

01 Site number CAR 2236	02 Cross reference F 67, F 42	03 G.R. number
04 County CLYD (FLINTS)	05 County number F 7	06 Local Authority DELYN
07 Parish GWAENYSGOR	08 NGR SJ 0865 3016 08SE	09 Height OD 240M.
		10 File number ANC/1164

11 Site Name
GOP CAIRN

12 Description A LARGE CAIRN OF MIXED LIMESTONE & EARTH. HEIGHT 50'-60', THE HOLLOWED-OUT TOP MEASURED 75' FROM NW-SE & 45' FROM NE TO SW. LARGEST CAIRN IN THE COUNTY. EXCAVATIONS BY BOYD DAKKINS IN 1886 PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF DATE OR PURPOSE. (1)

THE SUMMIT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT LOWERED OR FLATTENED THROUGH... EXCAVATION... THE USE OF THE STONES FOR WALL-BUILDING, THE... HABIT OF VISITORS CASTING STONES DOWN THE SIDES OF THE MOUND, AND THE LEVELLING OF THE SUMMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF... A BEACON IN THE EARLY 17TH C...

THE GOP CAIRN HAS EXPLORED IN 1886 AND 1887 BY PROF. W.B. DAKKINS...

THE EXPLORATION WAS... A SHAFT (6'6" x 4') IN THE CENTRE OF THE CAIRN DOWN TO THE ROCK FORMING THE ORIGINAL SURFACE OF THE GROUND TO A DEPTH OF 26'.. FROM THE BASE OF THE SHAFT A DRIFT WAS MADE 6' HIGH AND 4' WIDE IN A NW DIRECTION TO A DISTANCE OF 30'.. 2 OTHER DRIFTS WERE ALSO MADE INTERSECTING THE FIRST...

PROF.. DAKKINS FAILED TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AGE OF THE CAIRN OR OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED. (2)

13 Site type/Period-general/Period-specific/Form

CAIRN / PREHISTORIC / NOT KNOWN / FINDS (UNDATED); BEACON / POST. MED. / STUART / DOCUMENTARY

14 Proportion of Site Scheduled/Survival within Scheduled Area/Condition 1/3/C	15 Area 0.5 ha.
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16 Land Class. on site
GRASSLAND 2; OTHER 13; WOODLAND 7; SCRUB;

17 Land Class. around site
OTHER 6; FENCE; WOODLAND 7; WOODLAND 4

18 Site Status
SAM.

19 Area Status

20 Owner(s)
M.R.M. STEELE-MORTIMER
GOLDEN GROVE
LLANASA
HOLYWELL CHB 9NE.

21 Occupier(s)

21 Assessment of Importance of Monument

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22366

22 Scheduling Procedure

Date	/	/19	/Recommended IAM,
	/	/19	/Approved (Not Approved IAM,
	/	/19	/Review by Scheduling Policy Branch
	/	/19	/Review by Head of Territorial Branch
	/	/19	/Recommended (Not Approved Ancient Monuments Board
	/	/19	/Notices Sent
	/	/19	/Monument included in Schedule

Other Comments:

