

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Berllanderi Farmhouse Orchard

GRID REF: S O 3 9 6 0 6 2

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): 0.48ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 30/08/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: Raglan

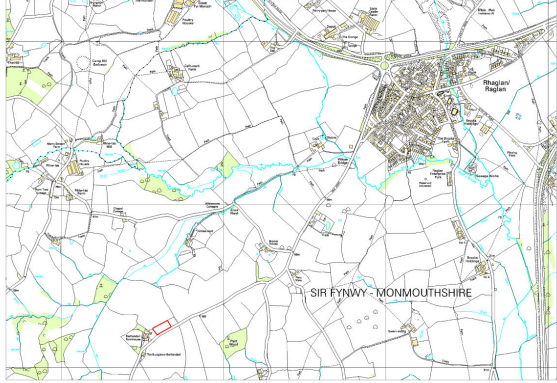
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 is a rectangular orchard that slopes gently downwards to the N.E.. The orchard is within rough grassland that is usually grazed for part of the year by sheep but has been left, then mown this year. The grassland is not particularly species rich but Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) and Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*) are noticeable. Hedgerows form much of the boundary of the site with a fence dividing off the N.E, end of the orchard which is under different ownership (not known so not part of LWS) and management (manure appears to be stored here). There are a good number of old/veteran fruit trees present, these are mostly Apples but there are also a few pears present including rare varieties that are named after this orchard (Berllanderi Green and Berllanderi Red). The older trees are generally present towards the perimeter of the orchard. The veteran trees have many good veteran tree features including dead wood and hollow trunks. Dead wood on the ground is more limited but some is remaining. The remaining veteran trees appear in reasonably good health. Two new rows of trees have been recently planted (mostly Pear), these have involved grafting from the existing veteran trees.

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 - **Y**
 - Cavities - **Y**

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES Y 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 garden of Berllanderi Farmhouse

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?

Normally sheep grazed for part of year. In 2013 this did not happen so mown. Some management to preserve old trees and replanting of new grafted trees using old stock from orchard.

Are there any threats to the site?

Many trees are a considerable age so are likely to die in the relatively near future.

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted.

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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Site no.: WS/SO30/23

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.