

CPAT site visit record form

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PRN / Site no

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* *italicised fields are compulsory entries*

part of

* Record made by *fu*

* Record made on 11/02/09

* Site name *Cefn Caves (New Cave)*

*NGR

Owner *Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn Tenant*

None refs OK

* Site type 1 *Cave*

* Period 1 *Various prehistoric*

Site type 2

Period 2

Period from: Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Prehistoric, Roman, Dark Age, Medieval, Post Medieval, C19th, C20th, Unknown

* Description

Project data standard ? Y / N

3 main entrances which all interconnect. One W - Main entrance is on the back of a ledge with near vertical rock faces above + below. Good shelter provided in its present appearance. Other entrances pass dry out or partially so when excavated. Steps created in interior which suggest once opened water was taken through the cave supported by a number of containing tanks on the hillside. Used presumably by the outdoor centre at Dolben on opposite side of river - no real impact - floor is quite stable. Main entrance faces W, others SW + S. At main entrance pass of deposits in front on terrace but weather level of excavation.

Photos ? (Y) / N

Did cave 102136 looking out (to E) + into entrance (to W) 2 views of Cefn Rocks (from W + SW)

Sketch plan over ? Y / N

* Dimensions in metres

Length max / c. / int / ext m Width max / c. / int / ext m Height max / c. / int / ext m
Diameter max / c. / int / ext m Other (area, depth, thickness) max / c. / int / ext m

Siting summit / ridge / plateau / col / shoulder edge / hill slope / river terrace / valley bottom / flood plain *Scarp*

Aspect

W - other into SW + S.

Landuse *Recreational*

Vegetation *>*

Threat 1. *Caning* 2. 3. 4.

Threat significance high / med / *low* high / med / low high / med / low high / med / low

Threat timing *active* / long / med / short active / long / med / short active / long / med / short active / long / med / short

Mitigation response Evaluate / *Preserve (schedule)* / Preserve (negotiate) / Excavate / Survey / Watching brief / Nothing

Site category *(A) B / C / D / E 1, 5*

Management recommendations

Maintain present use. Outdoor centre maintain control over gates - prob best for preservation as this dates long modern digging.

Notes 102136, 102137 + 102138 are only separate entrances for a single cave. 102136 is visible from the valley to the W + seems to have been the main entrance, 102137 + 102138 may have been dug out or partially so during the antiquarian excavations (see above).

Geology Formed during early phase of downcutting of the gorge - passage prob reflect fossil remnants of underground flow of the River Elwy