

THE CLWYD-POWYS ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

AT

BRYNHENLLYS REVISED OPENCAST SITE
YSTRADGYNLAIS
POWYS

FOR

BRITISH COAL, OPENCAST EXECUTIVE
NO7 SOUTH WESTERN REGION

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PROPOSED BRYNHENLLYS REVISED OPENCAST COAL SITE

ASSESSMENT OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The land use of the area of proposed opencast working falls into four broad categories, which have to some extent dictated the type and amount of archaeological field carried out in each. The Trust's field work has identified discrete groups of archaeological sites, the presence of which had not previously been recorded, in each of these areas. The archaeological content of each of these areas is outlined briefly below, and a summary of recommendations for further archaeological work that we feel is now necessary follows this. Details of each archaeological site mentioned in the text are given in a catalogue (ordered by Powys Archaeological Record number) appended to the end of this report, as are maps identifying the areas discussed in the text and locating the areas of archaeological interest within the concession.

Area (i)

Comprising those areas of previous opencast working which have subsequently been reclaimed, the majority of which has now been afforested and which occupies the most of the south east of the site.

The archaeological potential of area (i) is virtually nil, and no extant archaeological sites of any sort were noted during the Trust's field work. The sites of two former trial shafts (PAR6451, PAR6452) are recorded on early OS maps (1877, 1905, 1918) but all trace of these has been removed by the subsequent opencast work.

Area (ii)

Comprising those areas of unimproved pasture, which lie on the north of the site and forms the south western part of the area of Common Land known as Palleg Mountain (part of which lies within the Brecon Beacons National Park).

This represents the only area of unimproved semi-natural rough grazing within the proposed extraction zone, and consequently the survival of archaeological/historical features in this area is higher than elsewhere. The Trust's field work identified two groups of archaeological sites, the smaller group being on the high ground to the east of the area (PAR6429, PAR6430) and the larger sited along the banks of a wooded tributary to the River Twrch to the west (PAR6431, PAR6432, PAR 6433, PAR6434, PAR6435, PAR6436, PAR6437, PAR6438).

Area (iii)

Comprising those areas of relatively recently improved pasture (including some land reclaimed from the previous opencast workings) associated with Brynhenllys and Waun Lwyd farms, which lie on the west of the site.

This area is presently divided into a number of regular, relatively large, pasture fields most of which are probably fairly modern creations resulting from the amalgamation of smaller fields (comparison with the fields shown on early OS maps evidences this). Many of the fields abutting the forestry appear to fall within the reclaimed areas overlying the previous opencast workings.

The Trust's field work identified only six archaeological/historical sites within this area (PAR6439, PAR6440, PAR6441, PAR6454, PAR6455, PAR6456), all of which are probably Post Medieval features. Three of these are relatively modern farm buildings (Brynhenllys Farm, Brynhenllys Cottage and Waun Lwyd Farm) while the others appear to be features associated with these farms.

Area (iv)

Comprising those areas of deciduous/scrub woodland occupying the eastern side of the Twrch valley, on the extreme west of the site.

Present land use here has been governed initially by the existing topography and latterly by the industrial activities (particularly coal extraction) which have dominated the Twrch Valley throughout the modern era. Much of the area is now either derelict or regenerating scrub woodland. The steep gradient of the eastern side of the Twrch valley makes access difficult, and it was not possible to assess the whole of area (iv) thoroughly. However it is hard to visualise any form of activity utilising this slope, before the commencement of mining, and it is probable that there are no pre-mining archaeological/historical features surviving in the unsurveyed parts this area.

The Trust's field work, together with a limited amount of documentary research, has identified nine sites of archaeological/historical interest (PAR6442, PAR6443, PAR6444, PAR6445, PAR6446, PAR6447, PAR6448, PAR6453, PAR6457). Seven of these are related to forms of coal extraction (i.e. the Brynhenllys and Ystrad Owen Collieries and the various coal levels that survive on the valley side), while the remaining two are the site of the former Silica brickworks and the site of a relatively modern building/house.

