

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Cwm Farm Orchard

GRID REF: S O 3 5 9 0 7 1

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): 0.67ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 2/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: Llanover

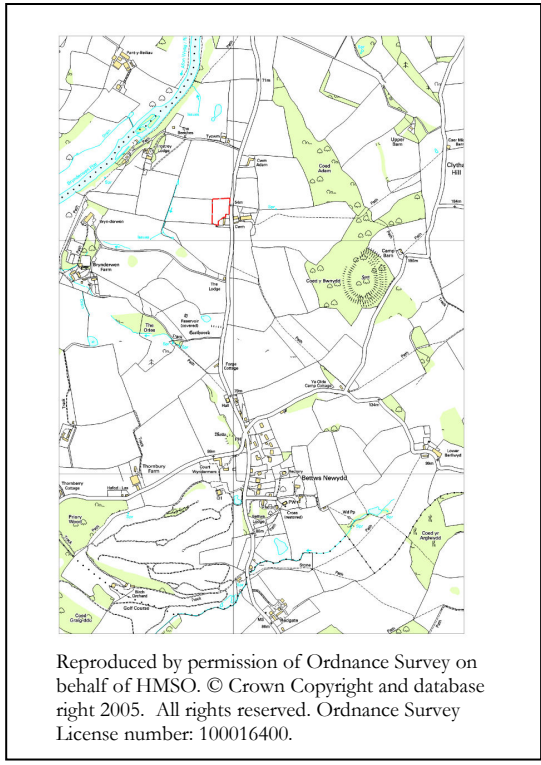
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)

LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?

Veteran tree & traditional orchards

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

This is a roughly square orchard to the rear (west) of Cwm Farmhouse. It slopes gently downwards to the west. The orchard floor is sheep grazed and improved with frequent Creeping Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*). It is stock-proof with a mix of wall, fence and Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) dominated hedging flanking the orchard with arable fields in the wider, immediately adjacent landscape. The orchard is mainly Apples (occasional Pear and Damson) of a considerable age, at least seven trees are veteran (with hollows, dead wood etc.), with further trees of a reasonable age but not as old and a further number of trees of more recent planting that are still surrounded by fencing tree guards. The newer planting is also chiefly Apple but also contains Medlar, Plum & Pear. It should be noted that a further four Pear trees (two of considerable size) line the short drive to the house, these are outside of the site however.

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"/>	No	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>

Describe the access to the site:

Via drive to Cwm 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?

Sheep grazed. Have put in newer trees to maintain orchard.

Are there any threats to the site?

Not known.

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted.

Are there any protected species present?

None noted.

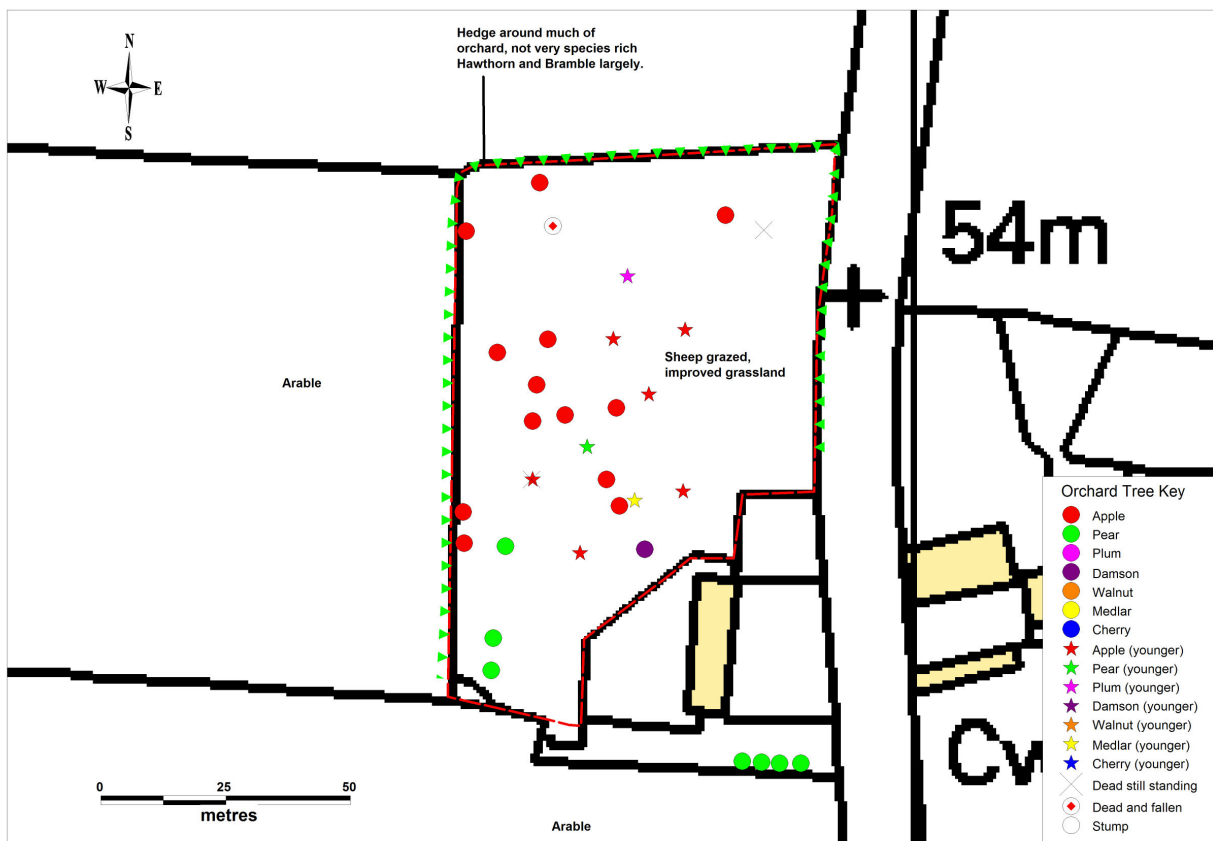
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO30/25

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.