THE SPRING WAS CARRIED TO MANY CHURCHES IN

THE AREA FOR BAPTISMS. THE BUILDING AND THE WELL ARE VERY OVERGROWN AT PRESENT BUT THE OWNER DOES HAVE PLANS TO CLEAR THE SITE UP.<3>

<b>PRN:</b> 8562	NGR: SH75941993
SITENAME: LLAWR DOLSERAU WELL	
SITETYPE: WELL	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: WELL
NOTES	
<b>PRN:</b> 27527	NGR: SH72541756
SITENAME: Ffynnon Llygid 2	
SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY	GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

In the woodland between a well and footpath leading to the boundary wall of a nearby house is a depression in the ground almost hidden by undergrowth. It contains a rectangular pool edged by slate slabs. The sides of the surrounding slopes are revetted with drystone walling. The well is upslope from Ffynnon Llygad 1 (PRN 4125) abd the water from 27527 must also fill 4125. 27527 has always been accessible and therefore the one used for cures while 4125 is in the grounds of a grand house.

PRN: 32050

NGR: SH37873554

SITENAME: Ffynnon Fednant

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

Located in a field below Llwyn Ffynnon close to the main road from Pwllheli to Four Crosses, less the a quarter of a mile from the sea. Water in the well would rise and fall in conjunction with the tide. - Myrddin Fardd The location is likely to be the same as a spring marked on the 1st ed OS map.

PRN: 32067

NGR: SH22843733

SITENAME: Ffynnon Gwyfan

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

GLOSSARY SITETYPE: HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

This is a natural hollow in the rock which holds a depth of around 0.6m of water. Located close to a waterfall. Said to be beneficial for the treatment of warts, eye complaints and the shakes, pins were offered - Myrddin Fardd

NGR: SH23368240

**SITENAME:** Ffynnon Gorlas

#### SITETYPE: WELL- HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

### NOTES

A well can be seen on the 1st ed OS map (and subsequent editions) in the same area as the site of Capel Gorlas PRN1761

PRN: 32092 NGR: SH60522655

SITENAME: Ffynnon Enddwyn

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

#### NOTES

The well is surrounded by a stone wall and so is the accompanying bath. The well is 3ft square and the bath 7ft square. Four steps descend to the water. The well was beneficial for arthritis and glandular conditions. Pins were offered. - E. Gruffydd

PRN: 32097

NGR: SH27623579

SITENAME: Ffynnon Ffebi

SITETYPE: WELL - HOLY

**GLOSSARY SITETYPE:** HOLY WELL

### NOTES

The spring may be Pistyll y Garn, beneficial for rheumatism and stomach and bowel complaints. - K. Gruffydd