SUMMARY

The surviving archaeology of the area can be seen to follow a fairly simple sequence. With the exception of the two possible Bronze Age sites (?cairn PAR6429 and ?hut PAR6430), on the unimproved land to the north, the whole area is dominated by evidence of Medieval/Post Medieval and later industrial activity. Traces of other Prehistoric, and later, activity may have existed within the reclaimed areas to the ²⁻³west of the site before the previous phases of opencast work, but these have obviously been destroyed.

The earliest surviving phase of Medieval/Post Medieval activity appears to be the settlement associated with the limekiln site (PAR6431, PAR6432, PAR6433, PAR6434, PAR6435, PAR6436, PAR6437, PAR6438) within area (ii). This is presumably followed by Brynhenllys and Waun Lwyd Farms and their associated field systems, which have survived, albeit in an altered form, until the present, and which occupy the majority of area (iii). Mining and other industrial activity provide the third phase, but these are largely restricted to lower slopes of the Twrch Valley in area (iv).

RECOMMENDATIONS

It appears that the whole of the proposed concession area is likely to be effected by the re-introduction of opencast working. It is appreciated that not all of the area will be mined, but there will have to be considerable movement and dumping of spoil, the removal of many boundaries, and a general change in land management over the remainder of the site. These changes, on whatever scale, may well effect all of the archaeological/historical features identified within the site area in some way.

Features identified during preliminary survey work form interesting and important elements of the archaeological and historical landscape. Despite this it is felt, at this stage, that there are insufficient grounds to oppose the development, with the proviso that certain of the archaeological and historical sites should be fully investigated and recorded before they are destroyed. Extensive archaeological excavations may be essential in some instances before opencast working proceeds.

Following our initial assessment we recommend that recording and trial excavation, detailed below, is carried out during the pre-planning stage. This will determine whether more extensive work will be required before development takes place.

1. Trial excavation work is necessary on the two upland sites (PAR6429, PAR6430) in area (ii) in order to establish their nature and date. It is possible that both of these sites are Bronze Age.
2. The complex hut group and associated limekiln (PAR6431, PAR6432, PAR6433, PAR6434, PAR6435, PAR6436, PAR6437, PAR6438) in area (ii) should be surveyed, and trial excavation should be carried out in selected areas, in order to recover structural and dating evidence.
3. Trial excavation may be necessary on the enclosure (PAR6439) at Brynhenllys Farm in order to establish its nature and date. This feature appears to be associated with the Farm complex in some way but would appear to pre-date any of the other structures on the site and it is conceivable that this feature is much earlier than the existing farm. It may be possible to establish a date for this structure by further documentary research.

4. The buildings of Brynhenllys Farm (PAR6454), Waun Lwyd Farm (PAR 6455) and Brynhenllys Cottage (PAR6456) should be recorded. Photographic survey will probably be most appropriate.

5. The industrial remains within area (iv) must be recorded and in part surveyed. These remains are complex and without proper survey their nature, and future potential (see below), are difficult to assess adequately. However, it is felt that the need for this work is less pressing than that outlined in 1 to 4 above, as it is assumed that the valley floor of area (iv) is not immediately threatened by the opencast mining activity. This recording work could perhaps be considered as a second phase of operations.

It may be desirable to consider restoring parts of some of these industrial archaeological sites in order that they might be displayed to the public at some point in the future; perhaps in conjunction with similar works undertaken within the Brecon Beacons National Park at the nearby Henllys Colliery site.

It is estimated that the initial phase of work (i.e. 1 to 4 above) would take 3 to 4 weeks to carry out. The Trust has not costed-out these proposals and we await your further advice before proceeding with this matter.

