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Non-Technical Summary

This report results from an archaeological watching brief carried out by Archaeology Wales Ltd at the request of The Environmental Partnership. The work is associated with the erection of 15m high timber clad monopole telecommunications mast supporting 3 no. antennas and 2 no. 0.6m dish antennas together with ground-based equipment cabinets, generator, satellite dish and ancillary development within a foul weather enclosure at Land at Gerhynt Quarry, Beddgelert LL55 4NL (NGR SH 63180 48480).

The work was carried out following recommendation by Gwynedd Archaeological Trust – Planning Service (who are advisors to the Local Planning Authority, Snowdonia National Park Authority) that an archaeological watching brief of the development area was to be undertaken during all groundworks required for the development.

Following a site visit, Archaeology Wales Ltd monitored six trial pits located within the development area. The results indicate the presence of quarry spoil material reaching 1.5m in depth.

All work was undertaken in accordance with the standards and guidelines of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2020).

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Gwnaed yr holl waith yn unol â safonau a chanllawiau Sefydliad Siartredig yr Archeolegwyr (2020).

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1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. In February 2021 Archaeology Wales (henceforth – AW) were commissioned by The Environmental Partnership (henceforth – ‘the client’) to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the erection of 15m high timber clad monopole telecommunications mast supporting 3 no. antennas and 2 no. 0.6m dish antennas together with ground based equipment cabinets, generator, satellite dish and ancillary development within a foul weather enclosure at Land at Gerhynt Quarry, Beddgelert LL55 4NL (NGR SH 63180 48480). The works were preceded by a site visit in December 2020.
- 1.1.2. The methodology for the watching brief was agreed with Gwynedd Archaeological Trust – Planning Service (henceforth – GAPS) who are advisors to the Local Planning Authority, Snowdonia National Park Authority (henceforth – SNPA). The watching brief methodology was set out in a Written Scheme of Investigation (Appendix I) which was approved by GAPS.
- 1.1.3. The purpose of the archaeological mitigation is to provide the SNPA with sufficient information regarding the nature of archaeological remains on the site of the development, the requirements for which are set out in *Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment* (2017). The work was to ensure that all archaeological and historical components of the site were fully investigated and recorded if revealed as a result of activities associated with the development. All work was undertaken in accordance with the standards and guidelines of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2020).
- 1.1.4. The watching brief took place on 24th February 2021. The project was managed by Irene Garcia Rovira (MCIfA) and the site work was undertaken by Jerry Bond (ACIfA). All work conformed to the standards and guidance set by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2020). AW is a Registered Organisation with the CIfA.

2. Site Description & Archaeological Background

2.1 Location, Topography and Geology

- 2.1.1. The site is located at Gerhynt Quarry, Beddgelert LL55 4NL (SH 63200 49500). The area is currently defined by the remains of a disused quarry (heaps and pits) to the west of Gelli Lago. The site is located approximately 160m AOD.
- 2.1.2. The underlying geology of the area is defined by Unnamed Extrusive Rocks, Ordovician - Tuff, Felsic. This Igneous Bedrock formed approximately 444 to 488 million years ago in the Ordovician Period. The superficial soils are of Alluvium - Clay, Silt and Sand. These superficial deposits formed during the Quaternary Period (BGS 2020).

2.2 Archaeological Background

- 2.2.1. The historic/archaeological background of the area is very much defined by the rural character of the area, and by the significance that the latter had for extraction activities during post-medieval chronologies. A new HER search was carried out in relation to this report, and TEP carried out a desk-based assessment on the site in 2018 (TEP 2018). A search was also undertaken of the National Trust Heritage Records (National Trust 2021).

HER Search

- 2.2.2. The HER records indicate the presence of human activity in the area running back to prehistoric times. Three scheduled monuments (SMs) are located c 1km SE from the quarry site (SMs CN253-55). These historic assets are defined as the remains of hut settlements dating to the Iron Age/Romano-British period. CN 255 is located around a rocky knoll while the other two are located in lower topographic locations.
- 2.2.3. Only one record dating to medieval chronologies has been documented in the HER. This is the Possible Long Hut Blaen Nant, Beddgelert (PRN 14590), likely to be the remains of a deserted medieval settlement.

- 2.2.4. A number of post medieval structures are recorded as being located to the east of Beddgelert Road, including: two post-medieval dwellings (PRNs 1968, 1947), the remains of a barn (PRN 14591), a sheepfold (PRN 14589) and a packhorse train (PRN 25909). A further post medieval cottage (PRN 25917) is recorded as being in the centre of the Gerhynt Quarry site itself between the quarry pit and spoil heaps.
- 2.2.5. The HER denotes the presence of quarrying activity concentrated to the west of Beddgelert Road. The site is located immediately west of Gerhynt Quarry, Beddgelert (PRN 20261; NRPN 568). The quarry was opened in 1870 as an open pit quarry dedicated to the extraction of slate. The works ceased in 1899. In 1998, the National Trust brought the land and largely replanted it.
- 2.2.6. The quarry along with others located within Gwynedd were the most important industry of the region, which made a massive contribution to the economy and landscape. This region also produces the bulk of the world's roofing slate and architectural slate slabs (Davidson, Jones & Gwyn 1994, p. 1). After 1877, the slate industry in North Wales declined, although there were mini-booms in 1895-1902 and 1912-21, but there was a rapid rate of contraction after 1939 (Davidson, Jones & Gwyn 1994, p. 4).
- 2.2.7. As well as Gerhynt Quarry, there are a number of other former slate quarries within the vicinity of the site – e.g. Berthlwyd Quarry (PRN 20260). The latter is located immediately north of the Grade II* listed Berthlwyd (LB 3741), a 17th century vernacular house restored in the 1980s.

