

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: **Upper Red House Orchard**

GRID REF: **S O 4 2 7 1 3 1**

SURVEYOR(S): **Andv Karran**

SIZE (approx.): **1.41ha**

DATE OF SURVEY: **29/08/13**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: **Llantilio Crossenny**

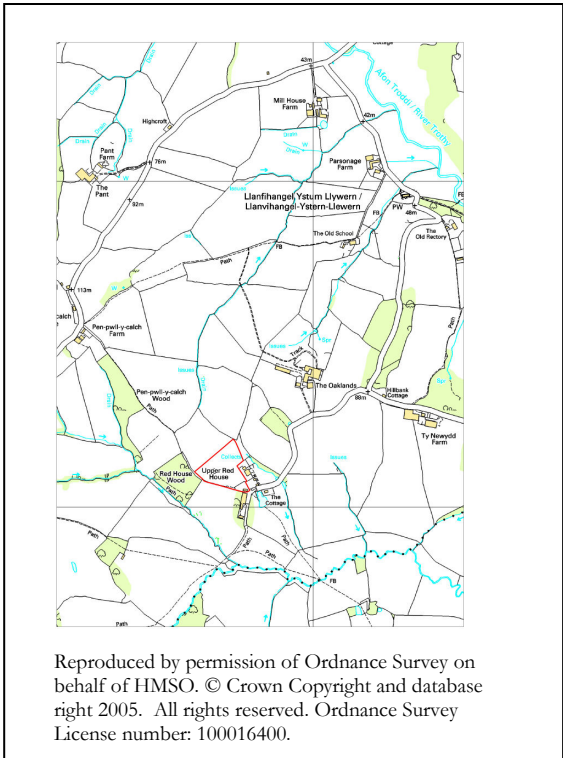
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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.):

The orchard is located to the west of Upper Red House. It is within sheep grazed pasture that slopes downwards to the north. It is stock-proof and largely bordered by fencing with a smaller area of hedgerow. The northern part of the field is not orchard, the middle and southern parts are all orchard however. There are a good number of veteran trees (Pear (16), Apple (9) and Damson (1)) present with the Pears (in particular those at the S. end) of the orchard being very nice examples with many veteran tree features. Newer planting is also evident, this is more towards the centre of the field (N. side of the orchard area). Most trees are still living although a few of the older trees have significant hollow areas and a few dead branches. Much of the dead wood from trees that have died has been cleared away but stumps remain standing and dead wood has been piled up at a few localities 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:

From the side of the 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?

None noted

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted

Are there any protected species present?

None noted

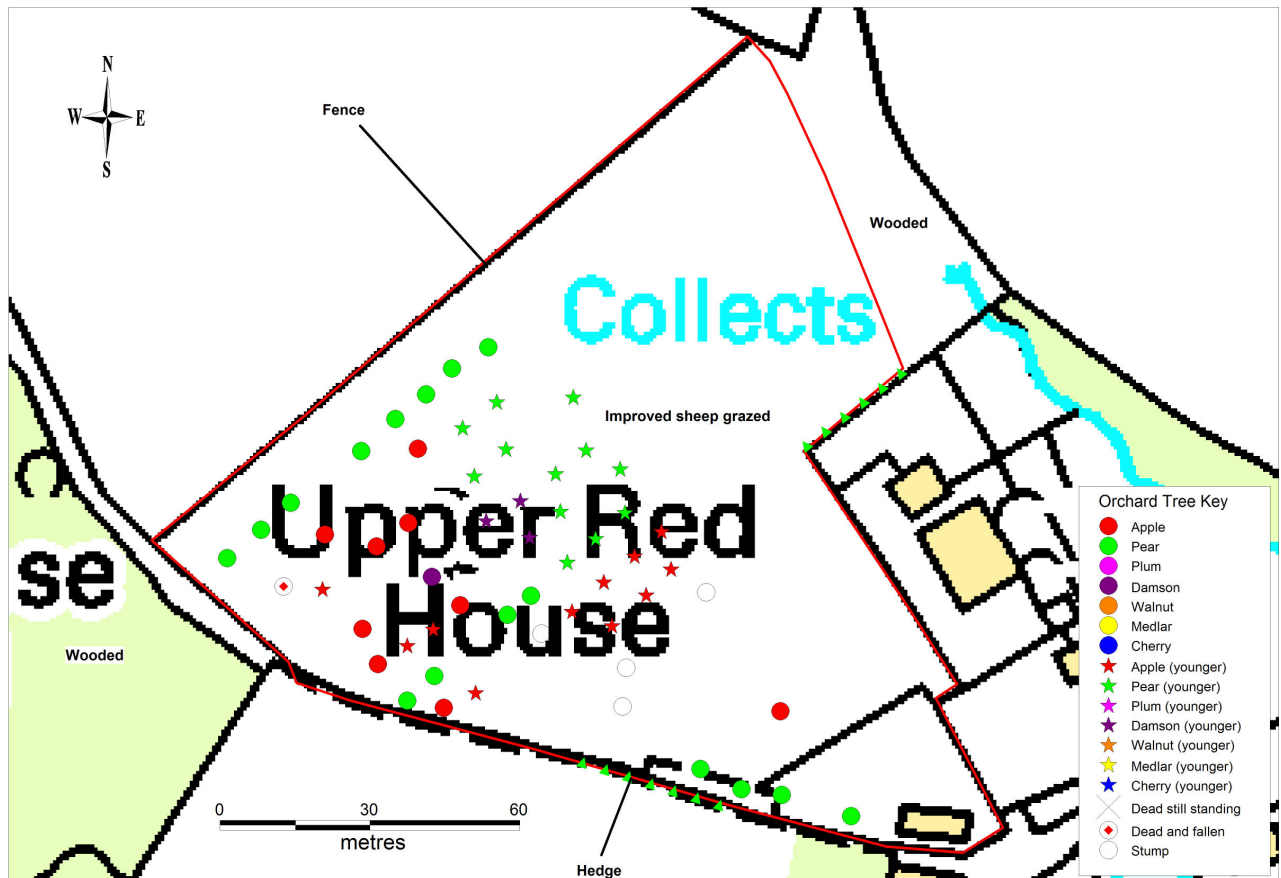
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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/SO41/32

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.