



# Vale of Glamorgan County Treasures

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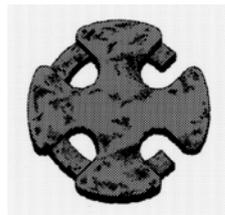
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# Foreword

For many years now the recording and protection afforded to the historic environment has been bound within the provisions of a number legislative Acts of Parliament. Indeed, the Vale of Glamorgan has over 100 Scheduled Ancient Monuments, over 700 Listed Buildings and 38 Conservation Areas that are afforded statutory protection by legislation.

However, this system of statutory recognition, by its nature, only takes account of items of exceptional significance. Often there are locally important buildings that although acknowledged not to be of 'national' or 'exceptional' importance, are considered key examples of vernacular architecture or buildings, which have an important local history. It is these buildings which are often the main contributors to local distinctiveness, but which have to date, remained un-surveyed and afforded little recognition or protection.

The original County Treasures project was published by the then South Glamorgan County Council in the late 1970's. It was conceived as a locally adopted inventory of 'special features' in the former County area.

However, as a result of local government restructuring, the changes to local authority boundaries, as well as changes in responsibilities and funding mechanisms the survey was never completed, and as a consequence was not comprehensive in its coverage.

In the three decades that have passed since the original survey was attempted, the loss of a number of local buildings and landmarks, and the redevelopment of unprotected sites make the County Treasures project as relevant today as it was then. This publication is the culmination of the efforts of many individuals and groups who have been generously giving of their knowledge, time and commitment over a nearly ten year period, and without whom the County Treasures project would never have been possible. To all those involved, I extend my heart felt thanks in recognition of a job well done.

We should be proud, therefore, that this version of the County Treasures survey is complete, robust and comprehensive. It is in another respect even more valuable than its predecessor, in that this Inventory has not been compiled by the local authority, but by the communities of the Vale themselves.

Each of the 27 community areas within the Vale were surveyed by a volunteer workforce of local people, teachers, history society members, local Councillors and other interested individuals, who gave willingly and freely of their time to reveal and record the very many items that could conceivably be of architectural and historic interest; and which, further to detailed scrutiny, research and qualification, were considered worthy of inclusion. This inventory, therefore, more than any other provides an account of what is considered of local importance by local people.

The complete Treasures Inventory contains some 1200 entries. It contains a schedule giving the name of each treasure, its description, its current means of statutory protection (where relevant), a grid reference, map and photograph.

This 2007 Inventory should not however be seen as a 'final product', and although it indeed provides an excellent account and record at a fixed point in time, it also provides a framework for future additions and amendments, as more or new buildings become apparent, new information or change occurs.

It is hoped that the Vale of Glamorgan County Treasures Inventory will serve several purposes:

- It will stimulate local, and wider interest, and promote care and maintenance of identified treasures.
- It will act as a valuable educational resource, perhaps allowing local schoolchildren to research locally as well as nationally significant events and buildings.
- It will ensure that treasures are fully regarded in the planning process where they are threatened by development pressures.
- It will stimulate protectionist policies within forthcoming development plans and perhaps the recognition of further areas for statutory designation.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cadw, The Civic Trust for Wales, The Penarth Society, and The Vale Council for Voluntary Services have supported this project.

Every attempt has been made to ensure that this document is as accurate as possible. The survey was undertaken between 2002 and 2007.

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# Rhagair

Ers llawer o flynyddoedd bellach, mae'r gwaith o gofnodi ac amddiffyn yr amgylchedd hanesyddol yn cael ei reoli o dan amodau nifer o ddeddfau seneddol. Mae dros 100 o Henebion Rhestredig, dros 700 o Adeiladau Rhestredig a 38 o Ardaloedd Cadwraeth ym Mro Morgannwg sy'n cael eu hamddiffyn o dan y gyfraith yn y modd yma.