National Trust Heritage Records Search

- 2.2.8. The National Trust Heritage Records list the quarry itself (44531 / MNA136423) and a number of features directly associated with it. This record describes the site as a dis-used slate quarry with large spoil tips, a large quarry pit (44532 / MNA136424) and a line of stanchions likely to have supported a raised rail/tramway or water leat (45962 / MNA136500). Spoil retaining walls are

recorded as still visible in the spoil tips. It also mentions that a number of buildings indicated on the 1:10000 OS are no longer visible on the ground.

- 2.2.9. The quarry pit (44532 / MNA136424) is described as irregular in shape and stepped to the north and west sides. The depth is unclear due to vegetation growth restricting access but is estimated to be 25m deep. Two structures identified on the 1:10000 OS mapping to the north side of the pit at different levels are suggested to be related to a potential steep inclined plane from which material would have been lifted from the pit.
- 2.2.10. An arch of dry stone rubble walling (44530 / MNA136422) is recorded c.100m to the north-east of the quarry pit and is suggested to be a crude quarrymen's shelter.
- 2.2.11. The remains of 11 stanchions (45962 / MNA136500) are recorded in a curve running c.200m from the north-east to the southern edge of the site. Within the overall quarry summary, it is suggested that these may have supported a raised rail or tramway, however within the individual feature entry, it is described as a possible aqueduct, with the stanchions having potentially supported a leat to provide a water supply to the quarry.
- 2.2.12. A possible dam or embankment with drystone rubble face and a drain at its base (44533 / MNA136425) is recorded to the western side of the quarry pit (44532 / MNA136424).
- 2.2.13. To the west of the dam/embankment feature, an oblong shaped silted up pond is recorded (44534 / MNA136426) measuring c.45m long and c.10m wide. It is unclear from the record whether this is related to the dam, however from the aerial photograph, it appears that this could be the case.
- 2.2.14. Around 50m to the west of the pond, a post medieval building (44535 / MNA136427) is recorded measuring c.5x6m with window to the north and east elevations and an entrance and fireplace to the west .

2.2.15. Between the pond and the building, an arcing drystone wall (44536 / MNA136429) is recorded. The wall stretches for c.30m at a height of no more than 1m and with a thickness of c.0.8m. It runs between the quarry spoil tips.

2.2.16. To the far north-east of the site, a low lying drystone field wall is recorded as running on a NW-SE alignment for c.15m and is grassed over in places. It is suggested that this may be part of the quarry, or that it may predate it.

2.2.17. Within the wider vicinity further recorded evidence of post medieval activity includes agricultural and domestic buildings, structures and clearance cairns.

2.3. Site visit

2.3.1. To fully understand the archaeological resource within the development area, a site visit was carried out preceding the watching brief. The site visit took place in December 2020. The weather conditions and health and safety concerns limited the scope of the survey. Most of the features identified match with entries into the National Trust Heritage Record (listed in section 2.2). The slate quarry is identified as 44531 / MNA136423. Where possible the identifying number from the record has been matched with the described feature below.

2.3.2. Plate 1 and 2 document views toward the entrance to the site. The images highlight the presence of traditional boundary walls (44536 / MNA136429?) as well as a large spoil heap and the remains of a former stanchion related to the workings of the 19th century quarry. Another row of stanchions (45962 / MNA136500), also related to quarrying activities is found further north (see Plates 9 and 10).

2.3.3. The former quarry pit (44532 / MNA136424) is located further east, and it is still a very prominent feature of the landscape with vertical walls (see Plate 3 and 4), and the remains of an incline. Cartographic sources document the quarry as disused since, at least, the 1880s.

2.3.4. A dam abuts the eastern side of the quarry (44534 / MNA136426). The wall is standing to a height of around 2m and it is made of local stone (see Plate 5). The

structure appears to be associated with a sluice marked in all map editions going as far back as the 1880s (possibly 44534 / MNA136426).

2.3.5. The remains of a former structure documented in historic map editions as well as a boundary wall were documented during the site visit, NE of the quarry (Plate 5 and 7). The structure stands to a maximum of 1m in height and, like all other structures at the site is made of slate. While it is not possible to ascertain its function, the structure appears documented in all map editions predating the 1970s. It is possible that these are the remains of the crude quarrymen's shelter 44530 / MNA136422 in the National Trust records or potentially Penchwarel Cottage (PRN 25917) listed on the HER. Plate 8 documents views from the aforementioned area looking east.

2.3.6. Plates 11 and 12 document the northernmost area of the site, location of a former barn and Gerhynt farmhouse.

3. Watching Brief Methodology

3.1.1. The watching brief consisted of the excavation of six test pits ahead of the erection of a 15m high timber clad monopole telecommunications mast supporting 3 no. antennas and 2 no. 0.6m dish antennas together with ground-based equipment cabinets, generator, satellite dish and ancillary development within a foul weather enclosure. Following the completion of the watching brief it was determined by the Local Planning Authority that no further works were required.

3.1.2. The excavations were carried out by a mechanical JCB excavator equipped with a toothed bucket due to compacted nature of the ground conditions. All excavations were conducted in the presence of an archaeologist.

3.1.3. All deposits were recorded by means of a continuous context numbering system on pro-forma context sheets. Sections and plans of the excavation were photographed using a 12MP digital camera. All works were undertaken in accordance with the ClfA's *Standards and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (2020 update) and current Health and Safety legislation.

4. Watching Brief Results

4.1.1. There was a single deposit encountered within all six test pits. This was a deposit of quarry spoil material (1000), (2000), (3000), (4000), (5000), & (6000). No other deposits were encountered during the excavation of the test pits. The dimensions of the individual test pits can be seen below:

- 1) Test Pit One measured 3m long, 1.2m wide, and 2m deep.
- 2) Test Pit Two measured 2m long, 1.5m wide, and 1.4m deep.
- 3) Test Pit Three measured 3m long, 1.5m wide, and 1.5m deep.
- 4) Test Pit Four measured 1m long, 1m wide, and 0.5m deep.
- 5) Test Pit Five measured 1m long, 0.9m wide, and 0.5m deep.
- 6) Test Pit Six measured 1m long, 1m wide, and 0.5m deep.

