

# Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: **Little Mill Farm Orchard**

GRID REF: **S O 4 2 6 1 7 3**

SURVEYOR(S): **Andy Karran**

SIZE (approx.): **0.41ha**

DATE OF SURVEY: **17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:  
**Monmouthshire**

WARD: **Llantilio Crossenny**

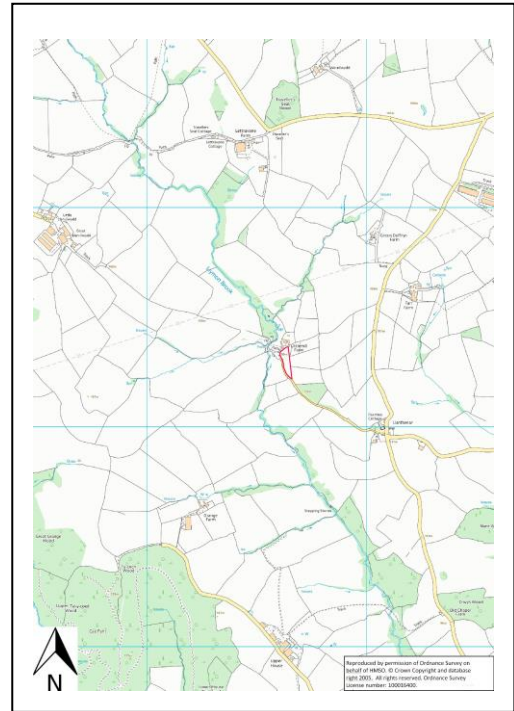
### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

| Habitat types       | NVC type | Area (ha) |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Traditional Orchard |          |           |

### LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?

**Veteran Trees and Traditional Orchard**

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Quite a linear orchard that forms part of a number of ecologically valuable habitats on the farm (other areas already LWS). The orchard is on flat land and is fenced to the east and has a mature hedgerow on the western edge. The main fruit tree species present in the orchard are Apple and Pear, together with smaller numbers of Walnut and Mulberry together with one unidentified (possible Almond?). The trees were traditionally spaced, however quite a number are not hugely old, although the Perry Pear were at least 35 years old. The oldest trees are two apples that are both fallen but still alive and the more northerly of the two has cavities and Mistletoe. In addition to the fruit trees there are occasional Hazel and willow present. There was much lichen on the trees.

The northern 2/3rds of the orchard are grassy but not particularly species-rich and ant-hills were present in a localised area. The more southerly 3<sup>rd</sup> was largely devoid of fruit trees, and with much Stinging Nettles and docks. Piles of dead wood have been retained in the orchard.

Types of fruit trees present include Hybrid Walnut, Mulberry, Apples, Perry Pear and a possible Almond. Apple varieties are thought to include: Egremont Russel, George Cave, Pitmaston Pineapple, Stella Pippin, Red Ellison's Orange, James Grieve, Ashmead's Kernel, John Downie Crab Apple, Allington Pippin, Brambley and Blenheim Orange.

#### 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: 8/2/21

# DETAILED SITE INFORMATION

SITE OWNERSHIP: Including names of any tenants/graziers Name(s)

|           |            |         |            |
|-----------|------------|---------|------------|
| Name(s)   | [REDACTED] |         |            |
| Addresses | [REDACTED] |         |            |
| Tel.no.   | [REDACTED] | Mobile: | [REDACTED] |

Please log all landowner/tenant contact starting from the initial permission for access to survey

| Date       | Contact    | Discussion subjects/decisions made |
|------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         |
| [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]                         |

Is/are the owner(s)

|   |                            |    |                          |
|---|----------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| i) aware of the site's nature conservation value? Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Y | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ii) managing the land sympathetically? Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> Y | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| iii) willing to manage the land sympathetically? Yes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Y | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Unknown

Describe the access to the site:

Off path from Little Mill Farm.

Are there any public rights of way on the site?

If so please describe their location:

**No**

No

What is the current management at the site?

Currently largely left.

Are there any threats to the site?

None noted.

Are there any invasive species present?

None noted.

Are there any protected species present?