Serch hynny, mae'n anochel bod system fel hon sydd wedi'i seilio ar gydnabyddiaeth statudol, yn rhoi ystyriaeth i eitemau o bwysigrwydd eithriadol yn unig. Mae hynny'n golygu bod llawer o adeiladau lleol sydd, er nad oes ganddynt unrhyw statws cenedlaethol nac eithriadol, yn dal yn nodedig am eu pensaernïaeth frodorol neu'n bwysig i hanes yr ardal. Yn amlach na pheidio, dyma'r union adeiladau sy'n rhoi cymeriad i ardal er na ddaeth neb i'w hadolygu erioed ac nad oes ganddynt fawr o statws na chynlluniau ar gyfer eu gwarchod.

Hen Gyngor Sir De Morgannwg oedd yn gyfrifol am brosiect gwreiddiol Trysorau'r Sir a gyhoeddiwyd ar ddiwedd y 1970au. Bwriad y prosiect oedd llunio rhestr leol o'r holl nodweddion arbennig rhwng ffiniau'r hen sir.

Serch hynny, bu ad-drefnu llywodraeth leol, newid ffiniau awdurdodau lleol a newid cyfrifoldebau staff a threfniadau nawdd yn rhwystr i'r gwaith, ac am na chafodd yr arolwg ei gwblhau erioed, mae'r rhestr yn bell o fod yn gyflawn.

Yn ystod y tri degawd ers cynnal yr arolwg gwreiddiol, mae nifer o adeiladau a nodweddion lleol amlwg wedi diflannu, a safleoedd diamddiffyn wedi'u datblygu, sy'n golygu bod y prosiect yn fwy perthnasol heddiw nag erioed. Ffrwyth ymdrech nifer o unigolion a grwpiau ymroddgar a fu'n rhoi'n hael o'u hamser a'u gwybodaeth am bron i ddeng mlynedd, yw'r cyhoeddiad hwn. Heb eu cymorth, ni fuasai'n bosibl cynnal prosiect Trysorau'r Sir o gwbl, a hoffwn ddiolch o galon i bawb am ddod i ben â'r gwaith mor dda.

Mae pob rheswm i ni fod yn falch o'r fersiwn cyflawn, cadarn a chynhwysfawr hwn o'r arolwg ar Drysorau'r Sir. Mae'n fwy gwerthfawr fyth na'r un flaenorol hefyd am mai cymunedau'r Fro eu hunain a fu'n ei lunio'n hytrach na'r awdurdod lleol.

Cafodd pob un o'r 27 cymuned yn y Fro ei hadolygu gan dîm gwirfoddol o bobl leol, athrawon, aelodau cymdeithasau hanesyddol, Cyngorwyr lleol a rhai eraill â diddordeb yn y maes. Rhoesant yn hael o'u hamser heb dâl er mwyn dod o hyd i'r holl eitemau a allai fod o ddiddordeb pensaernïol neu hanesyddol, a'u cofnodi. Cafodd y rhai teilwng eu hychwanegu at y rhestr ar ôl llawer o waith ymchwil ac archwilio manwl. Dyma'r rhestr felly sy'n adlewyrchu orau'r eitemau sydd o bwys gan bobl yn eu hardaloedd eu hunain.

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Serch hynny, ni ddylid ystyried rhestr 2007 yn rhestr gyflawn o bell ffordd. Er ei bod yn adroddiad ardderchog ar y sefyllfa ar adeg benodol, mae'n bwysig ei gweld hefyd fel fframwaith ar gyfer addasu'r rhestr wrth i'r sefyllfa newid neu i adeiladau neu wybodaeth newydd ddod i'r golwg.

