

# Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Whitehouse Farm Orchard

GRID REF: S O 3 5 7 1 8 0

SURVEYOR(S): Andv Karran

SIZE (approx.): 0.31ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 12/09/13

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:  
Monmouthshire

WARD: Crucorney

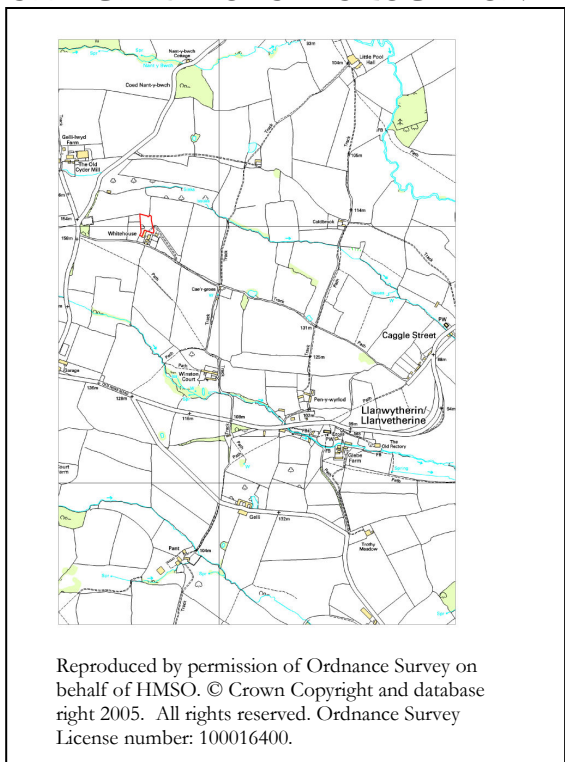
**MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:**

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 grassy and slopes gently downwards to the north. It is surrounded by hedgerows but open to the surrounds of the house to the north. The orchard is full of trees and are a mix of Apple and Plum trees of a variety of ages but includes a number of larger old trees thought to date back to the original orchard planting in 1925. Additionally a good number of the Plum trees are of a considerable age and area beginning to show veteran tree signs. Dead wood has been removed from the orchard floor which was mown but is left to grown long during spring/summer for the benefit of wildflowers.

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 (limited)**

**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:

Orchard is open to the yard 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?

Grass mown once a year after flowers have flourished. Trees pruned. New tree planting occasionally as required.

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):



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/SO31/05

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.**