# Appendix C

# All Wells in the Gwynedd HER

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# PRN SITENAME

### NGR

62	WELL (ROCK-CUT), BRON-Y-GAER, CAERNARFON	SH48206244
103	FFYNNON BEUNO HOLY WELL, CLYNNOG FAWR	SH41324945
201	FFYNNON DDIGWG HOLY WELL, MYNYDD BYCHAN	SH42965046
634	FFYNNON ELEN HOLY WELL	SH73675252
650	FFYNNON LLYGAID, GREAT ORME	SH76158319
651	FFYNNON RUFEINIG, GREAT ORME	SH76558386
657	FFYNNON GELYNIN HOLY WELL, LLANGELYNIN	SH75127369
675	FFYNNON BEDR - SITE OF, LLANBEDR Y CENNIN	SH76296914
775	FFYNNON DDWRDAN HOLY WELL, NE OF ABERDARON	SH19252792
776	FFYNNON SAINT HOLY WELL, MINAFON	SH16532671
933	BOSTON SULPHUR WELL (CHALYBEATE) SE OF BRYNREFAIL	SH48588602
1203	WELL (UN-NAMED), MYNYDD ENLLI	SH12182219
1221	FFYNNON AELIW HOLY WELL, RHIW	SH23382847
1222	FFYNNON SAINT HOLY WELL, NR RHIW	SH24202947
1223	WELL, N OF PANT	SH23142779
1251	FFYNNON FYW - HOLY WELL, NR CAPEL HOREB	SH30903086
1252	FFYNNON SAETHON - HOLY WELL/SPRING, NR. SAETHON	SH29723244
1253	FFYNNON ENGAN - HOLY WELL, LLANENGAN	SH29302707
1285	FFYNNON SAINT - HOLY WELL, SITE OF, CRICCIETH	SH49923838
1374	FFYNNON GRASI - HOLY WELL, E OF LLYN GLASFRYN	SH40434230
1481	FFYNNON DECWYN HOLY WELL, LLANDECWYN	SH63173742
1591	WAYSIDE WELL, W. OF LLANGRISTIOLUS CHURCH	SH44907353
1605	SPRING & BATHING POOL, NON-ANTIQUITY	SH72343309
1644	WELL, REAR OF 312, HIGH STREET, BANGOR	SH58397224
1766	FFYNNON ULO (POSS.), HOLYHEAD	SH24798131
1767	FFYNNON GYBI - SITE OF, HOLYHEAD	SH24758280A
1770	FFYNNON Y WRACH - HOLY WELL, S. OF HOLYHEAD MTN	SH22328226
1911	FFYNON Y SAIS, YNYS LLANDDWYN	SH38886313

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# NGR

1922	WELL, EFAIL CASTELL	SH56656560
2004	FFYNNON GWENFAEN HOLY WELL	SH25957543
2158	CERRIG CEINWEN HOLY WELL & SPRING, C.C. CHURCHYARD	SH42377369
2202	FFYNNON ALLGO, HOLY WELL	SH49898477
2230	FFYNNON (UNATTRIBUTED), HOLY WELL, PISTYLL FARM	SH32984225
2232	FFYNNON AELHAEARN - HOLY WELL, LLANAELHAERN	SH38424462
2254	FFYNNON GWYNEDD HOLY WELL, TYDDYN FFYNNON	SH37464026
2255	FFYNNON GADFARCH HOLY WELL, W OF AFON ERCH	SH39974021
2262	FFYNNON CAWDAF HOLY WELL, BRYN BERYL HOSPITAL	SH39193753
2266	FFYNNON EDLIW HOLY WELL, SE OF BODFAN	SH44915539
2279	WELL, BETWS FAWR, LLANYSTUMDWY	SH46633975
2343	FFYNNON RHEDYW HOLY WELL, LLANLLYFNI	SH46805195
2379	FFYNNON DDUNAWD HOLY WELL, BRAICH-Y-SAINT	SH51354009
2417	FFYNNON CEGIN ARTHUR HOLY WELL, PENISARWAUN	SH55486488
2462	FFYNNON DDOGET HOLY WELL, LLANDDOGED	SH80596378
2540	ST. SEIRIOL'S HOLY WELL & CELL, PENMON PRIORY	SH63058079
2587	WELL OR SPRING, TROS YR AFON, NEAR PENMON	SH61497924
2597	HOLY WELL, LLANFIHANGEL DIN SILWY	SH58808146
2618	HOLY WELL - SITE OF, CROCHAN GAFFO, LLANGAFFO	SH44336934
2619	HOLY WELL - SITE OF, FFYNNON PECHOD, LLANGAFFO	SH44006900A
2624	WELL - SITE OF, CROCHAN TYNCOED, NEWBOROUGH	SH41776581
2662	FFYNNON IESTYN WELL, LLANIESTYN	SH58337961
2696	FFYNNON GREDIFAEL HOLY WELL, PENMYNYDD	SH51677465
2741	FFYNNON DDANIEL HOLY WELL, LLANDDANIEL FAB	SH49007000A
2769	FFYNNON CORN HOLY WELL, YNYS ENLLI	SH12152218
2770	FFYNNON DOLYSGWYDD HOLY WELL, YNYS ENLLI	SH11822106
2771	FFYNNON WEIRGLODD BACH HOLY WELL, YNYS ENLLI	SH11962130
2772	FFYNNON CYBI HOLY WELL, LLANGYBI	SH42734126
2923	FFYNNON OLEDD (OR GOLEDD), BWLCH Y RHIWGYR	SH63702012
2986	FFYNNON Y FRON, DYSYNNI	SH60940637
3011	FFYNNON BRYN FENDIGAID HOLY WELL, ABERFFRAW	SH36036913