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- helpu'n sylweddol gydag addysg plant ysgol drwy roi cyfle iddynt ymchwilio i ddigwyddiadau ac adeiladau sydd o bwys lleol yn ogystal â chenedlaethol.
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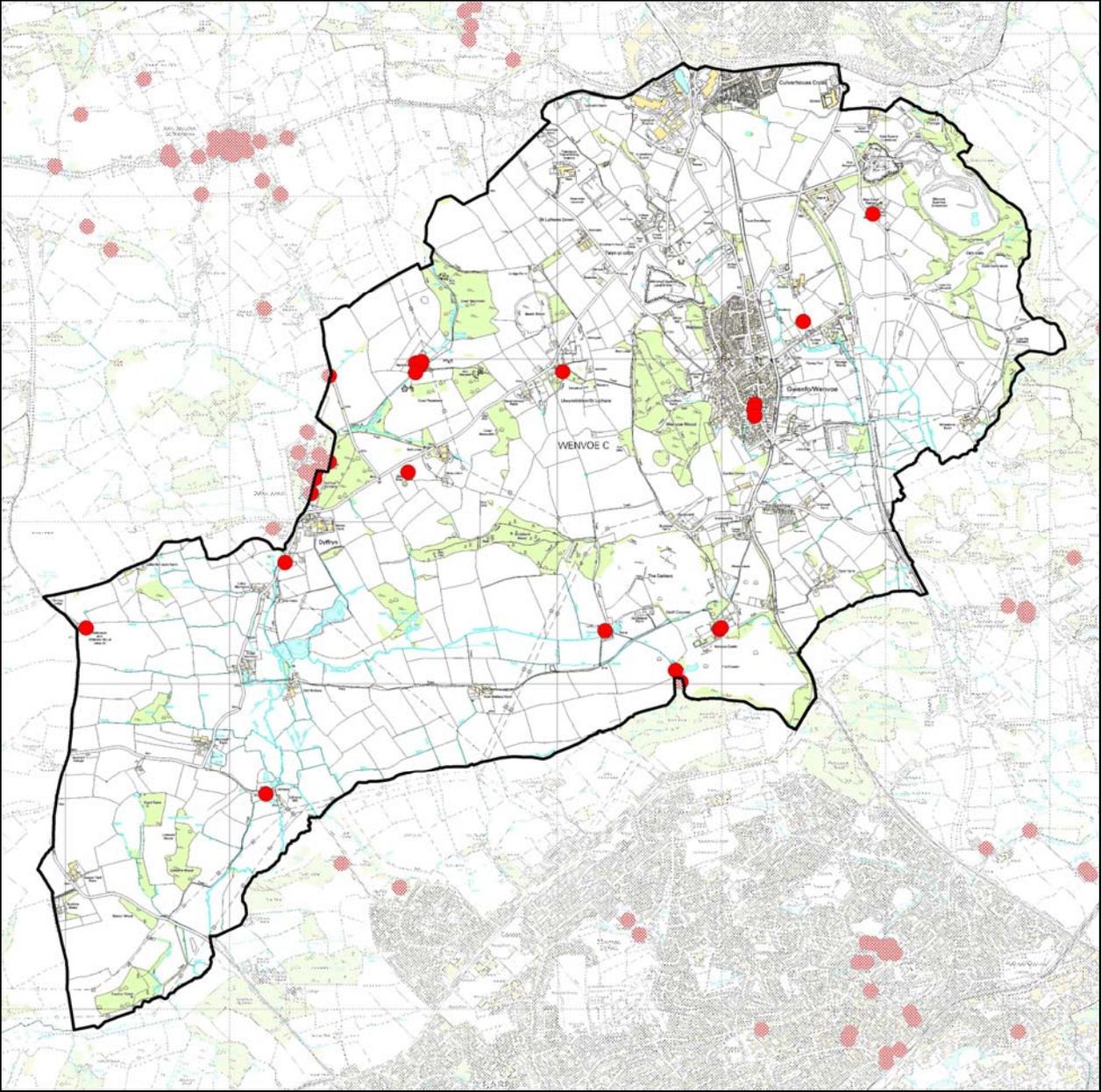
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## Explanation of entries

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| Summary description                             |  |

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| Community           | <i>The community in which the treasure can be found</i>  |
| Treasure Name       | <i>The name of the treasure. This is broken down to include the locality, the street and the individual building where applicable.</i> |
| Treasure Reference  | <i>Unique reference number for each treasure.</i>  |
| Monument            | <i>Reference number given to scheduled monuments by Cadw.</i>  |
| Listed Building     | <i>Reference numbers given to listed buildings by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cadw.</i>  |
| OS Grid             | <i>The eastings and northings of each treasure.</i>  |
| Photograph          | <i>A photograph of each treasure.</i>  |
| Map                 | <i>A map of each treasure.</i>   |
| Summary Description | <i>A brief description of each treasure.</i>   |





