

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Orchard Cottage (Rockfield) Orchard

GRID REF: S O 4 8 5 1 3 8

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): 0.82ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 27/08/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: Llantilio Crossenny

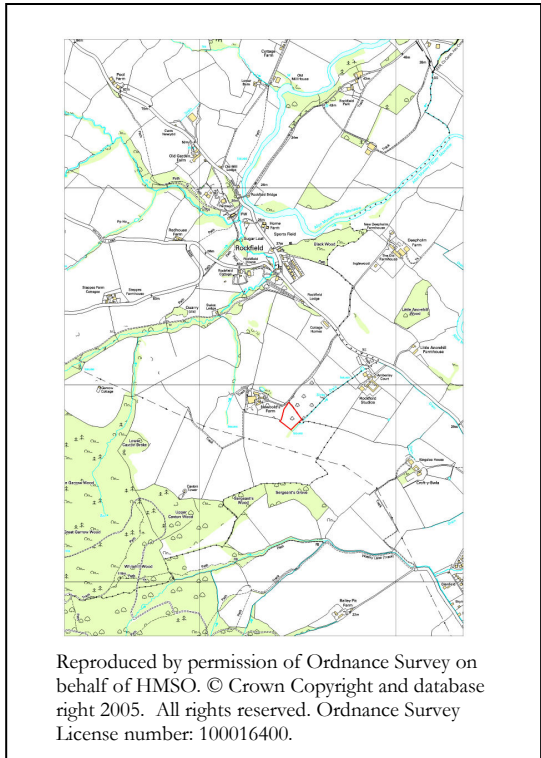
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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 orchard was part of a larger orchard that has been divided very recently into three separate parts with the middle section (this orchard) under new ownership/management. As a consequence this area has been assessed separately.

The orchard is roughly square in shape. It is flanked by a wooded dingle to the S.E., a hedge to the S.W. and fencing and a track divides it from the two other areas of orchard to the N.W. and N.E. It slopes downwards to the north and the grassland is improved with patches of Stinging Nettle, thistle and Bramble and used to cattle grazed until recently when ownership changed. There are a number of old Apple trees (15 (1 dead & 1 hollow but still alive)) and occasional Pear (2) with veteran tree features together with approximately 50 new Apple trees scattered throughout the orchard.

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: <input type="text"/>

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"/>	Unknown <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"/>	

Describe the access to the site:

From gate off access road to Newbold's Farm.

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?

At present just being left while adjacent cottage is being renovated then they will consider orchard more. Intention is to no longer graze but to mow grass occasionally.

Are there any threats to the site?

None noted

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

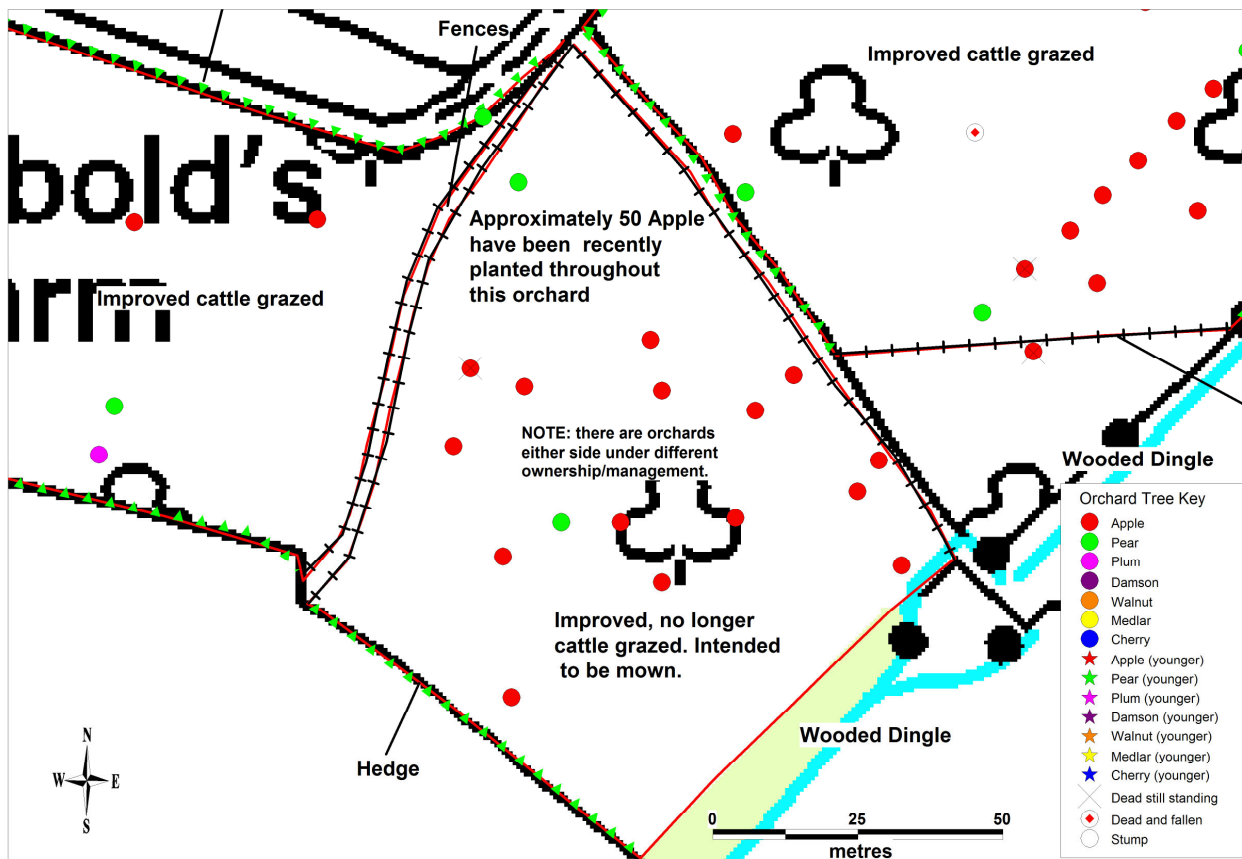
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO41/35

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.