5. The Finds

5.1.1. A single piece of worked slate with a drilled hole through the slate was recovered from Test Pit One. No other finds or features of archaeological significance were recovered during groundworks.

6. Discussions & Conclusions

6.1.1. The watching brief focused on monitoring six trial pits located within the development boundary. All pits highlighted that quarry spoil material was present in all selected locations reaching 1.5m in depth in places. Test Pit 1 revealed the remains of a drilled slate.

6.1.2. It should be noted that the trial pits did not reach the bottom of the quarry spoil and as such, the presence of features beneath the spoil heaps cannot be ruled out. In light of the negative results however, it was agreed with GAPS that no further work was necessary.

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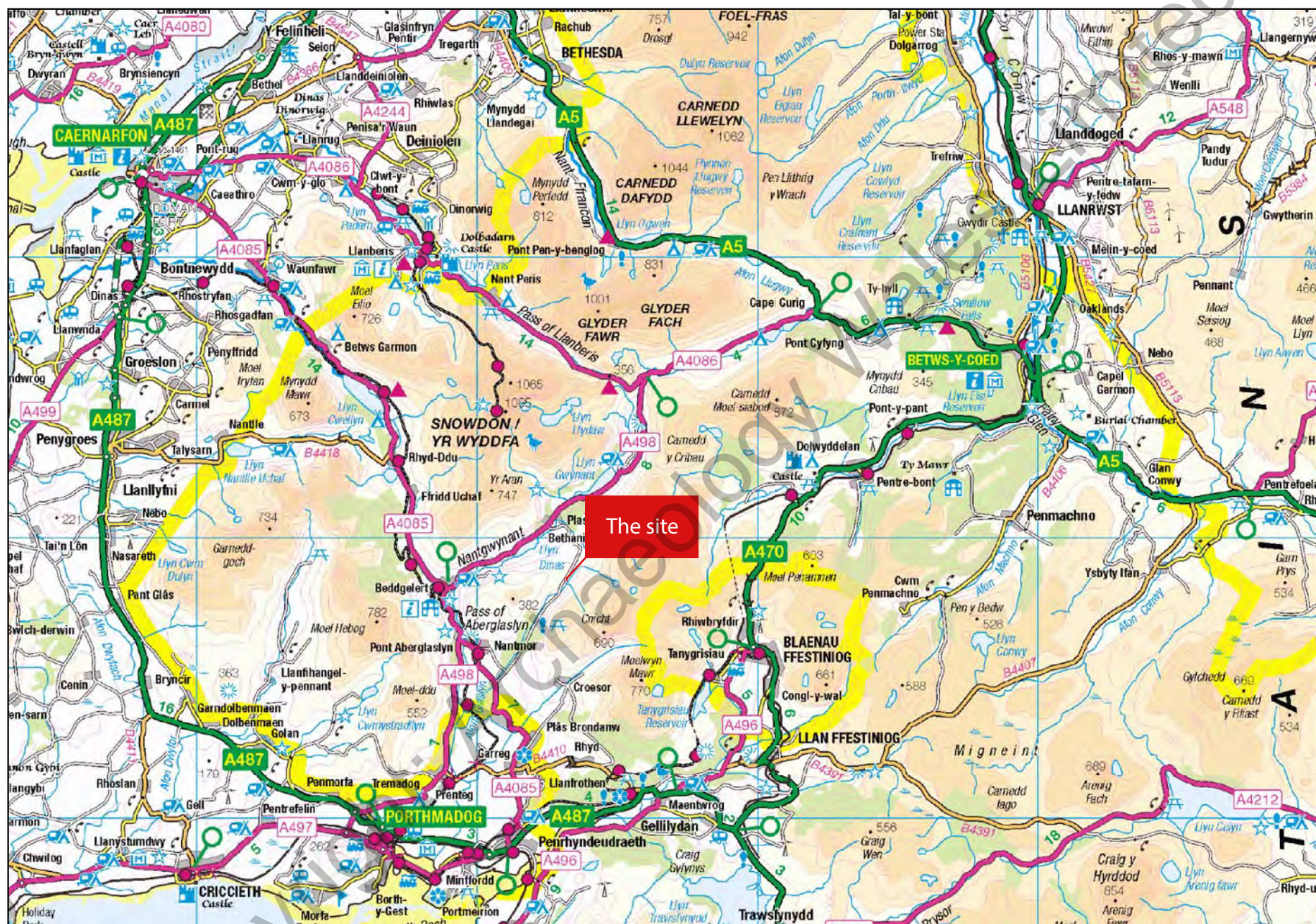


Figure 1. Site location.