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Dyffryn - Dyffryn Gardens - Fountain to South (Partly in St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community)

**Treasure**

2215

**Monument**



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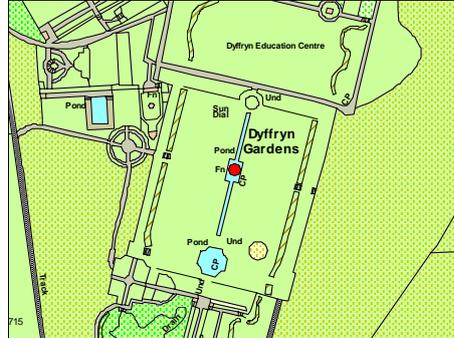
**Listed Building**



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26987

**OS Grid N** 172260



Oriental-style ornamental fountain. Large, Chinese style, bronze fountain. Scalloped cup with dragon, from whose mouth water flows, and lion's faces below. The whole has a gadrooned base.

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Dyffryn - Dyffryn Gardens - Lion Steps

**Treasure**

2217

**Monument**



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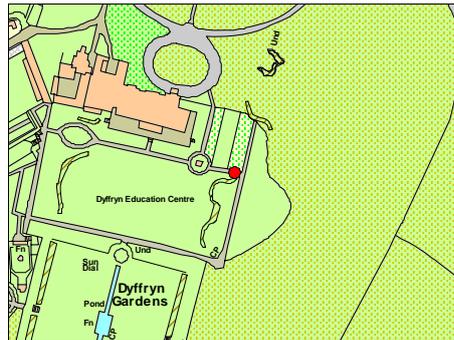
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**OS Grid N** 172350



A flight of 10 concrete steps leading from the formal terrace and lawns immediately South of the house, in particular the Panel Garden and Shrubbery South East of the house, to the more informal East garden, with its woodland, rock and heather gardens. Steps are shallow, with side kerbs, and flanked at top by recumbent lions in artificial stone.

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Dyffryn - Dyffryn Gardens - Lower South Terrace (Partly in St. Nicholas and Bonvilston Community)

**Treasure**

2216

**Monument**



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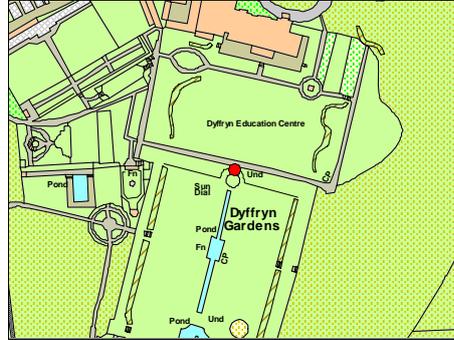
**Listed Building**



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**OS Grid N** 172300



Terrace, mainly of limestone, some reconstituted stone, comprising a low coursed rubble retaining wall with balustrade, either side of a central exedra.

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Dyffryn - Dyffryn Gardens - Vine Walks and Kiosks

**Treasure**

2218

**Monument**



**OS Grid E** 309500

**Listed Building**



24.18.00

26990

**OS Grid N** 172180



Vine Walk or Pergola consists of nine pairs of concrete piers on plinths on East side, six on West side with intersecting iron hoops arranged diagonally and supported by impost.

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Dyffryn - Well House

**Treasure**

2219

**Monument****OS Grid E** 309330**Listed Building**

24.13.00

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**OS Grid N** 171740

An C18 cottage retaining it's historic fabric including a thatched roof. Of limewashed and painted stone rubble; steep-pitched roof with end stacks.