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Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust
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A P P E N D I X 1

CATALOGUE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SITES NOTED DURING ASSESSMENT

6429 Brynhenllys 'Cairn'

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN7687130B SN71SE	Area of disturbed stone sited on local summit/One elongated mound (2 long by 0.5m wide and 0.5m high) and one circular mound (0.75m diameter and 0.4m high), and two possible sites of similar features, apparent (ref 01)/ Possibly the remains of shooting butts though may be built on site of sepulchral cairn base/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Butts ?/Post Medieval ?	
.....T2	Round barrow ?/Bronze Age	
Descriptive T..	Stone setting/Undated	Opencast working/
Altitude/mOD...	214	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Forestry;Reclaimed	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6429/;
Ownership.....	British Coal	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
Site Status....	NP	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys assessment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
See also.....	6430;6431;6432;6433;	
.....	6434;6435;6436;6437;	
.....	6438	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6430 Brynhenllys Hut I

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76811293 SN71SE	Area of disturbed ground on gentle south east facing slope/Possibly the remains of a Bronze Age hut 'scoop' though may merely be a natural hollow accentuated by erosion/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Earthwork Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Hut ?/Bronze Age ?	Opencast working/
Descriptive T..	Earthwork/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	210	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6430/;
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Forestry;Reclaimed	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
Ownership.....	British Coal	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
Site Status....	NP	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys assessment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
See also.....	6429;6431;6432;6433;	
.....	6434;6435;6436;6437;	
.....	6438	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6431 Pen y Wern Hut I

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76401344 SN71SE	Foundation of D-shaped dry-stone built hut some 6m E-W by 5m N-S with walls 0.5m thick and surviving to 0.4m high/Constructed with an inner and outer boulder 'kerb' with smaller stone infill/Possible entrance on west side/ Sited on north bank of, and immediately adjacent to, deep stream gorge/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Hut/Medieval ?	Siting would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature though may possibly be Bronze Age/
.....T2	Hut ?/Bronze Age	Similar structure (PAR 6432) some 50m to north east/See also group of features (centred on hut PAR 6434) some 50m to south, on opposite bank of stream/
Descriptive T..	Stone setting/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
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Site Status....	NP;CL	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	Opencast working/
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	
Site Value.....	D	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6431/;
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
Visits.....	CPAT89	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
See also.....	6429;6430;6432;6433;	
.....	6434;6435;6436;6437;	
.....	6438	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6432 Pen y Wern Hut II

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76441347 SN71SE	Foundation of sub-circular dry-stone built hut some 5m across with walls 0.5m thick and surviving to 0.2m high/Constructed with an inner and outer boulder 'kerb' with smaller stone infill/Possible entrance on west side/ Sited on north bank of, and immediately adjacent to, deep stream gorge/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Hut/Medieval ?	
.....T2	Hut ?/Bronze Age	Siting would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature though may possibly be Bronze Age/
Descriptive T..	Stone setting/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	Similar structure (PAR 6431) some 50m to south west/See also group c features (centred on hut PAR 6434) some 60m to south, on opposite bank of stream/
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Status....	NP;CL	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	Opencast working/
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	
Site Value.....	D	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6432/;
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
Visits.....	CPAT89	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6433;	
.....	6434;6435;6436;6437;	
.....	6438	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6433 Pen y Wern Trackway

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76351345;SN76381343 SN71SE	Length of terraced trackway running, for about 40m, from the top of the north side of steep stream gorge downslope towards the stream/Presumably connecting huts (PAR 6431 6432) with stream/ Siting, and the possible association with hut sites, would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Earthwork Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Trackway/Medieval ?	
.....T2	Hut ?/Bronze Age	See also group of features (centred on hut PAR 6434) some 50m to south, on opposite bank of stream/
Descriptive T..	Earthwork/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	Opencast working/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Status....	NP;CL	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6433/;
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6432;	
.....	6434;6435;6436;6437;	
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Entry Details.. CMB9

