

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Ashley Cottage Orchard

GRID REF: S O 5 3 1 0 5 4

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): 0.69ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 16/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Monmouthshire

WARD: Trellech United

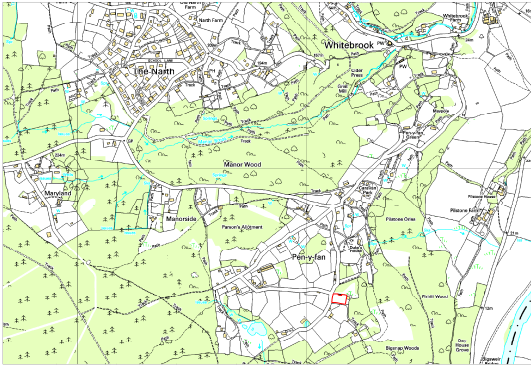
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)

LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?

Veteran tree & traditional orchards

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):

This orchard forms part of the garden of the property. The orchard slopes downwards very gently to the east and is surrounded by a mix of hedgerows and tree-lines. The floor of the orchard is flat, grassy, mown and quite species rich with the following apparent (Sorrell, buttercups, Selfheal, Catsear, White Clover, Germander Speedwell, Dandelion, Hogweed, Yarrow, Ribwort Plantain, Knapweed, Red Clover, Cuckooflower, Autumn Hawkbit and Cow Parsley). The owners also report Cowslip and orchids to be present in parts earlier in the year. Areas are left un-mown for part of the year to accommodate these species. Shrub planting is more prevalent along the southern edge of the orchard with Elder, Lilac and Rhododendron present together with a ground flora of Ground Elder, Nettles and Hedge Woundwort. The orchard is an Apple orchard with one each of the following also present (Walnut, Cherry & Plum (young)). The apple trees are of a reasonable age and size and whilst not quite yet being veterans and in good health do have some smaller cavities, loose bark, dead wood etc. which are of value to wildlife and are likely to increase in value over time.

Orchard:

- 5 or more cultivated fruit or nut trees, crown edges no more than 20m apart - **Y**
- Being of a traditional structure which may currently be or have been managed in a traditional way - **Y**
- Old trees plus two of the following - **Y**
 - Standing deadwood - **Y**
 - Fallen deadwood - **N**
 - Cavities - **Y**

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES NO Date: 22/10/13

DETAILED SITE INFORMATION

SITE OWNERSHIP: Including names of any tenants/graziers Name(s)

Name(s)			
Addresses			
Tel.no.		Mobile:	

Please log all landowner/tenant contact starting from the initial permission for access to survey

Date	Contact	Discussion subjects/decisions made

Is/are the owner(s)	i) aware of the site's nature conservation value?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
	ii) managing the land sympathetically?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	iii) willing to manage the land sympathetically?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Describe the access to the site:

Via the drive to Ashley Cottage

Are there any public rights of way on the site?

No

If so please describe their location:

N/A

What is the current management at the site?

Mown with due regard to allowing wildflowers to flourish. Dead wood removed. Pruned most years.

Are there any threats to the site?

There are no young trees to replace the existing trees in the long-term.

Are there any invasive species present?

Rhododendron but these are not an issue as they are part of ornamental shrub planting in garden

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

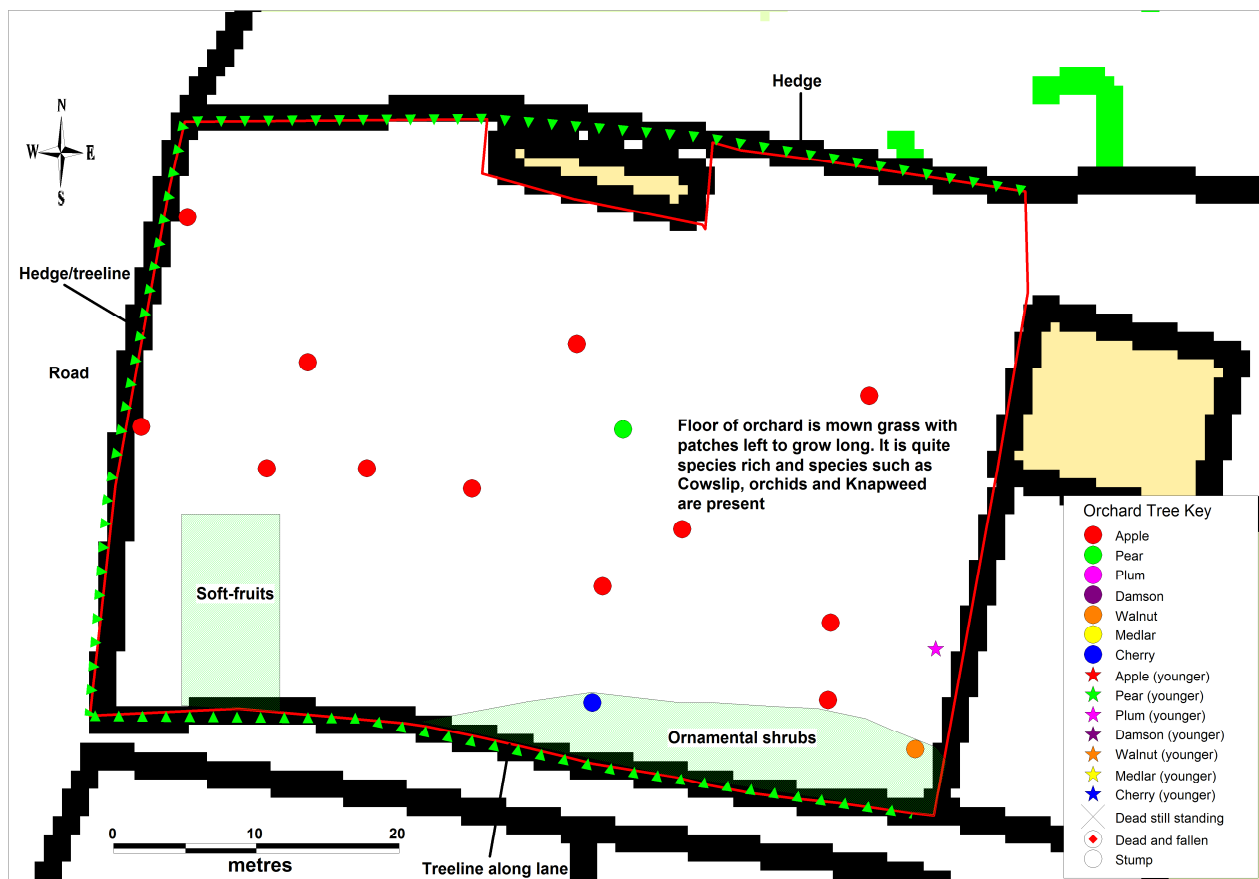
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

H2) Parklands, Orchards and Veteran Trees – (Orchards)

Is the site part of any grant schemes? Yes No Grant Scheme:.....End date.....

Does the site already have any designations? Yes No Designation:.....

Sketch map of site (including northpoint, scale and areas of the site of particular note):



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Please list all additional survey information both past and present that relates to this site:

CCW Phase 1, 1991.

Adventa Orchards Project

PTES Orchard Project

Gwent Orchards Project 2010-2012

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Please note: The data on this form may be held in accordance with the Gwent Wildlife Trust's registration under the Data Protection Act 1996

Summary of information from surveys undertaken during Gwent Orchards Project 2010-2012 supplemented by further information gained during Local Wildlife Site Surveys 2013.

The appendix has been removed as it contains landowner information.