23 Monument not scheduled, de-scheduled because:

24 Archaeological History: Event Name/Date

PART EXCAV/DANKINS, H.B./1886-7

25 Visits: Name/Date MORGAN, T. FH/24/1/1986

26 Sources: Source Type/Collection/Author/Date/Title/Other

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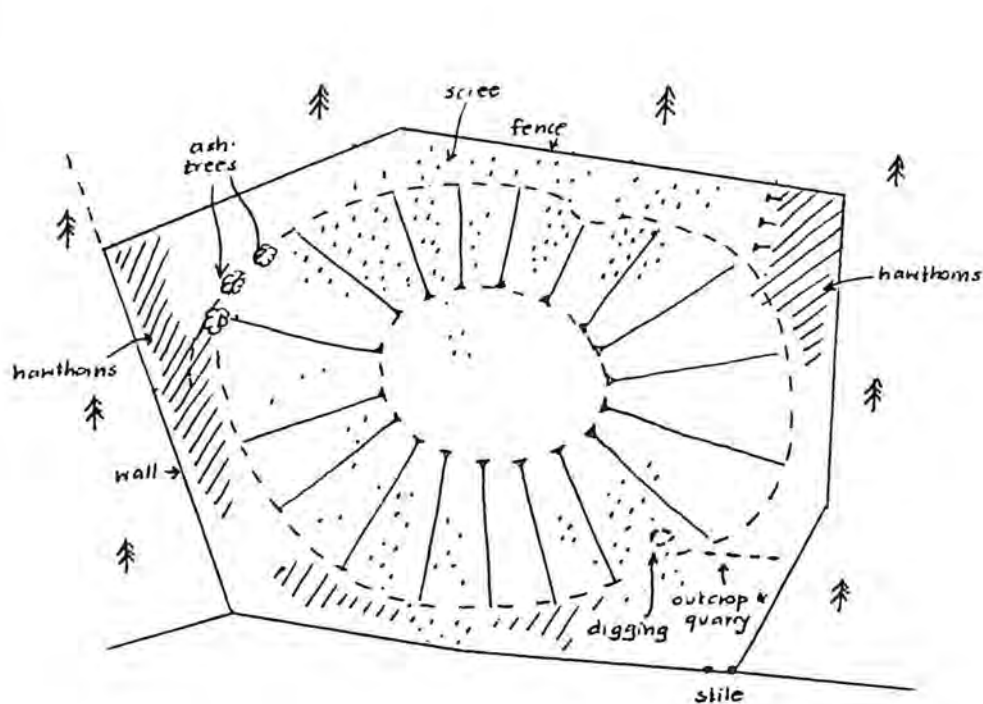
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FT GOP CAIRN

- 12 LOCATED ON HIGHEST POINT OF [Y] GOP HILL, WITH EXTENSIVE ALL-ROUND PROSPECTS OF COAST, DEE ESTUARY, AND INLAND. VISIBLE AS MASSIVE LANDMARK - PERHAPS CONTRIBUTORY TO ITS ORIGINAL FUNCTION - SURROUNDED BY CONIFEROUS PLANTATION ALL EXCEPT THE S SIDE. A SPRAWLING OVAL MASS OF SMALL PIECES OF LIMESTONE, PARTLY TURF, PARTLY SCREE-COVERED, c 70M NW-SE AND c 50M SW-NE. ITS PRESENT HEIGHT, AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM OF 20M FROM THE S SIDE, IS MUTILATED BY A LARGE IRREGULAR HOLE OCCUPYING THE TOP, c 2.5M DEEP.

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CADW: Welsh Historic Monuments

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07 Parish Gwaenysgor	08 NGR SJ 0865 3016 08 SE	09 Height OD 240 M	10 File number ANC/1164

11 Site Name
Gop Cairn

12 Description

S.M.C. work is continuing on site. Erosion scars have been infilled on the summit of the cairn. A dry stone wall has been constructed along the fenceline below the south side of the cairn. A gap remains in the fenceline below the south e. side of the site by the stile, where the former gateway has not been replaced, leading from the woodland onto the site. This access point has been used in the past by horse riders. An increase in wildflower species was noted on site. <10.>

13 Site type/Period – general/Period – specific/Form

Cairn / Prehistoric / ? / Finds (undated); Beacon / Post. Med. / Stuart / Documentary /

14 Proportion of Site Scheduled/Survival within Scheduled Area/Condition
1 / 3 / C-B

15 Area

16 Land Class, on site
Grassland 2 / Other 6
Fence; Wall / Other 11 Footpaht /

17 Land class, around site
Grassland 2 / Other 6 Fence;
Wall / Other 11 Footpath / Woodland 4 Managed /

18 Site Status
S.A.M.

19 Area Status

20 Owner(s)
Mr. N.R. Steele-Mortimer,
Golden Grove,
Llanasa, Holywell, Clwyd.

Tel: 0745 854452

21 Occupier(s)

22 Legal Action

Site number F 7

25 Assessment of Importance of Monument

26 Scheduling Procedure

Date /	/19	/Recommended/IAM,
/	/19	/(Approved (Not Approved/PIAM,
/	/19	/Review by Scheduling Policy Branch
/	/19	/Review by Head of Territorial Branch
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Other Comments:

27 Monument not scheduled, de-scheduled because:

28 Archaeological History: Event/Name/Date

Part Excav. / Dawkins, W.B. / 1886-7 /

29 Visits: Name/Date Morgan, T. / F.M.W. / 24.1.1986 /

Bell, L.M. / 24.8.1989 /

Bell, L.M. / 9.2.1993 /

Bell, L.M. / 10.8.1993 /

30 Sources: Source Type/Collection/Author/Date/Title/Other

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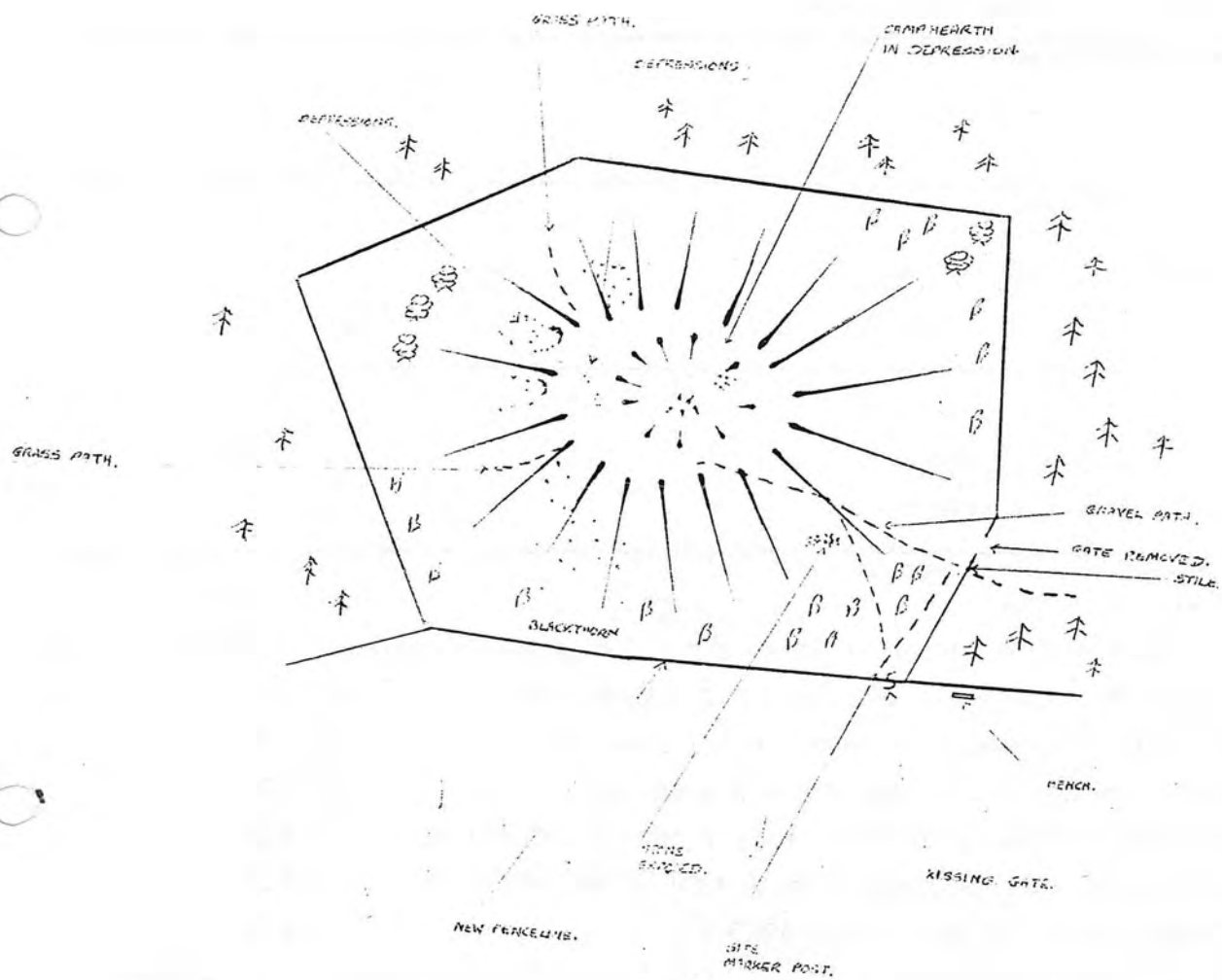
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SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)