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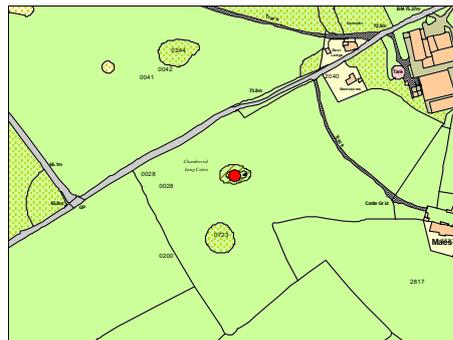
St. Lythans - Burial Chamber

**Treasure**

2377

**Monument**

21/2030/GM008 (GLA) G

**OS Grid E** 310087**Listed Building****OS Grid N** 172299

A long cairn, or barrow, c.27m by 11m and 1m high. At the East end, immediately behind a presumed forecourt area, is a megalithic structure composed of a 'cove' of three uprights, open to a presumed forecourt to the East, capped by a further megalith.

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St. Lythans - Church of St. Lythan

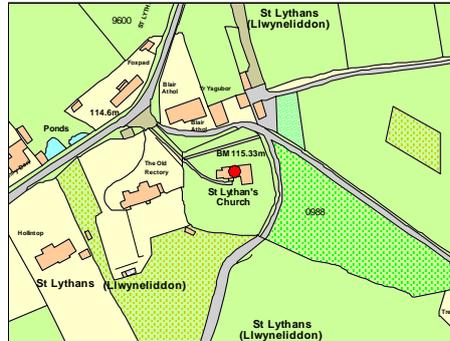
**Treasure**  1172

**Monument**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Listed Building**  24.01.00 13635

**OS Grid E** 311029

**OS Grid N** 172921



Medieval church with Norman font, but heavily restored by Prichard and Seddon c 1861, including porch, belfry openings and E window. List of incumbents from 1400. Large Tudor S chapel with inscribed initials RB for Robert Button of Dyffryn House.

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Wenvoe - Alps Farm

**Treasure**  1495

**Monument**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Listed Building**  \_\_\_\_\_

**OS Grid E** 312920

**OS Grid N** 173890



Alps Farm, a regional house with central and gable chimneys and lobby-entry.

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Wenvoe - Church of St. Mary

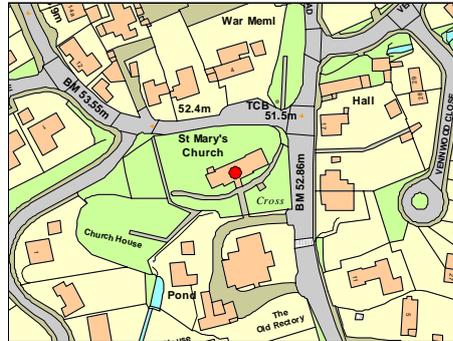
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**Monument**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Listed Building**  24.02.00 13643

OS Grid E 312195

OS Grid N 172689



Medieval church, thought to be C13, but very heavily restored in 1869, and main fabric and fittings mostly of this date. John Wesley is recorded as preaching in the church nine times in the mid C18 at the invitation of the then rector. The fine monuments are to the families of Wenvoe Castle, the Thomas family in the C17 and early C18, the Birt and Jenner families in the later C18 and C19. According to John Newman, the C17 Thomas monument, of especially fine quality, is strongly influenced by Nicholas Stone. Three generations of Jenners were rectors in C19. The churchyard gateway was erected in 1930 in memory of Laura Jenner the last inhabitant of Wenvoe Castle; it was designed by diocesan architect Harry Teather.

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Wenvoe - Telephone Call-Box on the Village Green

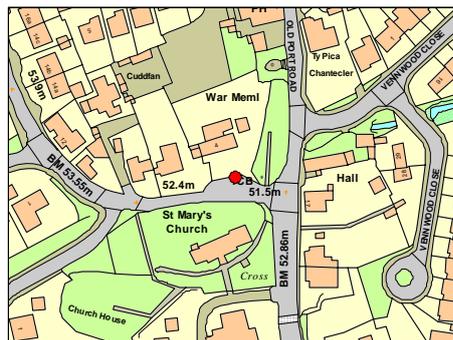
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OS Grid E 312201

OS Grid N 172720



K6 type square, red kiosk of cast-iron construction to the standard design of Giles Gilbert Scott.