None known

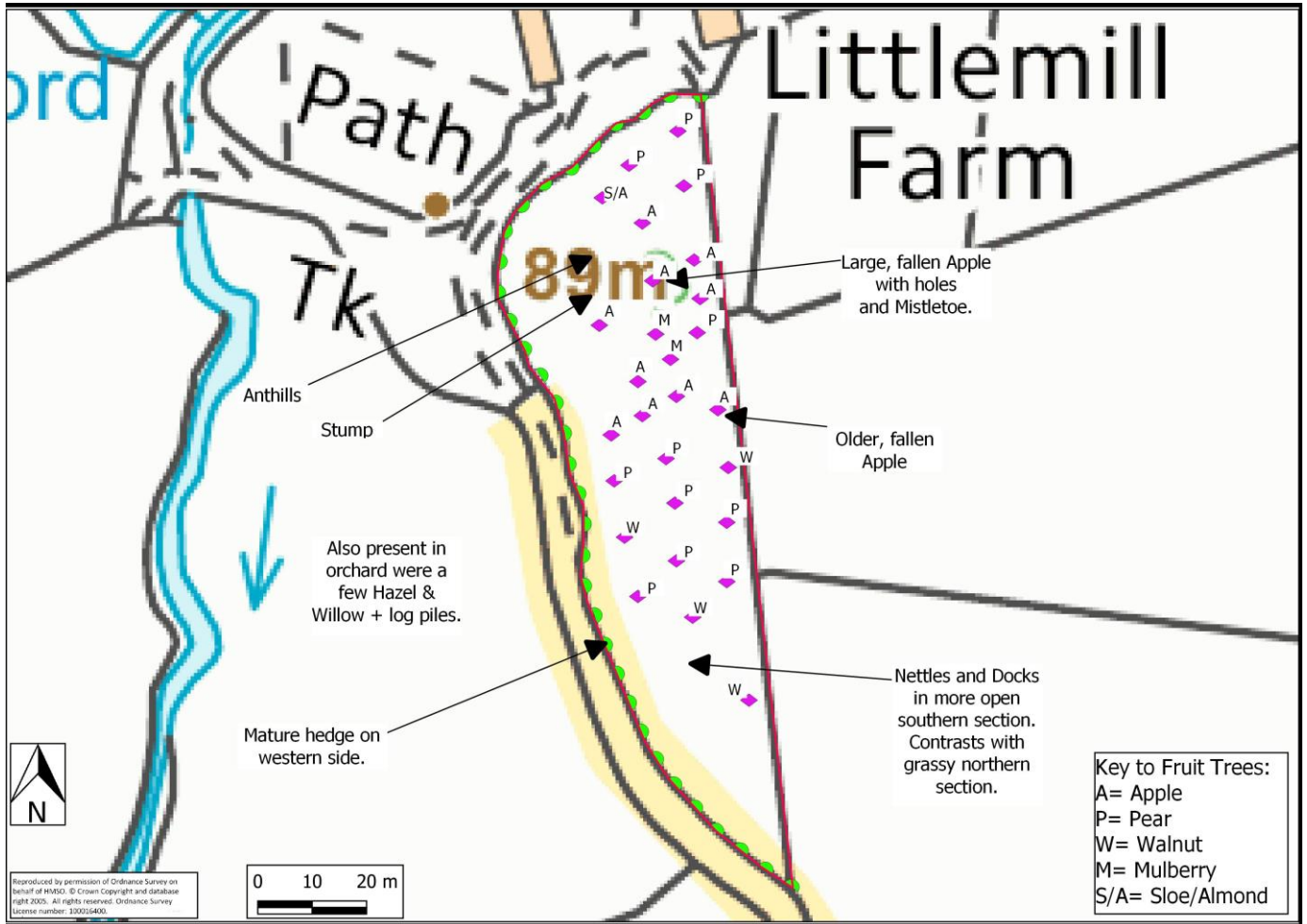
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

**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):



Please list all additional survey information both past and present that relates to this site:  
CCW Phase 1, 1991.

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Site no.: WS/SO41/53

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