# NGR

3013	FFYNNON BEUNO HOLY WELL, ABERFFRAW	SH35536907
3027	FFYNNON DDWYNWEN - SITE OF, LLANDDWYN ISLAND	SH38606270A
3028	FFYNNON DARFADEN SPRING, LLANDDWYN ISLAND	SH38706290A
3039	FFYNNON MAELOG HOLY WELL, RHOSNEIGR	SH32007200A
3043	FFYNNON BADRIG HOLY WELL, LLANBADRIG	SH37549468
3045	FFYNNON DDYGFAEL, NR. LLANDDYGFAEL GROES	SH35109050
3073	CROCHAN LLANDDWYN WELL, NEWBOROUGH	SH40986478
3093	FFYNNON FAGLAN HOLY WELL, LLANAFGLAN	SH46016085
3119	FFYNNON HELEN HOLY WELL, NR. HEN WALIAU	SH48206230A
3199	WELL, LLANLLEIANA, LLANBADRIG	SH38799503
3208	FFYNNON DDEINIOL (WELL) - SITE OF, LLANDDERFEL	SH93823676
3210	FFYNNON BEUNO (WELL), BALA	SH92153583
3228	FFYNNON DERFEL (POSSIBLE HOLY WELL), LLANDDERFEL	SH97763727
3250	HOLY WELL (ALLEGED) - SITE OF, BALA LAKE	SH91003300A
3452	FFYNNON BEUNO, NR RHOSGADFAN	SH50405889
3461	WELL, STABLAU, BETWS-Y-COED	SH79455662
3511	FFYNNON ANNON HOLY WELL - SITE OF, LLANBEULAN	SH38007600A
3544	FFYNNON ELAETH HOLY WELL - SITE OF, AMLWCH	SH44079296
3567	FFYNNON EILIAN - HOLY WELL, LLANEILIAN	SH46569329
3580	FFYNNON SEIRIOL - HOLY WELL, SITE OF, PONT CLORACH	SH44908410A
3581	FFYNNON GYBI - HOLY WELL, PONT CLORACH	SH44908414
3632	ST MARY'S WELL - FFYNNON, MYNYDD Y GWYDDEL	SH13922518
3638	FFYNNON DUDWEN - HOLY WELL, SE OF ST. TUDWEN'S CH.	SH27473679
3647	FYNNON LLEUDDAD - HOLY WELL, SE OF CARROG	SH21973272
3652	FFYNNON BEDROG HOLY WELL, LLANBEDROG	SH32263225
3653	FFYNNON FAIR HOLY WELL, NW OF HENLLYS UCHAF	SH31133293
3659	FFYNNON ARIAN - HOLY WELL, N OF MYNYTHO	SH30413113
4109	FFYNNON FRIDD-ARW - HOLYWELL (SITE OF) M.	SH74001790A
4115	FFYNNON FAIR - HOLYWELL	SH72601755
4123	FFYNNON Y GAER - (CURSING WELL)	SH72001700A
4125	FFYNNON Y LLYGID - DOLGELLAU	SH72551757

