

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Fishpool Farm Orchard

GRID REF: S O 4 4 1 0 9 9

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): 1.99ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 23/08/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: Mitchel Troy

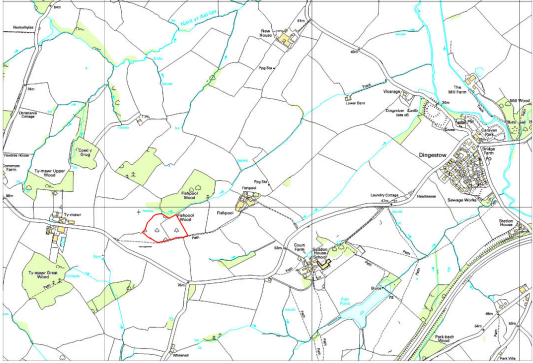
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 large orchard divided in two by a historically laid hedge. Fishpool woods lies to the north with hedgerows surrounding all other sides. Beneath the trees is rank grassland which is not very species rich but contains many Ant Hills of good size. The orchard contains many Apple trees throughout the orchard with the planting perhaps slightly more dense in the eastern side. The trees are of a reasonable age/size and seem to all be of a similar age but have not yet attained veteran age so veteran tree features are quite limited although some small hollows and bits of dead wood are present. Most trees appear in good health but there are occasional dead trees which have fallen (these are left in-situ and some ones that presumably died a number of years ago are now covered in Bramble).

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 (limited)**
 - Fallen deadwood - **Y**
 - Cavities – **N (any hollows are currently only small/superficial)**

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

Describe the access to the site:

Follow the PROW from Fishpool Farm yard. This passes right by the orchard. The orchard can be entered via a gate at the south-eastern corner.

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?

Sometimes grazed. Dead wood left. Some pruning.

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.

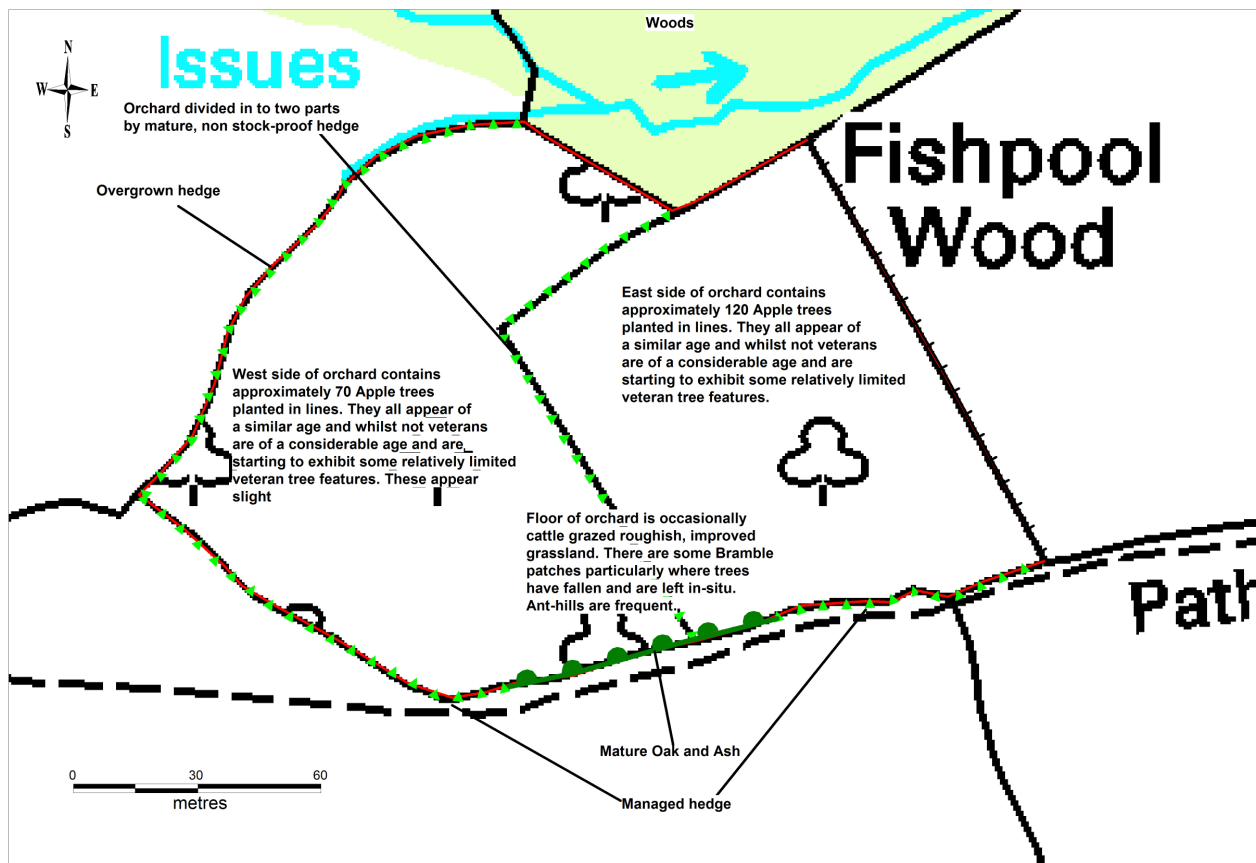
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

H2) Parklands, Orchards and Veteran Trees – (Orchards) (Standing dead-wood is limited, however it is clearly an important wildlife resource with so many mature Apple trees and it is only going to increase in value as trees age if management remains similar).

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/SO40/63

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.