6434 Pen y Wern Hut III

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76501341 SN715E	Foundation of circular dry-stone built hut some 5m across with walls 0.5m thick and surviving to 0.6m high/Constructed with an inner and outer boulder 'kerb' with smaller stone infill/Entrance on south side/ Sited at confluence of two E-W streams, on the south bank of, and immediately adjacent to, the northernmost (deeper) stream gorge)/Abutted on the west by a spur wall (PAR 6435) which runs west towards the stream junction/Adjacent to a rectangular hut (PAR 6436) a limekiln (PAR 6437) and a large pit (PAR 6438) and perhaps associated with them (the whole possibly forming a small settlement/ Siting, and the possible association with the limekiln, would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature though may possibly be Bronze Age/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Hut/Medieval ?	
.....T2	Hut ?/Bronze Age	
Descriptive T..	Stone setting/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Status....	NP;CL	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	Similar structures (PAR 6431 6432) some 50m to north, on opposite bank of stream/
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	Opencast working/
Related to.....	6435	
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6432;	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6434/;
.....	6433;6435;6436;6437;	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CSB9/;
.....	6438	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
Entry Details..	CMB9	

6435 Pen y Wern Wall

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76381341;SN76401341 SN715E	Length of tumble dry-stone walling running, for about 15m, west from of side of hut PAR 6434 towards stream confluence/Survives as rubble bank some 1.5m across and up to 0.5m high/Presumably associated with hut PAR 6434/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Wall/Medieval ?	Siting, and the possible association with hut sites, would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature though may possibly be Bronze Age/
.....T2	Hut ?/Bronze Age	See also huts (PAR 6431 6432) some 50m to north, on opposite bank of stream/
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Status....	NP;CL	Opencast working/
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6433/;
Site Value.....	D	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CSB9/;
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6434	
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6432;	
.....	6433;6434;6436;6437;	
.....	6438	
Entry Details..	CMB9	

6436 Pen y Wern Hut IV

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Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76411344 SN71SE	Foundation of three sides of a rectangular dry-stone built hut some 4m SW-NE by 1.5m SE-NW (the north west side being destroyed by strea erosion) The surviving walls are formed by a setting of single boulders with smaller stone infilling some of the interspaces/There is no obvious entrance/
District.....	Brecknock	Sited at confluence of two E-W streams, on the south bank of, and immediately adjacent to, the northernmost (deeper) stream
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	gorge)/Adjacent to a circular hut (PAR 6434) a limekiln (PAR 6437) and a large pit (PAR 6438) and perhaps associated with them (the whole possibly forming a small settlement/
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	Siting, shape, and the possible association with the limekiln, would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature/
Type/Period..T1	Hut/Medieval ?	
Descriptive T..	Stone setting/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Status....	NP;CL	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenlllys asesment	Opencast working/
Visits.....	CPAT89	
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6432;	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6434/;
.....	6433;6434;6435;6437;	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
.....	6438	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
Entry Details..	CM89	

6437 Pen y Wern Kiln

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76531340 SN71SE	Foundation of circular dry-stone built kiln some 5m across with surviving boulder wall 0.5m thick and up to 0.6m high constructed around top/ Comprises a dry-jointed stone lined pit, of relatively crude construction, partially built into northern bank of stream wit a dry-stone revetment around its southern side/Described as "kiln (disused)" by ref 04 and is possibly a limekiln/There is little evidence of burning debris on, or around, the site which may suggest a relatively short working life/
District.....	Brecknock	The kiln is sited at confluence of two E-W streams adjacent to huts (PAR 6434 6436) and pit (PAR 6438 - which may be a source of limestone for this kiln) and it is perhaps associated with them (the whole possibly forming a small settlement)/
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	Siting, the relative crudity of construction, and its apparent associations, would suggest that this is perhaps a Medieval feature/
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	See also huts (PAR 6431 6432) some 50m to north/
Type/Period..T1	Limekiln ?/Medieval ?	
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Status....	NP;CL	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenlllys asesment	Opencast working/
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6438	
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6432;	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6436/;
.....	6433;6434;6435;6436;	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
.....	6438	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//;
Entry Details..	CM89	04/P/Map/OS/1964/SN7614/25 inch

6438 Pen y Wern Pit

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76521341 SN71SE	Circular pit some 3m across and 1.5m deep/Sited at confluence of two E-W streams immediately adjacent to possible limekiln (PAR 6437) and is probably a quarry pit for this kiln/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Earthwork Damaged	Opencast working/
Type/Period..T1	Quarry ?/Medieval ?	
Descriptive T..	Earthwork/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
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		01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6438/;