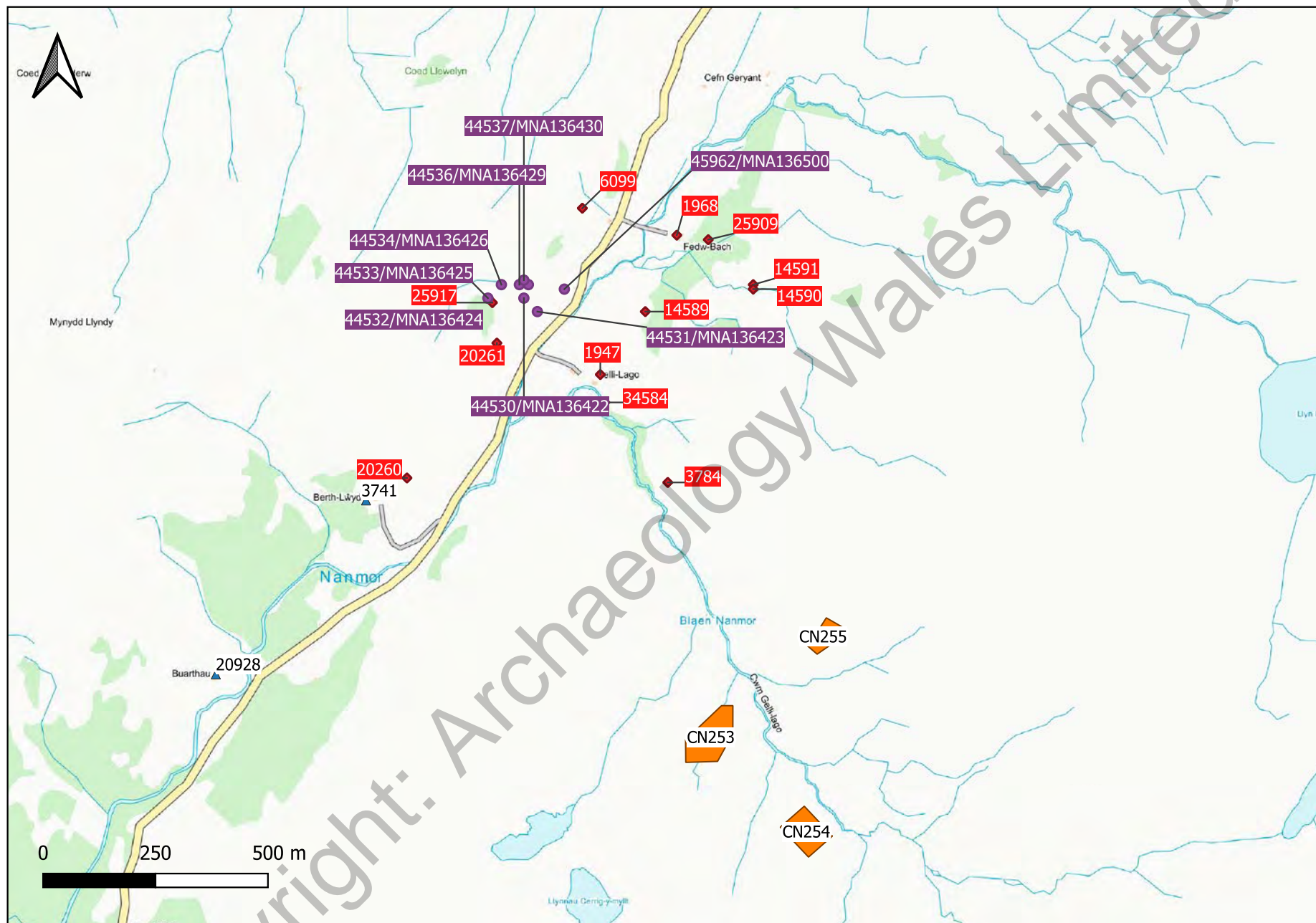


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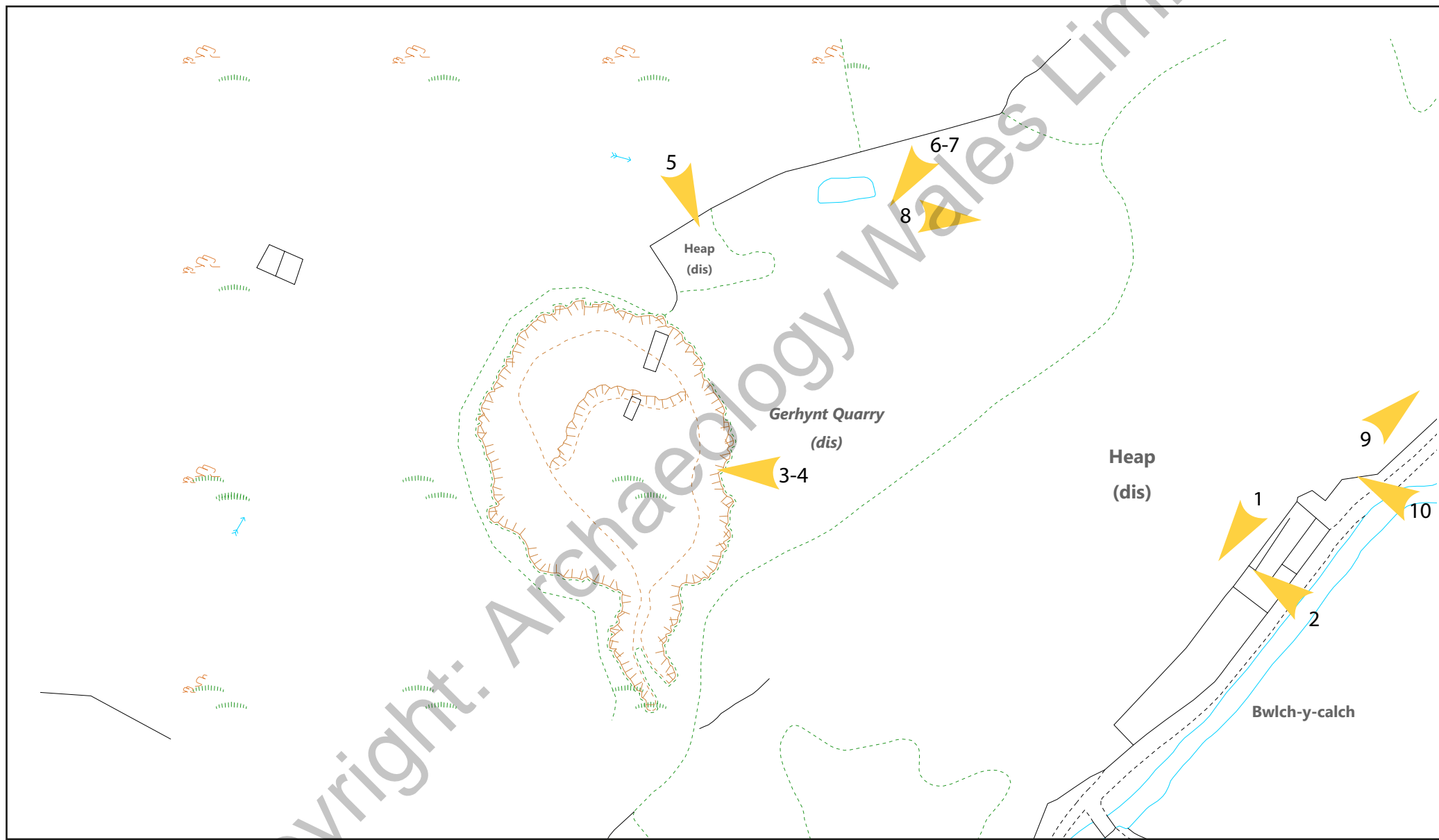
