

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Hadnock Court Orchard

GRID REF: S O 5 2 9 1 4 7

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran
Laura Dell

SIZE (approx.): 1.20ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 9/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Monmouthshire

WARD: Wyesham

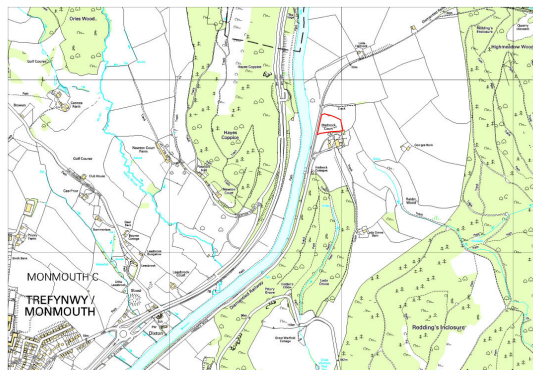
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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.):

The orchard is located within rough pasture that slopes downwards to the north and west. The orchard is grazed on occasion by a small number of rescue ponies. It is bordered by wire fencing with electric fence also bisecting the site. The grassland is relatively species poor with patches of thistles and nettles, the west side which has slightly steeper sloping, west facing slopes has frequent ant-hills and species such as Autumn Hawkbit are frequent together with a number of other herbs such as Catsear, Red Clover and Yarrow. The orchard is well covered with fruit trees, which are all Apple, with one very large Cherry and a more recently planted Plum. The apple trees are all of a similar age (40 years) but have many veteran tree features including dead wood in the canopy, and hollow trunks. Many of the trees are also festooned in Mistletoe. It should be noted that the majority of the trees have wire mesh, barbed wire attached/imbedded in them as this has not been removed once the tree has become established, this may have accelerated the formation of dead wood/hollows in the trunks. Despite this the trees are largely in good health although a few have been lost in recent years. Dead wood is largely left in-situ.

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

Describe the access to the site:

Via the yard of Hadnock Court

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 by rescue ponies.

Are there any threats to the site?

None obvious apart from all the apple trees being even aged 40+ years so without new planting the orchard will eventually disappear.

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted.

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

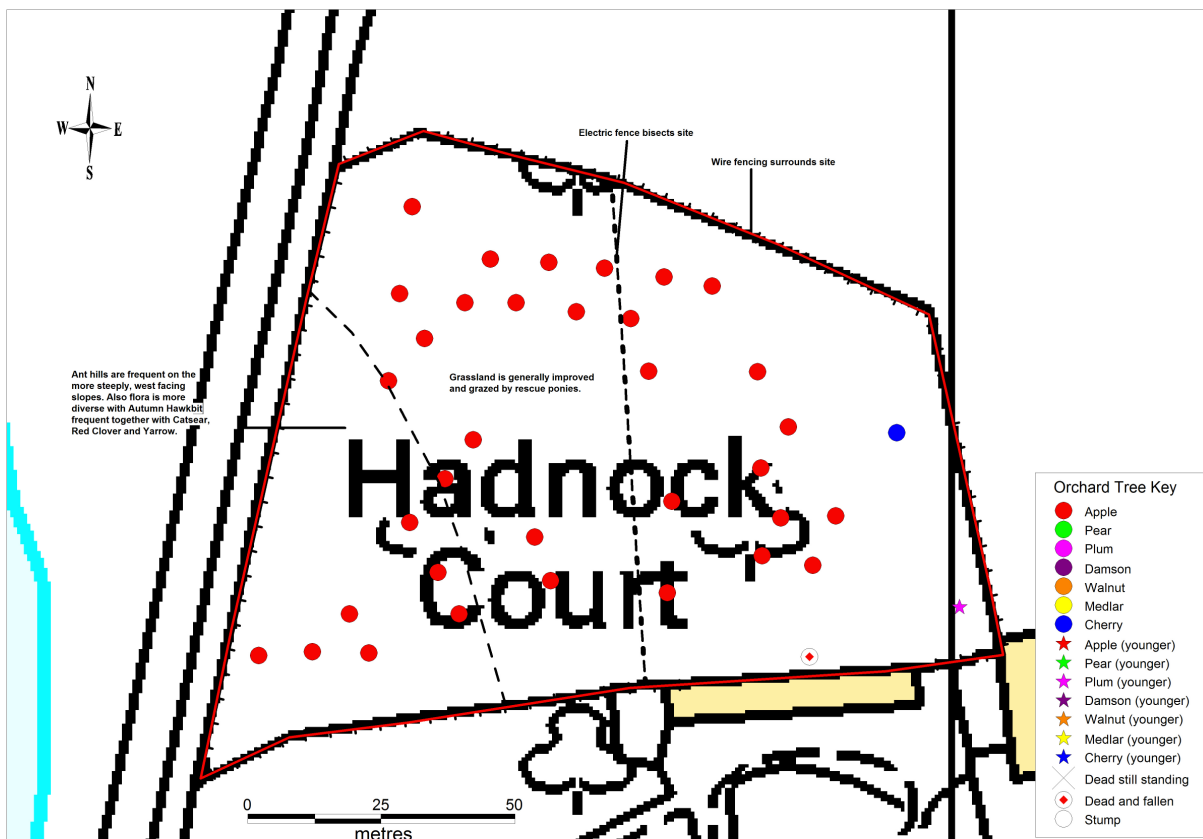
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO51/12

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.