

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: **Lower Meend Farm Orchard**

GRID REF: **S O 5 1 1 0 8 4**

SURVEYOR(S): **Andv Karran**

SIZE (approx.): **0.67ha**

DATE OF SURVEY: **16/09/13**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: **Trellech United**

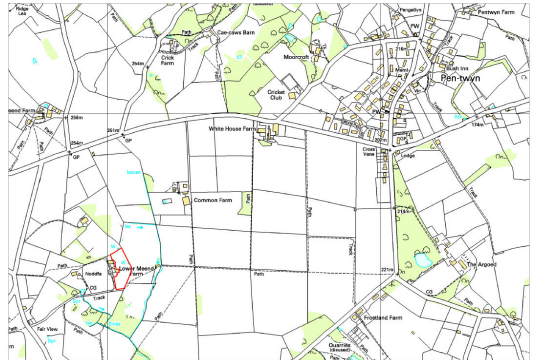
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 remnant of a larger orchard that historically filled the entire field. The field slopes downwards to the south and is grazed, improved grassland flanked by hedgerows. All that remains of the orchard is one clump of six veteran Pear trees and a solitary Apple to the west of these. A couple of large Hawthorns and a large Hazel (that incorporates a smaller Hawthorn and Damson) are also present in the general vicinity of the remaining orchard trees but most of the field is now open. The remaining Pear trees are all veterans and show many veteran tree features but appear to be still in reasonably good health.

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 - **N**
 - 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:

Over stile at south-west corner of field.

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?

Trees just left. Grazed.

Are there any threats to the site?

None known

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

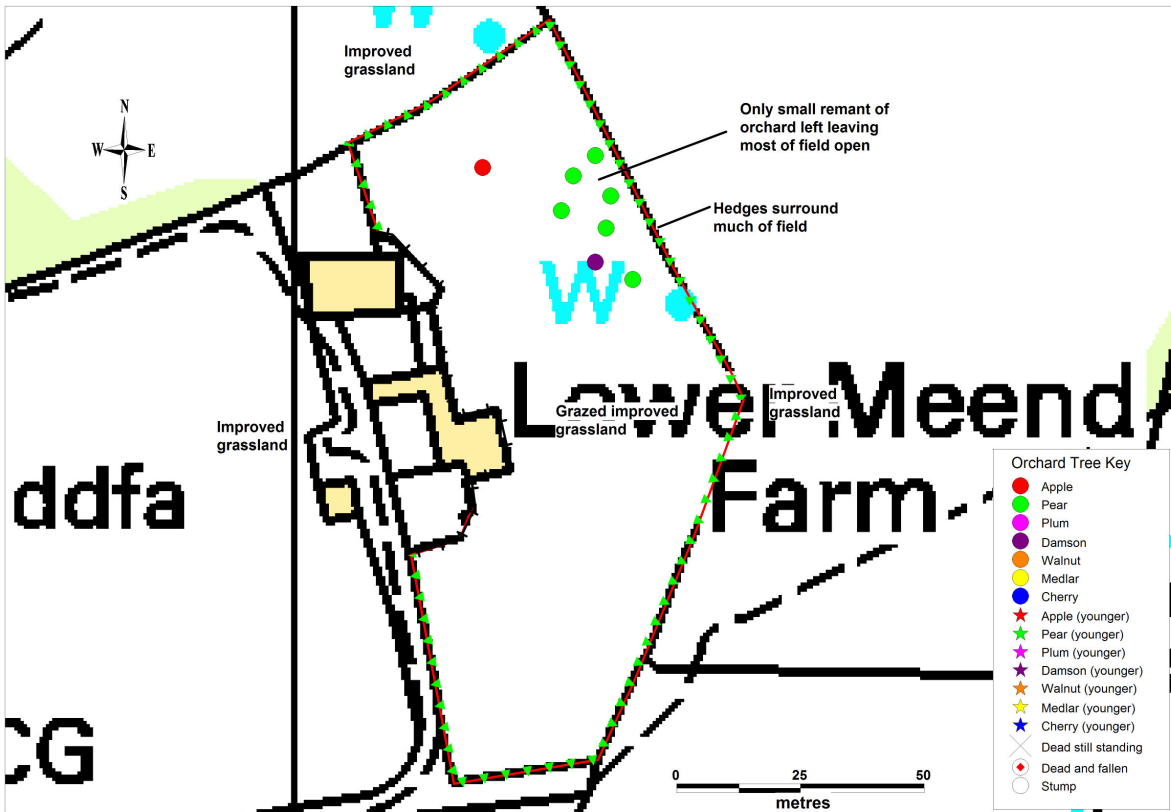
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO50/90

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.