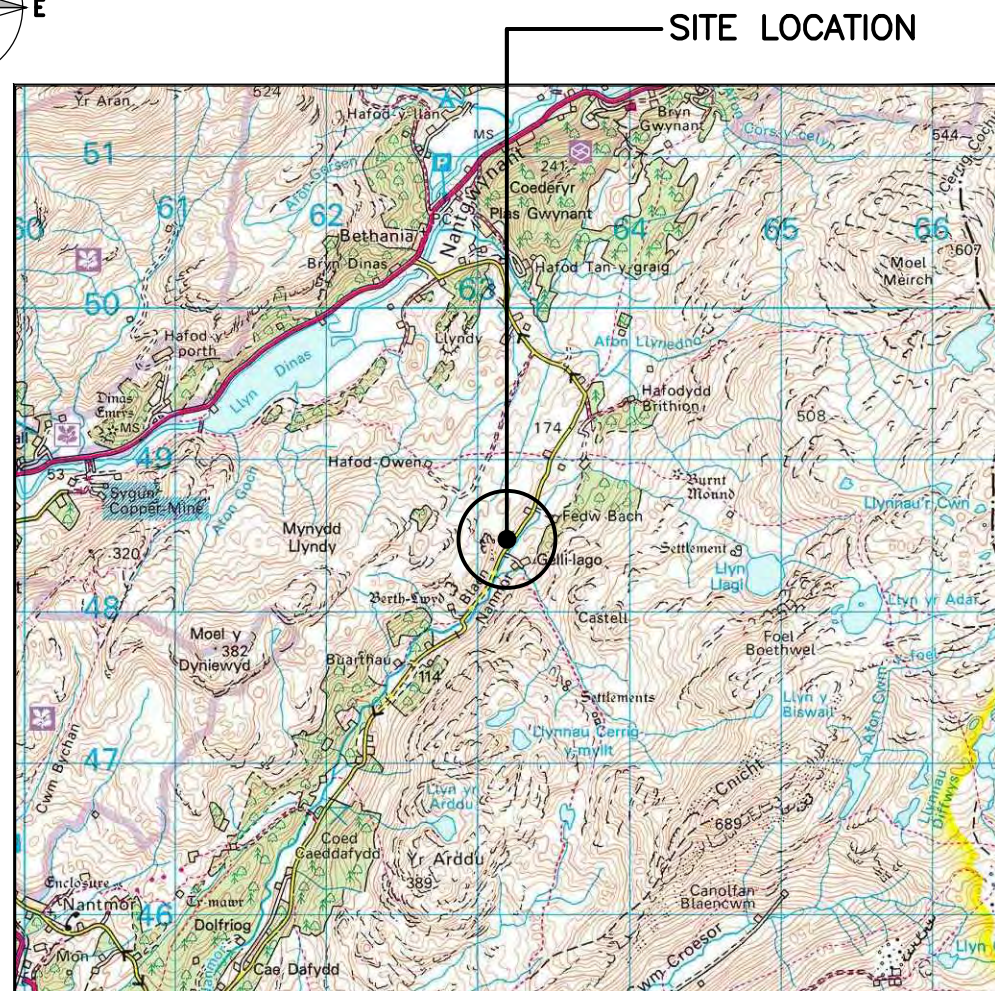
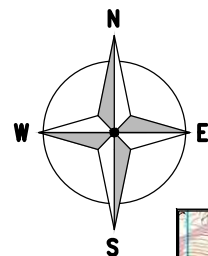


Figure 3. Directions of shot.



