

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: **Cherry Orchard Farm Orchard**

GRID REF: **S O 5 3 0 0 9 2**

SURVEYOR(S): **Andv Karran**

SIZE (approx.): **0.79ha**

DATE OF SURVEY: **16/09/13**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: **Trellech United**

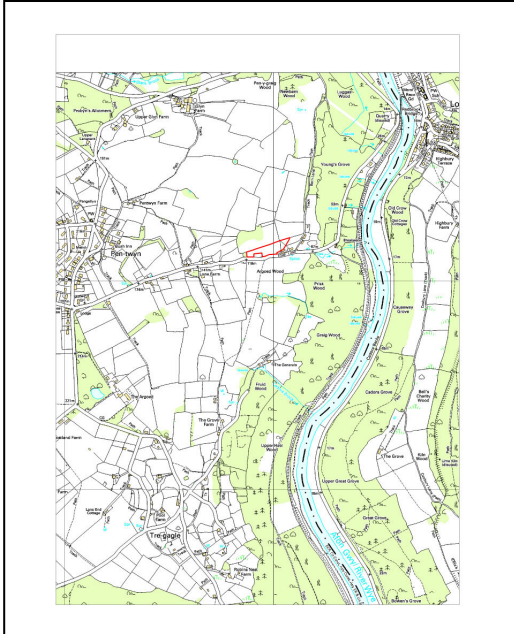
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 is a remnant orchard on ground that slopes quite steeply downwards to the south. The floor of the orchard is grazed and is semi-improved (poor) with species such as Yarrow, Selfheal, Catsear, Autumn Hawkbit, White Clover and Ribwort Plantain. The smaller eastern part of the orchard is fenced off from the rest and is subsequently less grazed and has dense Bramble with Nettles, Bracken and some scrub that has developed over a lot of it. The orchard is bordered by an overgrown hedge to the north and a tree-line/farm yard to the south. The orchard contains only a remnant of trees with Cherry, Pear and Apple being present. All the trees are old with most being veterans. The Cherries and Pears are particularly rich in veteran tree features (large cavities, dead wood etc.). A number of the trees are dead and others are obviously dying. Note a large part of the area to the west is not orchard but has been included in the site to take it up to field boundaries.

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 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"/> Y	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	ii) managing the land sympathetically? Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	iii) willing to manage the land sympathetically? Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Y	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>

Describe the access to the site:

Through yard of farm.

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?

Trees just left. Grazed.

Are there any threats to the site?

None known

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

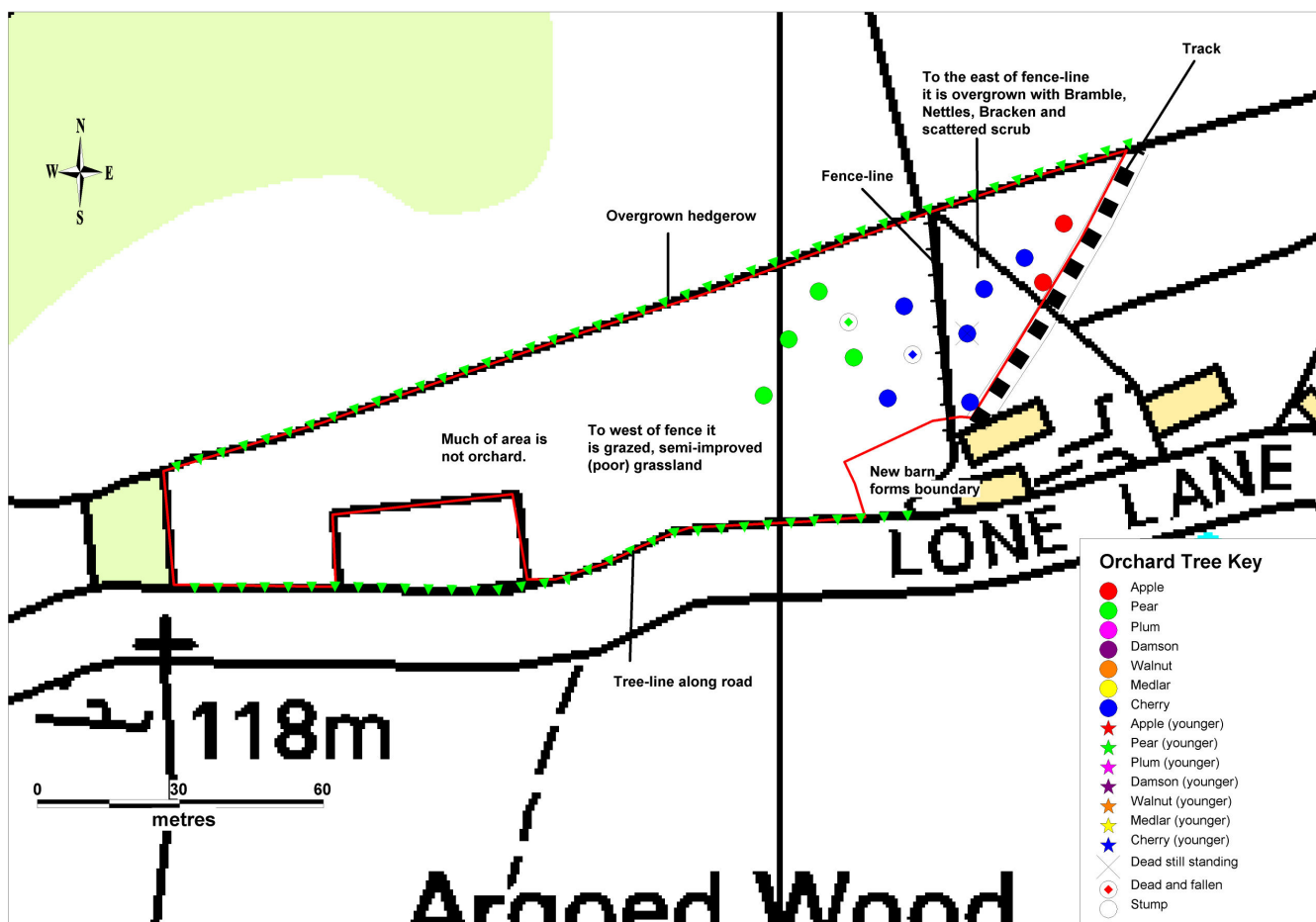
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO50/89

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.