

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: The Great House Orchard

GRID REF: S O 4 9 3 0 9 3

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): c.0.49ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 16/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Monmouthshire

WARD: Mitchel Troy

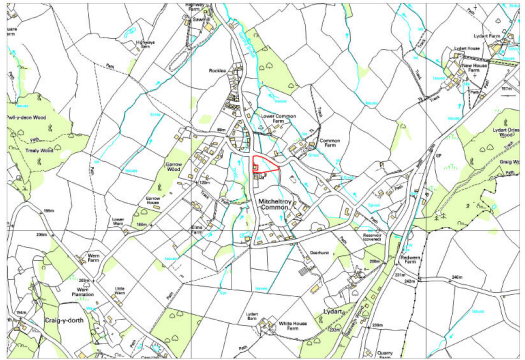
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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.):

The orchard is grassy, sheep grazed and slopes downwards to the north. The site is bordered by a wooden fence along the southern boundary and a hedge along the northern boundary. The grass is improved but a small stream that flows through the site provides some additional ecological interest and is flanked by rushes with Water Mint, Fools Watercress and Watercress present within it. The orchard only occupies the northern end of the field and comprises a mix of Pear, Apple and Plum. There is a mix of older trees (C. 50 years) and younger planting. A number of the apple trees have died in the last year (these were particularly festooned in Mistletoe). None of the trees are veteran so veteran features are quite scarce and fallen dead wood has been removed. The dead trees are still standing in-situ however and there is some limited dead wood in the living trees as well as some cavities (all be it quite small). Some quite large Holly trees are also present within the orchard. **Note this area is already part of Local Wildlife Site WS/SO40/21 But this serves as additional survey information in relation to this site.**

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 (quite small)**

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"/>	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:

Gate off the drive to The Great 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, some pruning, fallen dead wood removed.

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

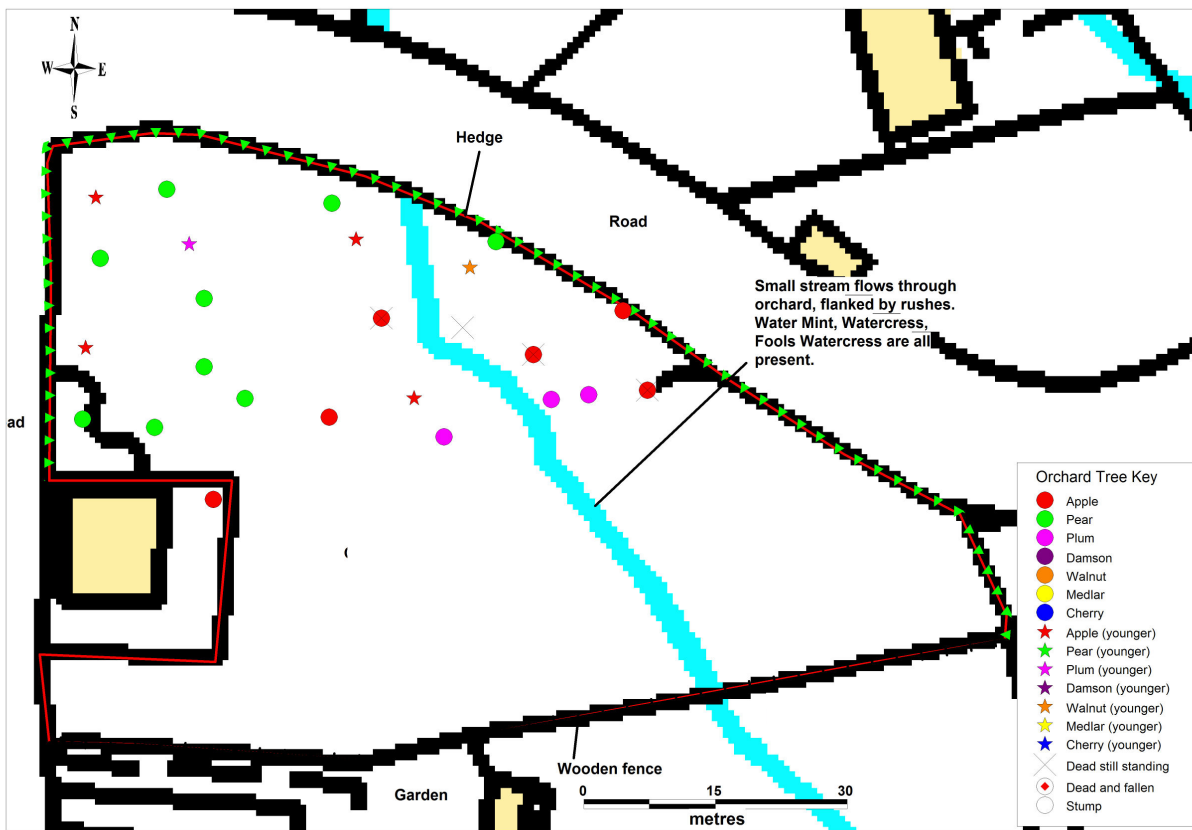
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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.: **Additional survey information as area is already part of WS/SO40/21**

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.