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Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/;
Ownership.....	British Coal	03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//
Site Status....	NP;CL	
National Park..	Brecon Beacons	
Common Land....	73/Palleg Mountain	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6437	
See also.....	6429;6430;6431;6432;	
.....	6433;6434;6435;6436;	
.....	6437	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6439 Brynhenllys Enclosure

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN757B1247 SN71SE	Foundation of circular dry-stone built enclosure some 15m across, surviving as an annular rubble spread some 2.5m thick and up to 0.8 high, with massive clearance cairn built on south western side (presumably after dereliction)/Occupies highest ground at the narrowest point of a narrow N-S field (which adjoins Brynhenllys far buildings), merging with the field wall on the western side and separated from the boundary on the east by a slight terrace 2.5m wid and a hollow way 2m wide/Very probably some form of fold or pen associated with the farm buildings to the south, and therefore of Post Medieval date, though siting and morphology are reminiscent of ring cairn!/ Depicted as former enclosure occupied by trees by ref 04 05 06 but not obviously part of the 'present' field system/ Opencast working/ 01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6439/; 02/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989/CS89/; 03/M/Photograph/CPAT/1989//; 04/P/Map/OS/1877?//25 inch; 05/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch; 06/P/Map/OS/1918//25 inch
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Enclosure/Post Medieval ?	
.....T2	Round barrow ?/Bronze Age	
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6440 Brynhenllys Cairn

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN756B1224 SN71SE	Irregular mound of illsorted stone apparently built up against (and slightly over) extant Post Medieval field wall/Almost certainly a relatively modern field clearance cairn associated with the cultivation of the present field system/ Opencast working/ 01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6440/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Clearance cairn/Post Medieval ?	
.....T2	Round barrow ?/Bronze Age	
Descriptive T..	Cairn/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	190	
Land Use.....	Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	

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Entry Details.. CM89

6441 Tre Deg Cairn

Grid Ref/Maps.. SN75871190 SN71SE Irregular turf covered mound some 1.5m across and 0.3m high/Sited within level pasture field/Possibly a clearance feature though may be natural/
 District..... Brecknock
 Community..... Ystradgynlais
 Form/Condition. Structure Damaged
 Type/Period..T1 Clearance cairn ?/Post Medieval ? Opencast working/
 Descriptive T.. Cairn ?/Undated
 Altitude/mOD... 190 01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6441/
 Land Use..... Pasture A;Woodland;Reclaimed
 Ownership..... British Coal
 Site Value..... D
 Surveys..... CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment
 Visits..... CPAT89
 Entry Details.. CM89

6442 Cwm Clyd Level

Grid Ref/Maps.. SN761132 SN71SE Site of former coal level (ref 01)/No obvious remains now apparent other area of general disturbance, spoil heaps etc. (ref 02)/Service by mineral railway (PAR 6448) now disused/
 District..... Brecknock
 Community..... Ystradgynlais
 Form/Condition. Structure Damaged
 Type/Period..T1 Mine (coal)/Modern ? Opencast working/
 Descriptive T.. Structure/Undated
 Altitude/mOD... 175 01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
 Land Use..... Woodland;Reclaimed 02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6442/
 Ownership..... British Coal
 Site Value..... D
 Surveys..... CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment
 Visits..... CPAT89
 Related to..... 6448
 Entry Details.. CM89

6443 Brynhenllys Colliery I

Grid Ref/Maps.. SN757128 SN71SE Site of former drift mine centred on given MGR though though extending along river Twrch both to north and south (from roughly SN75841299 to SN75641270)/Vestigial building remains, including pit head buildings, an incline, shafts and spoil heaps etc. (ref 01)/Serviced by mineral railway (PAR 6448) now disused/
 District..... Brecknock
 Community..... Ystradgynlais
 Form/Condition. Structure Damaged
 Type/Period..T1 Mine (coal)/Modern ? Opencast working/
 Descriptive T.. Structure/Undated
 Altitude/mOD... 175 01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6442/
 Land Use..... Woodland;Reclaimed
 Ownership..... British Coal
 Site Value..... D
 Surveys..... CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment
 Visits..... CPAT89
 Related to..... 6448
 Entry Details.. CM89