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4126	FFYNNON CLEINI OR FFYNNON LLWYN CLEINI	SH72001700A
4127	FFYNNON GWENHUDW OR GWENHIDIW	SH72001700A
4146	FFYNNON RHIWR CAWR - HOLY WELL	SH80001000A
4206	FFYNNON GARMON, E OF MOEL SMYTHO	SH52565766
4259	FFYNNON GOWER (SITE OF)	SH89923166
4500	FYNNON BERIS - HOLY WELL	SH60855836
4591	ST TUDNO'S WELL (FFYNNON), LLANDUDNO	SH77068378
4736	HOLY WELL- FFYNNON FROTHEN	SH62194112
4741	HOLY WELL - FFYNNON HELEN	SH62974485
4745	HOLY WELL- FFYNNON-Y-CAPEL	SH75102248
4765	FFYNNON CWM RHWYFOR - WELL	SH74541283
4774	WELL- FFYNNON BADARN	SH77571138
4784	HOLY WELL - FFYNNON DELAU	SH58602760A
4801	ST CADFAN'S WELLS - HOLY WELL, SITE OF, TYWYN	SH58600102
4822	FFYNNON CAE GWYN - WELL	SH85551509
4971	FFYNNON Y GWYLLIAID	SH91002300A
5364	FFYNNON FIHANGEL, FFYNNON FARM, MANOD	SH70664369
5423	FFYNON GOWPER\ALLBRIGHTS WELL GWYDIR	SH79706070
5436	FFYNNON Y GALCHOG, GT. ORME	SH77758367
5437	FFYNNON GASEG, GT. ORME	SH75328404
5438	FFYNNON GOGARTH, GT. ORME	SH76358308
5439	FFYNNON TY'N Y PWLL (SITE OF), LLANDUDNO	SH77908250A
5440	FFYNNON POWEL, GT. ORME	SH77128358
5468	STONE LINED WELL, PWLLHELI	SH37753535
5551	FFYNNON CYBI HOLY WELL, CARMEL	SH40068284
5556	ROMAN WELL (PROBABLE) - SITE OF, CAE MAWR FARM	SH48496247
5565	ROMAN WELL (PROBABLE) - SITE OF, HEN WALIAU, C'FON	SH48216240
5716	POSS. WELL, BRYNBELLA CROSSROADS	SH61336766
5890	ST MIHANGEL'S STONE & WELL, CRIMEA PASS	SH70354959
6375	WELL (POSS.ROMAN?), TYTHEBARN ST. CAERNARFON	SH48256252
7480	FFYNNON EIDDA, NW OF MIGNEINT	SH76214366

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7483	WELL, FRON DEG, NAZARETH	SH47475037
8562	LLAWR DOLSERAU WELL	SH75941993
9275	PEN PINER WELL	SH73680313
9407	CAE'R-DEFAID WELL	SH79452377
9538	NANT GOCH WELL	SH86803319
9686	TY'N-Y-FFORDD WELL	SH58503319
9816	CREAGAU-ISAF WELL	SH94763910
10158	STRUCTURE/POSSIBLE SPRING W OF RHIWOGOF	SH69951028
10230	SPRING - SW OF CERRIG Y GORDREF	SH92604295
10238	SPRING - S OF GREIGWEN	SH92964221
12644	FFYNNON CYBI	SH40434230
12648	FFYNNON SULIEN	SJ06904411
13927	WELL, TY MAWR	SH25258092
15158	FFYNNON GWYFAN, SITE OF, LLANGWYFAN	SH33366845
15314	SPRING?, PYLLAU ROAD	SH77318298
15460	PINK FARM SPRING, GREAT ORME	SH77388356
15463	WELL, TYN Y COED	SH77348267
16067	WELL - GLAN DULYN, LON ENGAN, ABERSOCH	SH31062817A
16742	SPRING POOL, COED MARL HALL	SH79797897
17000	WELL-HEAD TO SOUTH-WEST OF VAYNOL HALL	SH53636938
18356	WELL, STRYD Y BONT, LLANRWST	SH79556159
27527	Ffynnon Llygid 2	SH72541756
32039	Ffynnon Gwynwy	
32040	Ffynnon Llechid	
32041	Ffynnon Ddeiniolen	SH54886560
32042	Ffynnon Chwerthin	
32043	Ffynnon Fair, Dinas y Moch	SH58804795
32044	Ffynnon Nantcall	
32045	Ffynhonnau'r Cennin	
32046	Ffynnon y Cythraul	
32047	Ffynnon Ddefaid	SH45783840