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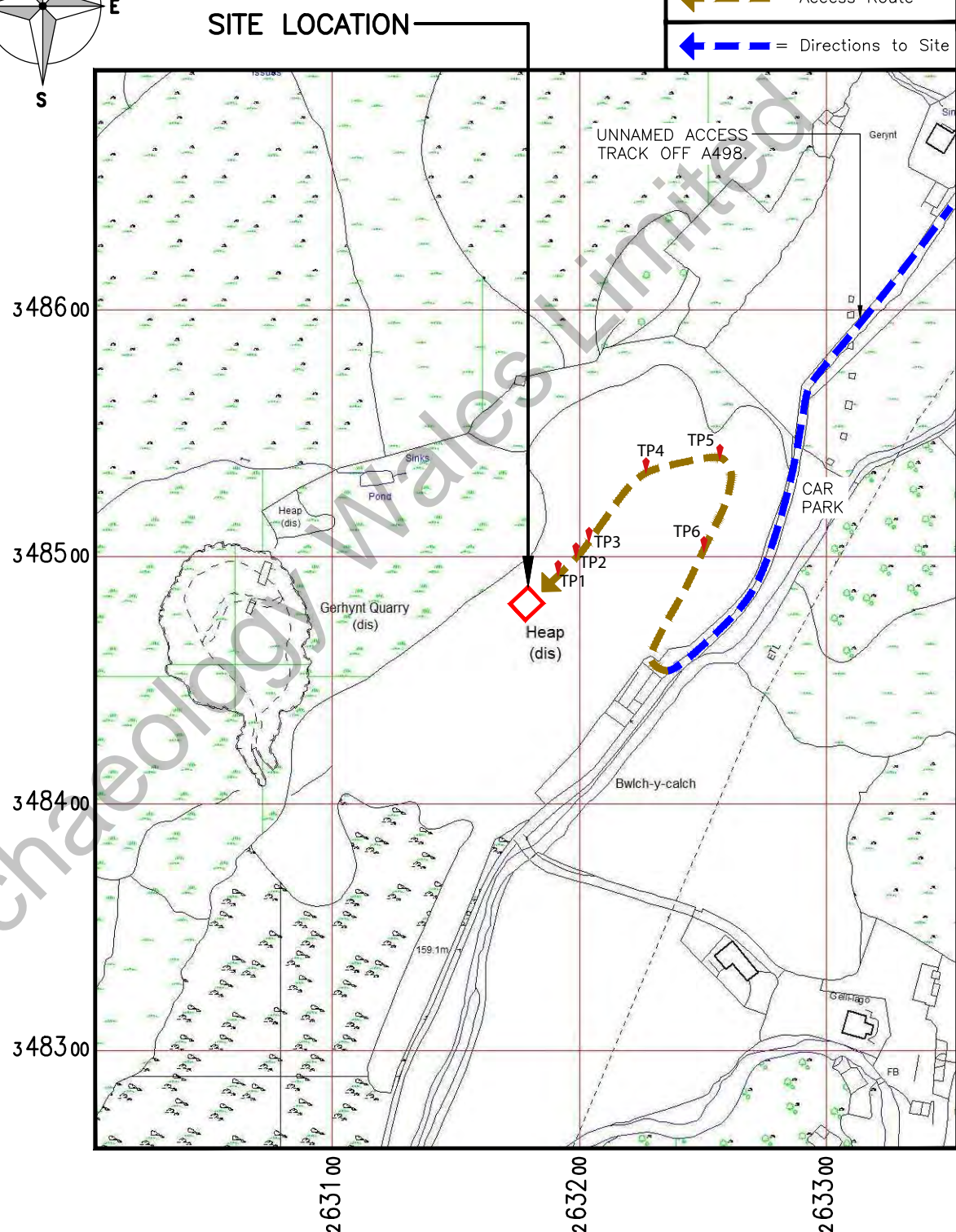
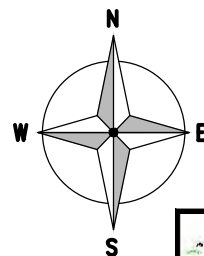
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INTO SINGLE LANE TRACK (UN NAMED) AND FOLLOW THIS
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WALKING ALONG ROAD FROM CAR PARK FOR 56MTR,
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C	Site Revised & Moved to New Location	AT	RW	15.11.17
B	Site Revised for 25.0m LL Extendable Lattice Tower	AT	SS	23.06.17
A	Issued for Approval	AT	SGF	09.06.17



THIRD PART REF. 78651 SITE REF. EAS0055

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Site Address / Contact Details
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BEDDGELERT
GWYNEDD
LL55 4NL

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Plate 1. View of entrance looking S.



Plate 2. View of entrance looking W.



Plate 3 and 4. Views toward the quarry.



Plate 5. Wall associated with sluice.



Plate 6. Boundary wall.



Plate 7. Remains of structure located NE of the disused quarry.



Plate 8. Views from the N region of the quarry site looking E.



Plate 9 and 10. Close-up views of stanchion remains.



Plate 11 and 12. Gerhynt, former barn and farmhouse.



13. Test Pit 1 during excavation looking E.



14. Test Pit 1 after excavation looking W.



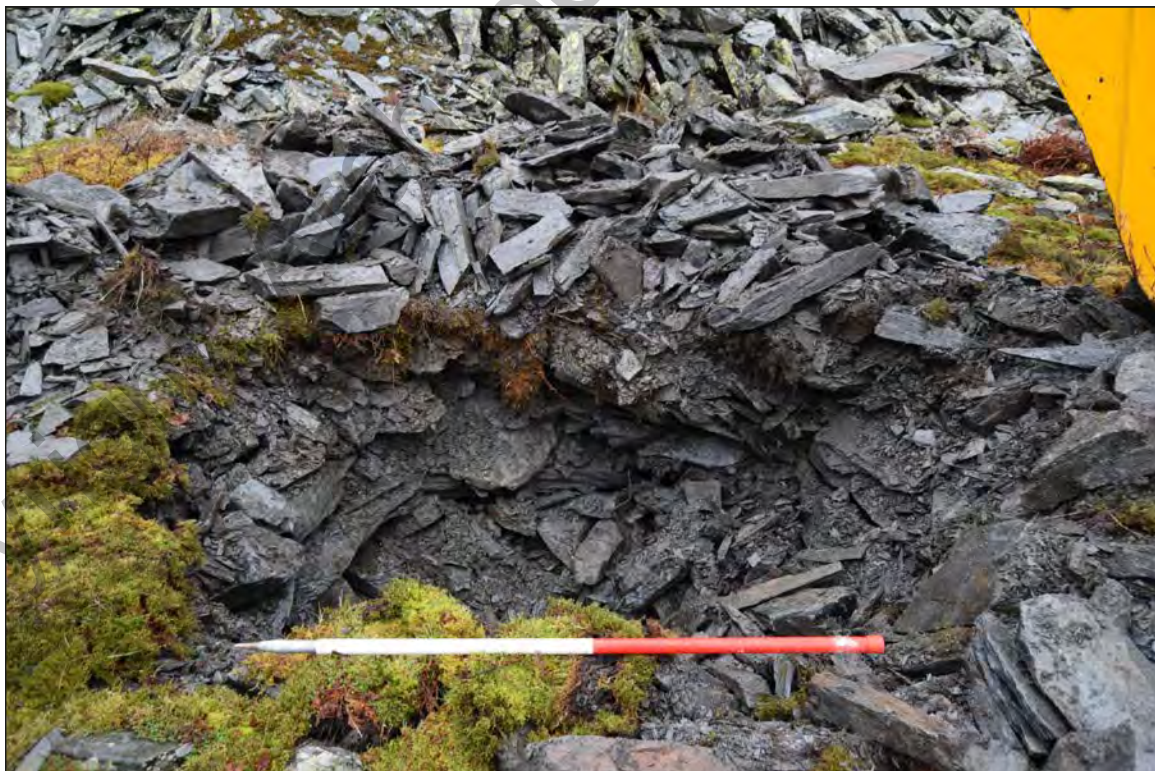
15. Test Pit 2 during excavation looking W.