SAM No: FL007(FLT)	AI No: 1	File No: 1164	Schedule Ref: 10/1164/FL007(FLT)//
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SAM Name: Gop Cairn

	Traditional	Qualifier	NGR-X	NGR-Y	Scheduled:
NGR	SJ086802	0	308600	380200	Yes

	1:50, 000	1:10, 000	1:2, 500
Primary	116	SJ08SE	SJ0880

Additional

Unitary Authority(UA):
Flintshire

Community:
Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor

Area(Ha): 0.79

Primary Class: Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual
Additional Class:

Summary:

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SAM No: FL007(FLT)

SAM Name: Gop Cairn

Archaeological History:

Events	Name	Date
Part excavation	Dawkins W B	1986

Sources:

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	AM7		
Title:		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Descriptive text	AM107	Morgan T	1986
Title:		Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Plan: sketch	AM107	Morgan T	1986
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Type	Collection	Author	Year
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SAM No: FL007(FLT)

SAM Name: Gop Cairn

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Map	1:10,000 / 1:2,500		

Title: Current Scheduled Area

Other:

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph			1985

Title:

Other:

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph			

Title: Black and White Flint 7

Other:

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph			1989

Title:

Other:

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Descriptive text	ARCH CAMB		1902

Title:

Other: VI II 161

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Aerial photograph		RCAHMW	1984

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Other:

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Aerial photograph		RCAHMW	1993

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Title: Preh & Roman Remains of Denbs

Other: pp-291-3

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Title: Parochia Lia

Other: Vol 1 page 153

Type	Collection	Author	Year
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Title: Excavation Report

Other: p 161-FF

Type	Collection	Author	Year
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Title: Excavation Report

Other: pp 322-41

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SAM Information Section 1 (General Information)

SAM No: FL007(FLT) **SAM Name:** Gop Cairn

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Title:	Other:		

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Type	Collection	Author	Year
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Title:	Other:		

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
Title:	Scrape summit of Cairn N side, looking N	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
Title:	View across top of Cairn, looking E	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
Title:	Footpath wear S side, looking SE	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Photograph	AM107	Halfpenney I	2004
Title:	Loose stone S side, looking N	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
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Title:	General view of Cairn, looking NW	Other:	

Type	Collection	Author	Year
Aerial photograph	Aerial Monitoring Programme	RCAHMW	2001
Title:	Other: 2001/5025-63		

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Archaeological Item Information

Section 1: General

AI No: FL007A		AI Name: Gop Cairn	
Altitude(m):	240	Trust PRN:	Endex PRN: 94450
Qualifier:	NGR-X:	NGR-Y:	
0	308050	365300	
Sitetype (FMW): Cairn			
Period	General: Prehistoric		Date:
	Specific:		
Sitetype (Broad):		Sitetype (Narrow):	
Broad Class: Religious, Ritual and Funerary			
Components: Site of Beacon			

Status: Scheduled Ancient Monument

Form: Finds	Condition: Good
Proportion SCH: Complete	Survival within SCH. Area: Most
Summary:	