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32048	Ffynnon y Gwaenydd	SH43523815
32049	Ffynnon Llywelyn	
32050	Ffynnon Fednant	SH37873554
32051	Ffynnon Cae Garw	SH37344361
32052	Ffynnon y Cefnydd	SH33284238
32053	Ffynnon y Brenin	SH79205340
32054	Ffynnon Pistyll y Garn	SH79205340
32055	Ffynnon y Filast	SH79205340
32056	Ffynnon Sarff	SH29523185
32057	Holywell	SH30153067
32058	Ffynnon Tudwal	SH32332630
32059	Ffynnon Cefn Lleithfan	SH25623009
32060	Ffynnon Dalar, Enlli	SH11942188
32061	Ffynhonnau y Barfau	SH12302230
32062	Ffynnon Sanctaidd	SH37784198
32063	Ffynnon Pin y Wig	
32064	Ffynnon Fair	SH30724058
32065	Ffynnon Fair, Llan-rhos	SH79178020
32066	Ffynnon Fair, Llanfair-is-gaer	SH50536564
32067	Ffynnon Gwyfan	SH22843733
32068	Ffynnon Badrig, Carrog	SH22503339
32069	Ffynnon Odo	SH18652873
32070	Ffynnon Fair, Llanfairfechan	SH68247468
32071	Ffynnon Beuno	SH54614055
32072	Ffynnon Llochwydd	SH21408276
32073	Well near Capel Seilo, Llaingoch	SH22858246
32074	Ffynnon Gorlas	SH23368240
32075	Ffynnon Cefn Du Mawr	SH32499014
32076	Ffynnon Elaeth, Gwredog	SH41819003
32077	Ffynnon Cyngar	SH45747588

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32079	Ffynnon Llugwy	SH48378595
32080	Ffynnon Fair, Llanfair	SH58032912
32081	Ffynnon Fair, Harlech	SH58133127
32082	Ffynnon Fair, Llandecwyn	
32083	Ffynnon Fair, Llwyn Artro	SH58042697
32084	Ffynnon Fair, Maentwrog	SH66574045
32085	Ffynnon Fair, between Blaenau and Llan Ffestiniog	
32086	Ffynnod Drillo	SH03263750
32087	Ffynnon y Doctor, Ffestiniog	
32088	Ffynnon Pant yr Ynn, Manod	
32089	Ffynnon y Capel	SH61133420
32090	Ffynnon Gollan	
32091	Ffynnon Rallt y Mor	
32092	Ffynnon Enddwyn	SH60522655
32093	Ffynnon Badrig	
32094	Ffynnon Bryn Eglwys	SH60706665
32095	Ffynnon Offeiriad	SH73255426
32096	Ffynnon Cernydd	SH14512606
32097	Ffynnon Ffebi	SH27623579
32098	Ffynnon Garmon	SH14212613
32099	Ffynnon John Morgan	SH31394072
32100	Ffynnon Pant yr Esgob	SH19233104
32101	Ffynnon Ty Mawr	SH14152540
32102	Ffynnon Cybi Bach	SH30483962
32103	Ffynnon Gwynhoedl	SH20953322
32104	Ffynnon Mynydd Nefyn	
32105	Ffynnon Safn Pant	SH14312595
32106	Ffynnon Trefgraig Bach	SH18763123
32107	Ffynnon Ysgaden	SH21993744
32108	Ffynnon Cwm Dylif	SH22142939
32109	Ffynnon Dyno Goch	SH11812116

32110 Ffynnon Owen Rolant

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