16. Test Pit 2 after excavation looking W.



17. Test Pit 3 during excavation looking W.



18. Test Pit 3 after excavation looking W.



19. Test Pit 4 after excavation looking W.



20. Test Pit 5 after excavation looking S.



21. Test Pit 6 after excavation looking E.

GWYNEDD ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

ENQUIRY REPORT - CORE RECORDS

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Search Criteria:

Project Gerhynt Quarry: 500m Search

PRN 14589

NAME Sheepfold and Settlement, Blaen Nanmor

NGR SH63434847

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE UNKNOWN, SHEEP FOLD, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION An irregular post medieval sheepfold overlies earlier platforms and enclosures. No definite house platforms can be identified but this appears to be a settlement site, probably of prehistoric character, but could be medieval. <1>

EVIDENCE EARTHWORK

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT KNOWN DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT

PRN: 45965 YEAR: 2020

STATUS Snowdonia National Park

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

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GAT44846 Medieval and Post-Medieval Agricultural Features in North-West Wales. Report on Scheduling Enhancement Study: Part 1: Report and Gazetteer 2014
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PRN 14590

NAME Possible Long Hut Blaen Nant, Beddgelert

NGR SH63674852

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE MEDIEVAL, DESERTED RURAL SETTLEMENT, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION Rectangular sheepfold appears to overlie platform house. Three associated terraced enclosures.

EVIDENCE RUINED BUILDING

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT KNOWN DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT
PRN: 45965 YEAR: 2020

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PRN 14591

NAME Barn, Blaen Nanmor

NGR SH63674853

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE UNKNOWN, BARN, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION An unusual ruined field barn that appears to incorporate an earlier structure with a possibly circular enclosure. <1>

EVIDENCE RUINED BUILDING

CONDITION INFORMATION

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ARCHWILIO URL

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PRN 1947

NAME Gelli Iago House, Beddgelert

NGR SH63334833

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, HOUSE, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION A small rubble built house of one storey, 34ft x 22ft with loft, probably late c17th. It has been much altered but its early features include a wide fireplace with a tall square chimney, a post and panel partition to the right of the front door and some rough ceiling beams and roof timbers. <1>

EVIDENCE BUILDING

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT KNOWN DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT
PRN: 45965 YEAR: 2020

STATUS Snowdonia National Park

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

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ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

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Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments 1960 , Inventory of Ancient Monuments of Caernarvonshire, VOL.II, P.22, NO.710 <1>

ARCHWILIO URL

<https://archwilio.org.uk/arch/query/page.php?watprn=GAT1947>

PRN 1968

NAME Fedw-bach House, Nr. Beddgelert

NGR SH63504864

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, HOUSE, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION N end probably C18th, but S end rebuilt perhaps circa 1800 retaining original style. <1>

EVIDENCE BUILDING**CONDITION INFORMATION**

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT KNOWN DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT PRN: 45965 YEAR: 2020

STATUS Snowdonia National Park

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

GAT45965 HER Evidence Data Cleansing Exercise 2020

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Document: Derby, S. 2020, HER Evidence Data Cleansing Exercise, , , , Digital FI File: EPRN45965

Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments 1960 , Inventory of Ancient Monuments of Caernarvonshire, VOL.II, P.23, NO.731 <1>

ARCHWILIO URL

<https://archwilio.org.uk/arch/query/page.php?watprn=GAT1968>

PRN 20260

NAME Slate Quarry, Berthlwyd

NGR SH629481

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, SLATE QUARRY, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY**DESCRIPTION****EVIDENCE**

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: None Recorded CONDITION RATING: None Recorded DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED
EVENT PRN: YEAR:

STATUS None Recorded

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

GAT40138 Gwynedd Quarrying Landscapes: Slate Quarries 1994

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Report: Davidson, A., Gwyn, D. Rh., Jones, G. P. & Riley, H. 1994, Gwynedd Quarrying Landscapes: Slate
Quarries, , , , GAT Report No. 129
Book: Richards, A. J. 1991, A Gazetteer of the Welsh Slate Industry, , , , HER Library Record No. 414

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ARCHWILIO URL

<http://archwilio.org.uk/arch/query/page.php?watprn=GAT20260>

PRN 20261

NAME Slate Quarry, Gerynt

NGR SH631484

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, SLATE QUARRY, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY**DESCRIPTION****EVIDENCE****CONDITION INFORMATION**

CONDITION: None Recorded CONDITION RATING: None Recorded DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED
EVENT PRN: YEAR:

STATUS None Recorded

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

GAT40138 Gwynedd Quarrying Landscapes: Slate Quarries 1994

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Report: Davidson, A., Gwyn, D. Rh., Jones, G. P. & Riley, H. 1994, Gwynedd Quarrying Landscapes: Slate
Quarries, , , , GAT Report No. 129
Book: Richards, A. J. 1991, A Gazetteer of the Welsh Slate Industry, , , , HER Library Record No. 414

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ARCHWILIO URL

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PRN 25909

NAME Packhorse Trail, Gerynt

NGR SH6357048630

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, PACKHORSE ROAD, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY A Packhorse Trail, East of Fedw-Bach.