6444 Graig Lwyd Level I

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75621257 SN71SE	Site of former coal level (ref 01)/No obvious remains now apparent
District.....	Brecknock	other area of general disturbance, spoil heaps etc. (ref 02)/Service
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	by mineral railway (PAR 6448) now disused/
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	Opencast working/
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	175	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6444/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6448	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6445 Brynhenllys Brickworks

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN755125 SN71SE	Site of former silica brickworks centred on given NGR though
District.....	Brecknock	extending along river Twrch both northwards from the area of the
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	Graig Lwyd levels, PAR 6444 and PAR 6449, and southwards to the edge
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	of Brynhenllys Colliery II, PAR 6446 (from roughly SN75601255 to
Type/Period..T1	Brickworks/Modern ?	SN75401255)/Vestigial building remains, including roads, loading
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	areas etc. (ref 01)/Serviced by mineral railway (PAR 6448) now
Altitude/mOD...	175	disused/
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	Opencast working/
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6442/
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6448	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6446 Brynhenllys Colliery II

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75571235 SN71SE	Site of former drift mine centred on given NGR though though
District.....	Brecknock	extending along river Twrch both northwards, towards the silica
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	brickworks (PAR 6445), and southwards (from roughly SN75401255 to
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	SN75521220)/Vestigial building remains are apparent on site,
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	including pit head buildings, shafts, loading bays, spoil heaps etc.
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	(ref 01)/Serviced by mineral railway (PAR 6448) now disused/
Altitude/mOD...	175	Some of the office buildings may survive within Brynhenllys farm (see
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	PAR 6454)/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	Opencast working/
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6446/
Related to.....	6448	
See also.....	6454	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6447 Ystrad Owen Colliery

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Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75511200 SN71SE	Site of former drift mine centred roughly on given NGR (ref 01)/No
District.....	Brecknock	obvious building remains apparent on site other than general area of
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	disturbance, spoil heaps etc. (ref 02)/Serviced by mineral railway
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	(PAR 6448) now disused/
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	Opencast working/
Altitude/mOD...	175	
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Ownership.....	British Coal	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6447/
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6448	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6448 Caelliau Branch Mineral Railway

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75531150 SN71SE	Site of former mineral railway branch line branching from the main
District.....	Brecknock	mineral line at Caelliau with coal levels and other works (PAR
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	6443-6447, 6449) along the Twrch valley as far as Cwm Clyd (PAR
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	6442)/Line traceable for most of this length except where overlain
Type/Period..T1	Railway/Modern	by subsequent industrial works etc./Sleepers, fishplates and other
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	fixings surviving at many locations (ref 01)/
Altitude/mOD...	175	
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	Opencast working/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6448/
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6442;6443;6444;6445;	
.....	6446;6447;6449	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6449 Graig Lwyd Level II

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75601254 SN71SE	Site of former coal level (ref 01)/No obvious remains now apparent
District.....	Brecknock	other area of general disturbance, spoil heaps etc. (ref 02)/Serviced
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	by mineral railway (PAR 6448) now disused/
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	Opencast working/
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	175	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6442/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6448	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6450 Waun Lwyd Level

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Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75941261 SN71SE	Site of former coal level (ref 01)/No obvious remains now apparent
District.....	Brecknock	other area of general disturbance on the fringe of subsequent
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	opencast workings which have since been reclaimed/
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	Opencast working/
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	175	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6450/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenlllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6451 Brynhenlllys Trial Shaft I

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76651265 SN71SE	Site of former trial shaft (ref 01)/Site totally removed by opencast
District.....	Brecknock	workings which have now been restored as area of coniferous forestry
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Destroyed	Opencast working/
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Altitude/mOD...	175	02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6451/
Land Use.....	Forestry;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenlllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6452 Brynhenlllys Trial Shaft II