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Wenvoe - The Old Rectory (Nursing Home)

**Treasure**

2220

**Monument****OS Grid E** 312186**Listed Building**

24.08.00

26992

**OS Grid N** 172623

Large former rectory in Regency style. Formerly the home of Professor Richard Atkinson, the eminent C20 archaeologist. Converted to a residential care home late C20. Walls of main range of unpainted roughcast with ashlar and stucco dressings; shallow-pitched hipped Welsh slate roof with overhanging eaves and tall, narrow, rendered lateral and other stacks.

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Wenvoe - Wenvoe Castle - Former Coach House and Stables (Now Golf Club)

**Treasure**

2221

**Monument****OS Grid E** 311980**Listed Building**

24.10.00

26993

**OS Grid N** 171330

A quadrangular stable yard with buildings on three sides and an alcove terrace built into the hillside on the fourth. Built of coursed dressed stone with ashlar dressings. The main house was built to designs of Robert Adam for Peter Birt in 1776-7 but it was mostly demolished in C20 (though the surviving East pavilion forms the centre bay of the present club-house for Wenvoe Castle Golf Club). The stable courtyard, which is North of the house and attached to the rear of the former East pavilion, is attributed to Henry Holland, who was working at Cardiff Castle in the late 1770s and is contemporary with the Adam house of 1776-7.

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Wenvoe - Wenvoe Castle - Former Walled Kitchen Garden Wall, West Range

**Treasure**

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**Monument**

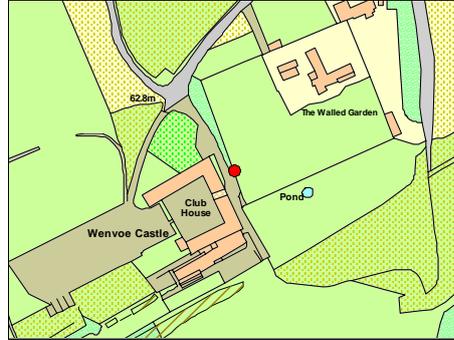
**OS Grid E** 311990

**Listed Building**

24.11.00

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**OS Grid N** 171360



A walled garden was associated with the original C16-17 house under Edmund Thomas. Sir Edmund Thomas, third baronet, further developed this area between 1733 and 1767, and it was again remodelled during the occupancy of the Birts and Jenners during C19, the original walled compartments being replaced by one large kitchen garden as depicted on the 1878 OS map. Wall of coursed rubble with flat coping with mostly brick inner face extending opposite stable entrance frontage. Some low blocked openings visible on inner face and one segmental brick arched doorway. Some of the former kitchen garden buildings have been converted to housing.

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Wenvoe - Wenvoe Castle Park

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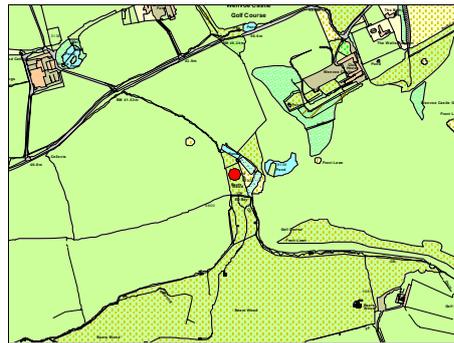
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**Monument**

**OS Grid E** 312103

**Listed Building**

**OS Grid N** 171218



The survival of the bones of a landscape park and gardens of the mid to late C18. The mid C18 rococo landscaping in Bears Wood, where the remains of a grotto and serpentine canal survive, is of particular interest. Earlier remains include the house platform and probably the terrace behind it, known as the 'Green'. The mid C18 shrubbery, nursery, walled gardens and long walk may also be adaptations of earlier garden features. Listed Grade II in Register of Landscapes, Parks and Gardens of Special Interest in Wales.



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Outlying - Lidmore Farmhouse

**Treasure**

2223

**Monument****OS Grid E** 309220**Listed Building**

24.14.00

26995

**OS Grid N** 170320

Farmhouse probably with an early C18 origin, refurbished in C19. Also known as Lydmore. Former farm ranges on other side of lane, shown on Tithe Map of 1842, now converted to dwellings. Walls of limewashed rubble, Welsh slate roof with four corniced brick ridge and end stacks.

