

# Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Perth-Hir Farm Orchard (2)

GRID REF: S O 4 8 7 1 6 2

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): c.2.75ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 10/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:  
Monmouthshire

WARD: Llantilio Crossenny

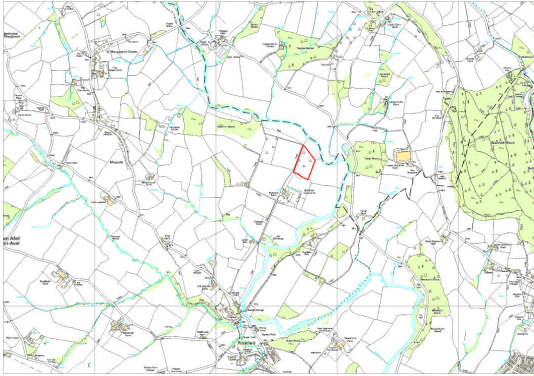
**MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:**

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)

**LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?**

Veteran tree & traditional orchards

**SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:**



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

A sheep grazed orchard that slopes gently downwards to the east and north, except for the N.W. corner where it slopes more steeply downwards to the west. The grassland is not particularly species rich. A mix of hedge/fencing and just fencing flank the site and largely make it stock-proof although there are breaches on the north and west side. The orchard is large and full of fruit trees (all apple) as it is still utilised commercially (cider making). A considerable number of the trees give the appearance of being perhaps 40 years old and there are areas of more recent planting particularly towards the more southerly parts of the site. There is however still a good number of veteran trees scattered throughout the orchard. These are very nice trees with hollow trunks, lots of mistletoe, dead wood, but still in apparently good health. Also present are the occasional dead tree both standing and fallen. Fallen dead wood is left in-situ within 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:	

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"/>

Describe the access to the site:

Public Footpath runs along track from Perth-Hir Farm, this passes along western edge of the orchard. There is a gate off this track at the north-west corner of the orchard.

Are there any public rights of way on the site?

**No**

If so please describe their location:

No

What is the current management at the site?

Sheep grazed. Trees pruned as required and fruit picked. Some newer planting has been undertaken

Are there any threats to the site?

The orchard not being commercially viable and changed to a different crop.

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted.

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

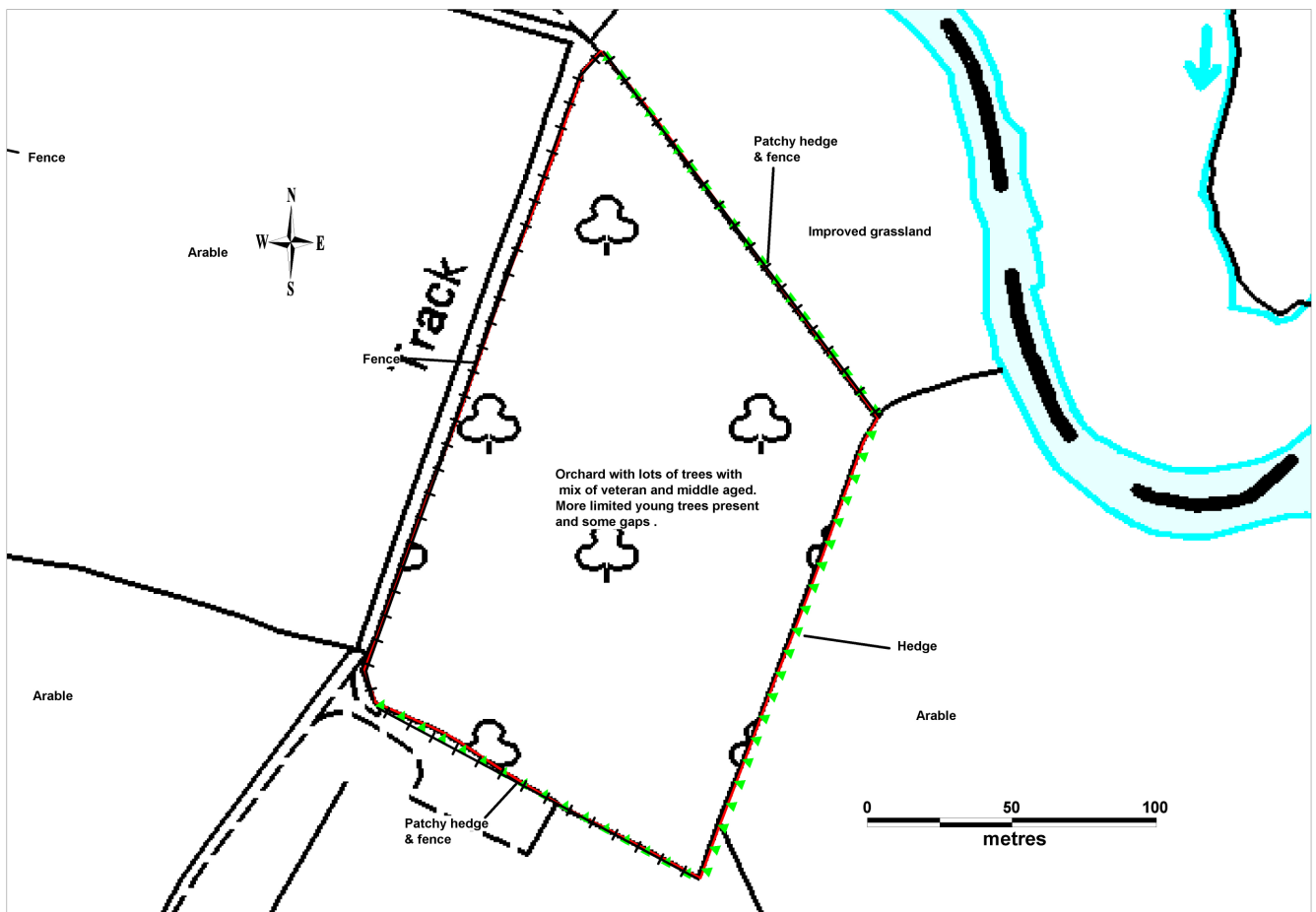
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

**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/SO41/28

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.**