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN76741265 SN71SE	Site of former trial shaft (ref 01)/Site totally removed by opencast
District.....	Brecknock	workings which have now been restored as area of coniferous forestry
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Structure Destroyed	Opencast working/
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	
Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Altitude/mOD...	175	02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6452/
Land Use.....	Forestry;Reclaimed	
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenlllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6453 Brynhenlllys Level

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75701273 SN71SE	Site of former coal level (ref 01)/No obvious remains now apparent
District.....	Brecknock	other area of general disturbance to the south of the more recent a
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	more extensive Brynhenlllys Colliery I (PAR 6443)/Serviced by minera
Form/Condition.	Structure Damaged	railway (PAR 644B) now disused/
Type/Period..T1	Mine (coal)/Modern ?	
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Descriptive T..	Structure/Undated	Opencast working/
Altitude/mOD...	175	
Land Use.....	Woodland;Reclaimed	01/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Ownership.....	British Coal	02/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6450/
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys assessment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Related to.....	6448	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6454 Brynhenllys Farm

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75701240 SN71SE	Post Medieval farmstead complex comprising stone farm house (rendered) and stone ancillary buildings set lineally on N-S trackway, the whole being set within a system of dry-stone banked regular fields/Farm buildings no longer in use and are delapidating/ Some of the outbuildings to the farm may originally have been offices for adjacent Brynhenllys Colliery II (PAR 6446)/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Building Near intact	
Type/Period..T1	Farmstead/Post Medieval	
Descriptive T..	Building/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	160	
Land Use.....	Pasture C;Reclaimed;Woodland	Opencast working/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6450/
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys assessment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
See also.....	6446	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6455 Waun Lwyd Farm

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75861267 SN71SE	Post Medieval nucleated farmstead complex comprising stone farm house and ancillary buildings set around the house and yard, the whole lying within system of dry-stone banked regular fields which emulate those to be found the adjacent Brynhenllys farm (PAR 6454) but which appear to be largely a modern creation (possibly the result of realignment following recent opencast working in the area)/ Farm house is occupied but the farm buildings are delapidating/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Building Intact	
Type/Period..T1	Farmstead/Post Medieval	
Descriptive T..	Building/Undated	
Altitude/mOD...	160	
Land Use.....	Pasture C;Reclaimed;Woodland	Opencast working/
Ownership.....	British Coal	
Site Value.....	D	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6450/
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys assessment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6456 Brynhenllys Cottage

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75841254 SN71SE	Relatively modern cottage set against E-W 'road'/Probably associated with Waun Lwyd (PAR 6455) Brynhenllys (PAR 6454) farmstead-settler system/
District.....	Brecknock	
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	
Form/Condition.	Building Intact	
Type/Period..T1	House/Modern ?	Opencast working/
Descriptive T..	Building/Undated	
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Altitude/mOD...	160	01/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6456/
Land Use.....	Private space;Pasture C;Woodland	
Ownership.....	British Coal ?	
Site Value.....	D	
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	

6457 Graig Lwyd House

Grid Ref/Maps..	SN75841254 SN71SE	Former site of building (presumably house-farmstead though possibly associated with adjacent coal mining activity - see PAR 6444) calle
District.....	Brecknock	Graig Lwydm (ref 01 02 03)/No building now surviving in area of
Community.....	Ystradgynlais	relatively disturbance
Form/Condition.	Building Destroyed	
Type/Period..T1	House ?/Post Medieval ?	
Descriptive T..	Building/Undated	Opencast working/
Altitude/mOD...	160	
Land Use.....	Derelict;Woodland	01/P/Map/OS/1877//25 inch;
Ownership.....	British Coal ?	02/P/Map/OS/1905//25 inch;
Site Value.....	D	03/P/Map/OS/1918//25 inch;
Surveys.....	CPAT/1989/Brynhenllys asesment	04/M/Visit form/CPAT/1989/PAR 6457/
Visits.....	CPAT89	
Entry Details..	CM89	