Section 2: Internal use only - A.I. Monitoring

Date	Name	Office	Purpose	Condition
24/01/1986	Morgan Evans D	FMW	Routine	
Land Class On: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland;; Other - Waste ground; Woodland - Scrub				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Woodland - Scrub; Woodland - Coniferous Plantation				
14/02/1990	Burnham H B	IAM	Routine	
Land Class On: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Other - Waste ground; Woodland - Scrub				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Woodland - Scrub; Woodland - Coniferous Plantation				
09/02/1993	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Improved
Land Class On: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Other - Waste ground; Woodland - Scrub				
Land Class Around: Other - Land boundary; Woodland - Scrub; Woodland - Coniferous Plantation				
13/01/2000	Bell L M	FMW	Routine	Improved
Land Class On: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Other - Land boundary; Other - Thoroughfare				
Land Class Around: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Other - Land boundary; Other - Thoroughfare; Woodland - Coniferous Plantation				
26/07/2004	Halfpenney I	FMW		Stable
Land Class On: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Woodland - Scrub				
Land Class Around: Grassland / Heathland - Undisturbed Grassland; Other - Land boundary; Woodland - Scrub; Woodland - Coniferous Plantation; Grassland / Heathland - Disturbed Grassland				

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SAM Visit Description Text

SAM No: FL007(FLT)	SAM Name: Gop Cairn
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Visit Date: 24/01/1986

Visited By: Morgan T

Description Text: From Davies 1949:

The summit has been somewhat lowered or flattened through .. excavation, the use of the stones for wall building, the .. habit of visitors casting stones down the sides of the mound, and the levelling of the summit for the purpose of .. a beacon in the early 17th C.

The Gop Cairn was explored in 1886 and 1887 by Prof W B Dawkins... The exploration was .. a shaft (6ft 6ins by 4ft) in the centre of the cairn down to the rock forming the original surface of the ground to a depth of 26ft.. From the base of the shaft a drift was made 6ft high and 4ft wide in a NW direction to a distance of 30ft. 2 other drifts were also made intersecting the first.. Prof Dawkins failed to obtain evidence of the archaeological age of the cairn or of the purpose for which it was originally constructed.

Tim Morgan's visit text:

Located on highest point of [Y] Gop Hill, with extensive all round prospects of coast, Dee Estuary, and inland. Visible as a massive landmark - perhaps contributory to its original function. Surrounded by coniferous plantation all except the S side. A sprawling oval mass of small pieces of limestone, partly turf, partly scree-covered, c 70m NW-SE and c 50m SW-NE. Its present height, an estimated maximum of 20m from the S side, is mutilated by a large irregular hole occupying the top, c 2.5m deep.

Visit Date: 14/02/1990

Visited By: Burnham H B

Description Text: I visited the site on a number of occasions during 1990 to explore the potential for a Management Agreement, which included pinpointing specific problems.

Visit Date: 09/02/1993

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: SMC work has commenced on the site, which includes the provision of a new stock-proof fenceline and Kissing Gate below the south side of the site. The southern boundary wall enclosed within this fenceline remains partly tumbled and ivy covered at present. The former gateway in the fenceline below the south-east side of the cairn has been removed allowing horse-riders access onto the site. There was evidence of horses having been ridden around the summit of the cairn. An area of stone is exposed on the lower south slope over an area of 3.5m across. The summit of the cairn is marked by a series of cavities and depressions. The north eastern side of the summit is marked by the remains of a camp hearth and broken glass.

Visit Date: 13/01/2000

Visited By: Bell L M

Description Text: Summit of mound under an even turf coverage. One small scrape measuring 0.4m across by 0.4m deep marking SSE edge of summit. Light path continues to mark lower western slope of mound, and slope below southern edge of summit. Blackthorn bordering lower south edge of mound adjacent to limestone wall. Kissing gate to SSE is well maintained, and site remains stock proof. Good turf coverage on NNW and western slope of mound. Limestone lying on lower northern slope. Ground below mound to north covered by blackthorn and coniferous woodland. Deciduous and coniferous woodland lying to west, and blackthorn and coniferous woodland to east.

Visit Date: 26/07/2004

Visited By: Halfpenney I

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SAM Visit Description Text

SAM No: FL007(FLT)

SAM Name: Gop Cairn

Description Text: The Cairn remains as previously described (photo 05) and is located on a hilltop, with the land dropping away steeply to the south. Views to the north, east and west are obscured due to the surrounding tree cover.