

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: **Little Lan-Thomas Orchard**

GRID REF: **S O 4 6 3 0 7 3**

SURVEYOR(S): **Andv Karran
Rebecca Price**

SIZE (approx.): **0.63ha**

DATE OF SURVEY: **21/08/13**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: **Mitchel Troy**

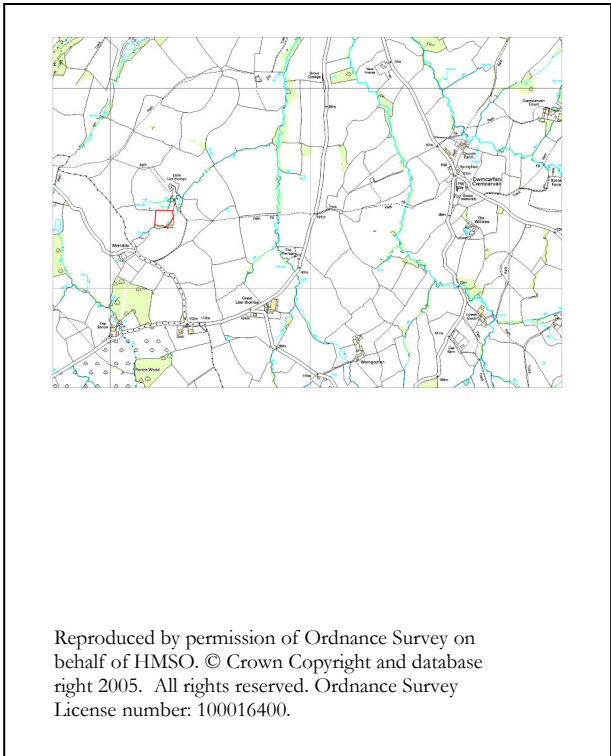
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)

LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?

Veteran tree & traditional orchards

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

This is a roughly square orchard that slopes downwards to the south. It is grassy and has reasonable species diversity with Common Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) being locally frequent and other species such as Agrimony (*Agrimonia eupatoria*), Meadowsweet (*Filipendula ulmaria*), Catsear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), Red Bartsia (*Odontites verna*) and Imperforate St. Johns Wort (*Hypericum imperforatum*) present amongst others. The most species rich area is in the vicinity of a small stream near the southern corner. The site is surrounded by mature hedgerows/tree-lines. There are three areas of Giant Rhubarb (*Gunnera* sp.) in the field. The fruit trees are Apples and Pears, many of the fruit trees of the orchard have been lost historically with just 14 left of which 4 have many veteran tree features, the others not being as old. There are a further 3 dead trees still present. The remaining trees are largely situated around the perimeter of the field with the centre open.

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:

From garden of Little Lan-Thomas.

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?

Cattle grazed (just three calves). Had been sheep in past. Mown also.

Are there any threats to the site?

Not many trees left and some dying, although there is some newer planting.

Are there any invasive species present?

Gunnera is present in three patches

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

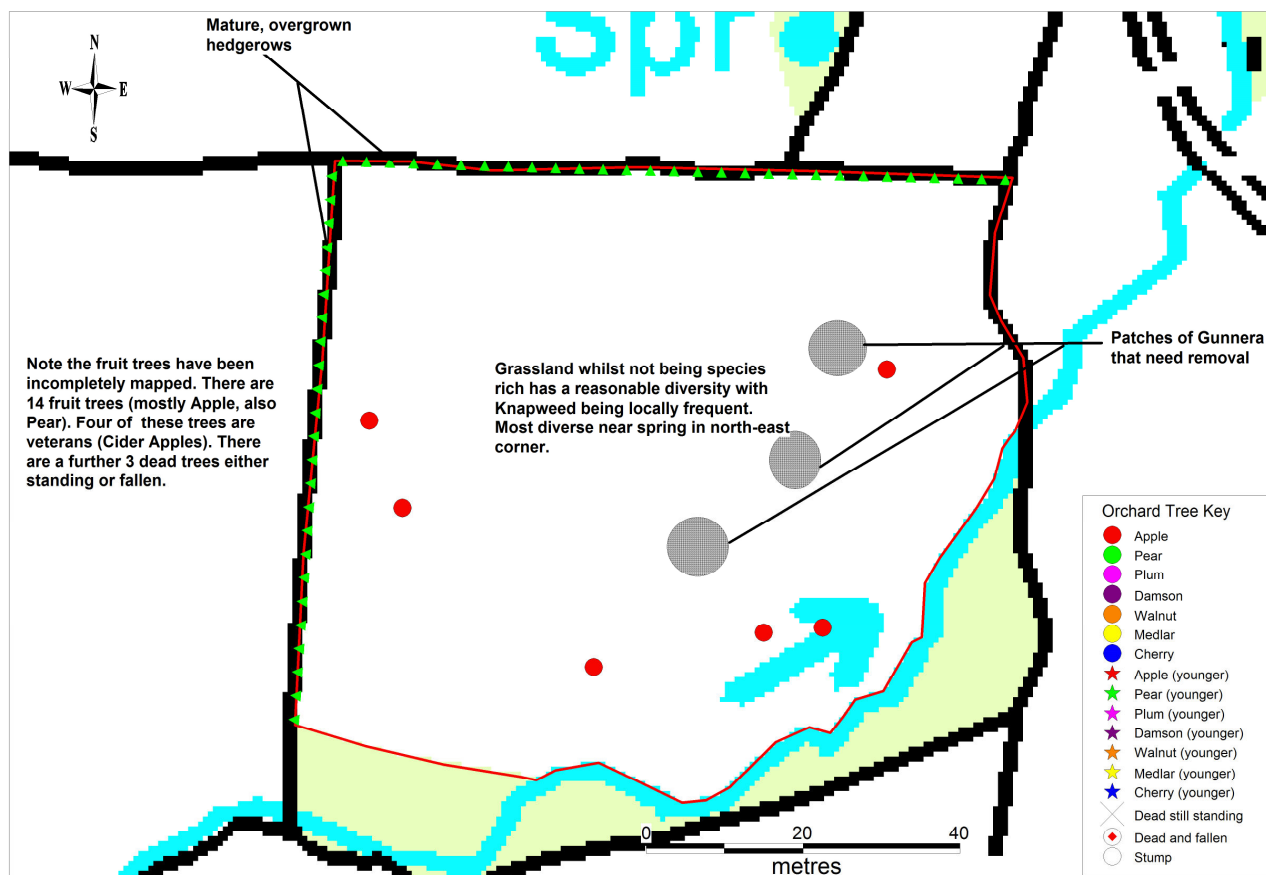
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO40/64

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.