

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: **Kingsfield Farm Orchard**

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

SURVEYOR(S): **Andv Karran**

SIZE (approx.): **2.21ha**

DATE OF SURVEY: **12/09/13**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: **Crucorney**

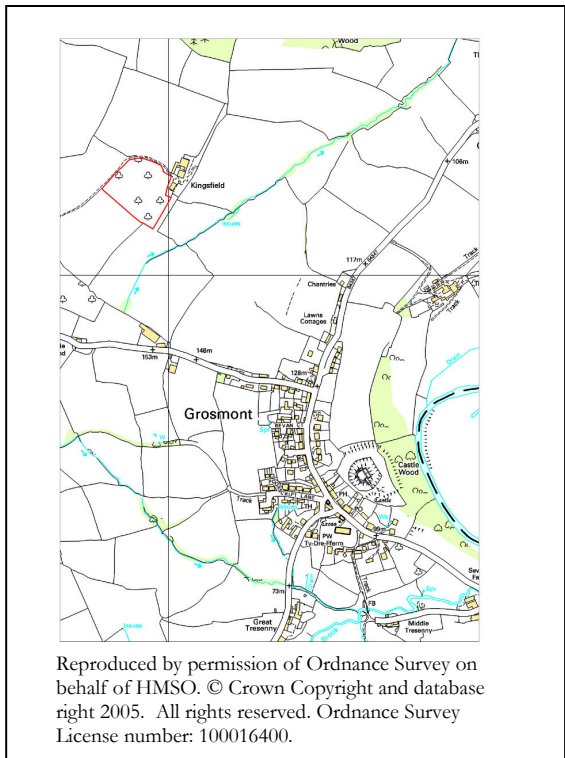
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 an old Apple orchard on improved, cattle grazed grassland. There are patches of nettles/thistles where trees have died in the past. The orchard is largely surrounded by hedgerows and slopes fairly gently downwards to the east. Much of the orchard is still filled with Apple trees with many of the trees being veterans (trees 77 years old) and displaying many veteran features such as dead wood, cavities etc.. Whilst many trees appear reasonably healthy some are clearly dying, some are recently dead with further evidence of historical tree loss. Towards the southern side there are trees of relatively more recent planting (1979 (34 years old)), these newer trees have limited veteran tree features although some have died already.

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"/> Y

Describe the access to the site:

Through gate in N.E. corner off farmyard.

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?

Apples harvested for cider. Pruning of trees. Cattle grazing.

Are there any threats to the site?

A good proportion of the site is old trees that may die soon. Trees are not as productive as they used to be, May be best commercially for orchard to grubbed out and replanted

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):



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/SO32/08

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.