DESCRIPTION

EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT RECORDED DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED
EVENT PRN: YEAR: 2018

STATUS None Recorded

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Database: Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales , National Monuments
Record, , , ,

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ARCHWILIO URL

<https://archwilio.org.uk/arch/query/page.php?watprn=GAT25909>

PRN 25917

NAME Penchwarel, Cottage, Gerynt

NGR SH63094849

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, COTTAGE, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY A Post-Medieval Cottage called Penchwarel.

DESCRIPTION

EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT RECORDED DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED
EVENT PRN: YEAR: 2018

STATUS None Recorded

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Database: Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales , National Monuments Record, , , ,

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ARCHWILIO URL

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PRN 34584

NAME Gelli Iago, Saw Mill

NGR SH6334048268

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE POST MEDIEVAL, SAW MILL, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION Saw mill noted on No 1:2500 or 1:10560 1st ed OS maps. Not covered by any of the 1:2500s. Saw mill not labelled on 6inch 2nd or 3rd ed OS maps. Aqueduct labelled here on both maps. Buildings/structures present here on Mastermap but saw mill isn't labelled. Seamless Aerial Photographs & Google Earth - Closest building/structure to the RC's NGR appears to be roofless. Coflien description: mill is 19th C. Waterwheel present; timber plates for the axle of the wheel are still in situ; walls are a maximum of 2m high; remains of the old saw in interior; drystone remains of the superstructure which supported the timber lined leat. (Evans and Burnett, 2012)

EVIDENCE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT RECORDED DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT PRN: 45048 YEAR: 2012

STATUS Snowdonia National Park

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

GAT45048 Medieval and Post-Medieval Mills. Scheduling Enhancement 2011-12. Part 01: Report and Gazetteer. 2012

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Report: Evans, R., and Burnett, A. 2012, Medieval and Post-Medieval Mills. Scheduling Enhancement 2011-12. Part 01: Report and Gazetteer., , , , Report No. 1042

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ARCHWILIO URL

<https://archwilio.org.uk/arch/query/page.php?watprn=GAT34584>

PRN 3784

NAME 2 Platform Houses, Blaen Nanmor

NGR SH63484809

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE UNKNOWN, HOUSE PLATFORM, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION Enclosure walls N of a long hut at SH 63494805 are mentioned in RCAHM No. (765). <1> A platform house at SH 63484809, orientated E-W, 12.0m long and 5.0m wide, situated on a platform cut into the hillside in the E, has a cross wall 2.3m from its W end and has been reused as a sheepfold. A further platform house at SH 63484812; 8.0m long and 4.0m wide, orientated N to S and situated on a platform 1.2m high in the N and 0.2m high in the S. Surveyed at 1:2500. <2>

EVIDENCE RUINED BUILDING

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT KNOWN DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT PRN: 45965 YEAR: 2020

STATUS None Recorded

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

GAT45965 HER Evidence Data Cleansing Exercise 2020

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

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Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments 1960 , Caernarvonshire 2, P.31 NO.765 <1>
Ordnance Survey 1971 , SH64NW 15, <2>

ARCHWILIO URL

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PRN 6099

NAME Natural Feature, Gerhynt

NGR SH63294870

COMMUNITY Beddgelert

PERIOD AND TYPE UNKNOWN, CIST, Sitetype ranking: 2

NOT APPLICABLE, NATURAL FEATURE, Sitetype ranking: 1

SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION The shelves above Gerhynt have been subject to a certain amount of clearance for pasture and there are several features such as stacks of stone on outcrops. Close to the cist location is a small cairn originally square in plan about 2m x 2m and 1m high which might be the feature noted. Close by under an outcrop is a kind of cavity under a fallen over natural slab. Further to the north is a large erratic boulder lying horizontally on an outcrop. Any of these might have caused the original query but none are prehistoric. (Smith, 2003)

EVIDENCE STRUCTURE

CONDITION INFORMATION

CONDITION: NOT KNOWN CONDITION RATING: NOT KNOWN DESCRIPTION: None Recorded RELATED EVENT PRN: 45965 YEAR: 2020

STATUS Snowdonia National Park

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

GAT40526 Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Monument Survey: West Gwynedd/Anglesey 2003
GAT40527 Pan-wales Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Survey: Trial Data Synthesis 2005
GAT45965 HER Evidence Data Cleansing Exercise 2020

ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS

FIND: None recorded COLLECTION: None recorded DESCRIPTION: None recorded

SOURCES

Report: Smith, G. 2003, Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Monument Survey: West Gwynedd and Anglesey, , , ,
GAT Report No. 478
Report: Smith, G., and Steele, N. 2005, Pan-Wales Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Survey: Trial Data
Synthesis, , , , GAT Report No. 579
Document: Derby, S. 2020, HER Evidence Data Cleansing Exercise, , , , Digital FI File: EPRN45965

Crew, P. , NO.642027, <1>

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Key to Abbreviations and Terms

GAT: Gwynedd Archaeological Trust; **HER:** Historic Environment Record; **PRN:** Primary Reference Number, each site and event is given a unique PRN; **NAME:** The common name given to the site; **NGR:** Ordnance Survey National Grid Reference; **COMMUNITY:** The community council in which the site is located; **PERIOD:** The period to which the site belongs; **TYPE:** Describes the site type e.g. CASTLE; **SITE TYPE RANKING:** Indicates the preferred site type interpretation, Rank 1 being the highest; **SUMMARY:** A short, unreferenced site summary written by HER staff; **DESCRIPTION:** Detailed site notes compiled from various sources; **EVIDENCE:** The physical remains of a site, or the means by which a site has been identified; **CONDITION INFORMATION:** The condition of the site at the time of assessment; **STATUS:** The legal status of the site, e.g. Scheduled Ancient Monument; **ASSOCIATED EVENTS:** The details of archaeological investigations relating to the site, e.g. EXCAVATION; **ASSOCIATED ARTEFACTS:** Describes any finds associated with the site; **SOURCES:** The bibliographic references relating to the site

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