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Outlying - Nant Bran Farmhouse

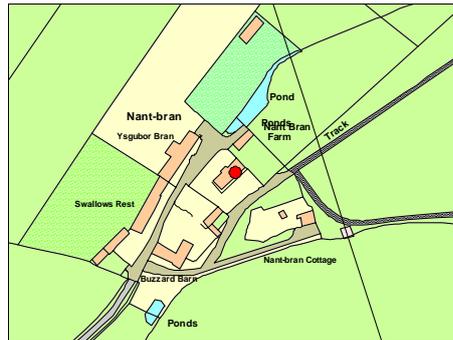
**Treasure**

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**Monument****OS Grid E** 310164**Listed Building**

24.04.00

19890

**OS Grid N** 172964

Two-storey farmhouse, rendered over local stone, slate roofs, rectangular rendered chimneys. The house has probably late C18 / early C19 origins.

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Outlying - Nant Bran Farmhouse - Agricultural Range

**Treasure**

1174

**Monument****OS Grid E**

310134

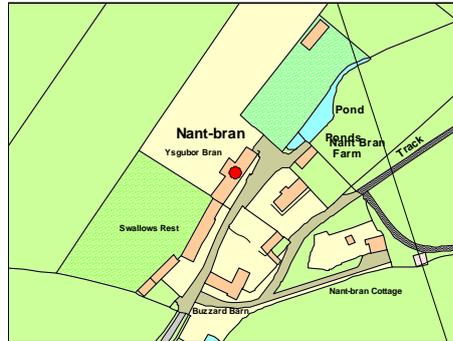
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**OS Grid N**

172976



Long range of agricultural buildings in four sections stepping down slope of farmyard. Built of local grey rubble. Probably C18 and early C19. Converted to residential use.

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Outlying - Nant Bran Farmhouse - Former Bull Shed

**Treasure**

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**Monument****OS Grid E**

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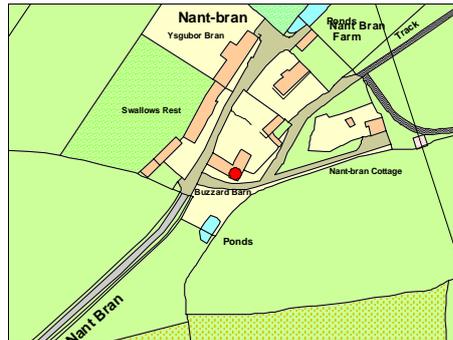
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19893

**OS Grid N**

172915



Single storey agricultural building, local rubble, and slate roof. Early-to-mid C19. Said to have formerly been bull shed. Converted to residential use.

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Outlying - Nant Bran Farmhouse - Outbuilding to North

**Treasure**

1175

**Monument****OS Grid E** 310170**Listed Building**

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19892

**OS Grid N** 172982

Lofted agricultural building in local rubble (partly rendered), slate roof. Early-to-mid C19. Converted to residential use.

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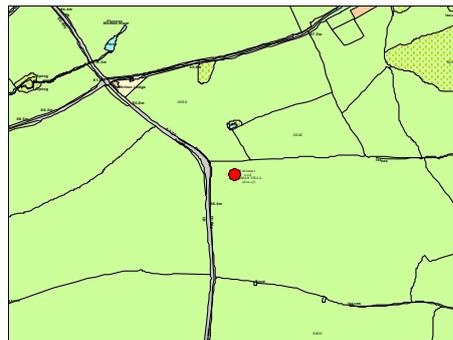
Outlying - Roman Site 340m SE of Whitton Crossroad

**Treasure**

2376

**Monument**

21/0352/GM252 (GLA)

**OS Grid E** 308124**Listed Building****OS Grid N** 171328

A sub-rectangular ditched & banked enclosure, about 65m square, having an East facing entrance: excavation between 1956-70 revealed a complex structural sequence, opening with circular & rectangular timber structures, these being superseded by a sequence of stone-founded rectangular buildings; the material assemblage pointed to occupation from around 50BC to the 4th century AD. The central enclosure was set within a round-angled rectilinear ditched circuit, at least about 175m north-south by 110m, possibly fronted by further ditch-lines before the entrance on the East.