

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Lydart House Orchard

GRID REF: S O 5 0 3 0 9 6

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran
Laura Dell

SIZE (approx.): 0.94ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 9/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Monmouthshire

WARD: Mitchel Troy

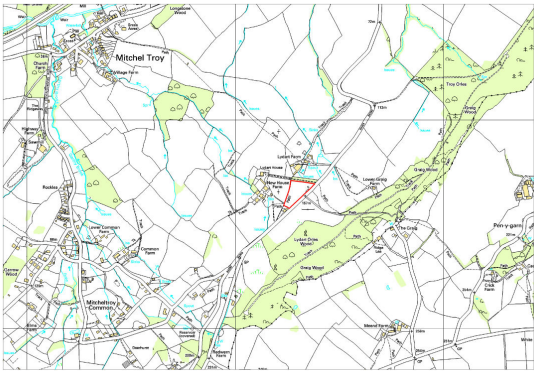
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 just a remnant of an orchard planted in the 1920's. It is on undulating sheep grazed pasture with patches of Stinging Nettles), that slopes downwards to the north. The orchard/field is surrounded by hedgerows and is largely stock-proof (breaches to field to west however). Much of the site is now open pasture with just a cluster of Apples (9 trees (3 dead)) together with three further more scattered trees (1 Pear and 2 Apple) (these are still within 20m of each other canopy to canopy however). All these trees are veteran with many veteran trees features such as hollow trunks and dead-wood in the canopy. There is a broken down old cottage that was associated with the orchard business in the corner of the field that is now smothered 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**
 - 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>

Describe the access to the site:

Via gate that leads of the northern side of the drive-way to Lydart House

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?

Sheep grazed.

Are there any threats to the site?

Very few trees left, all of which are veteran and there is no new planting.

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted.

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

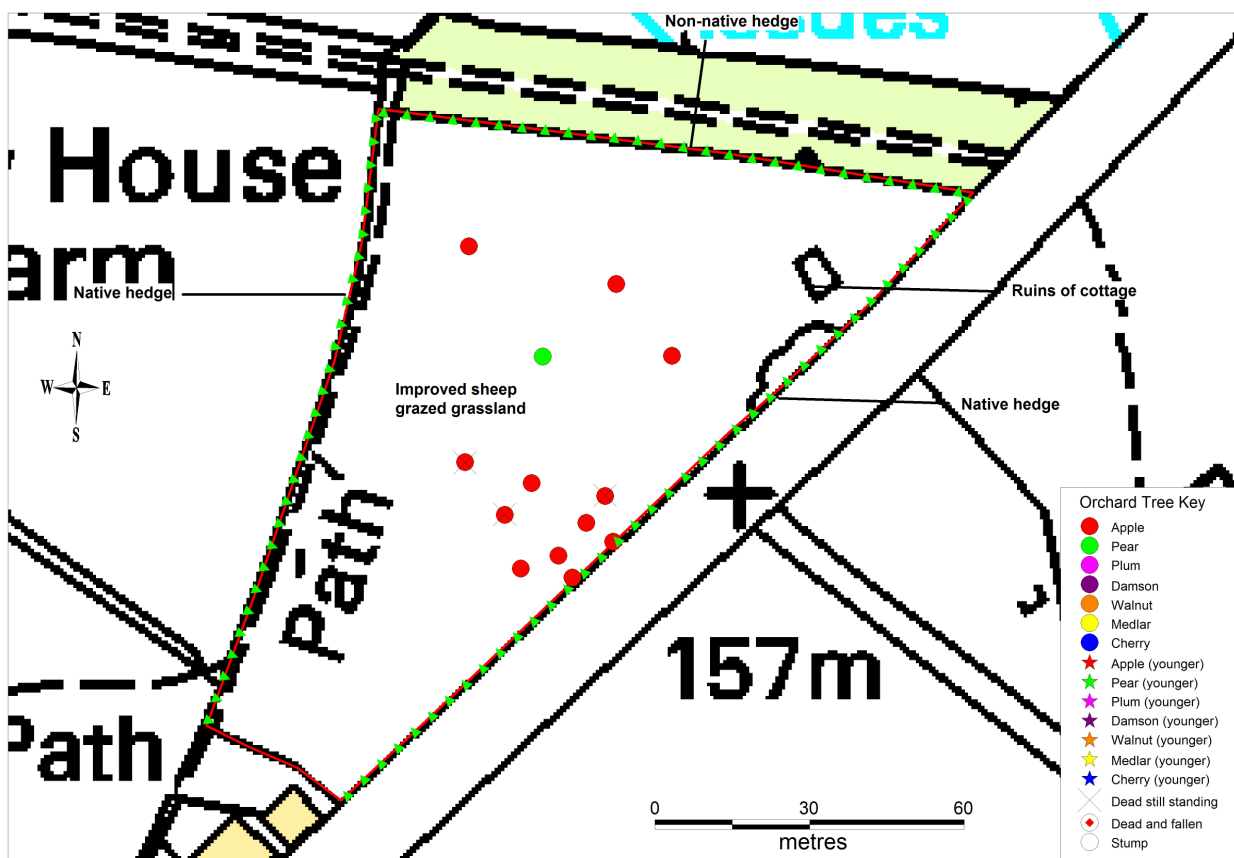
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO50/92

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.