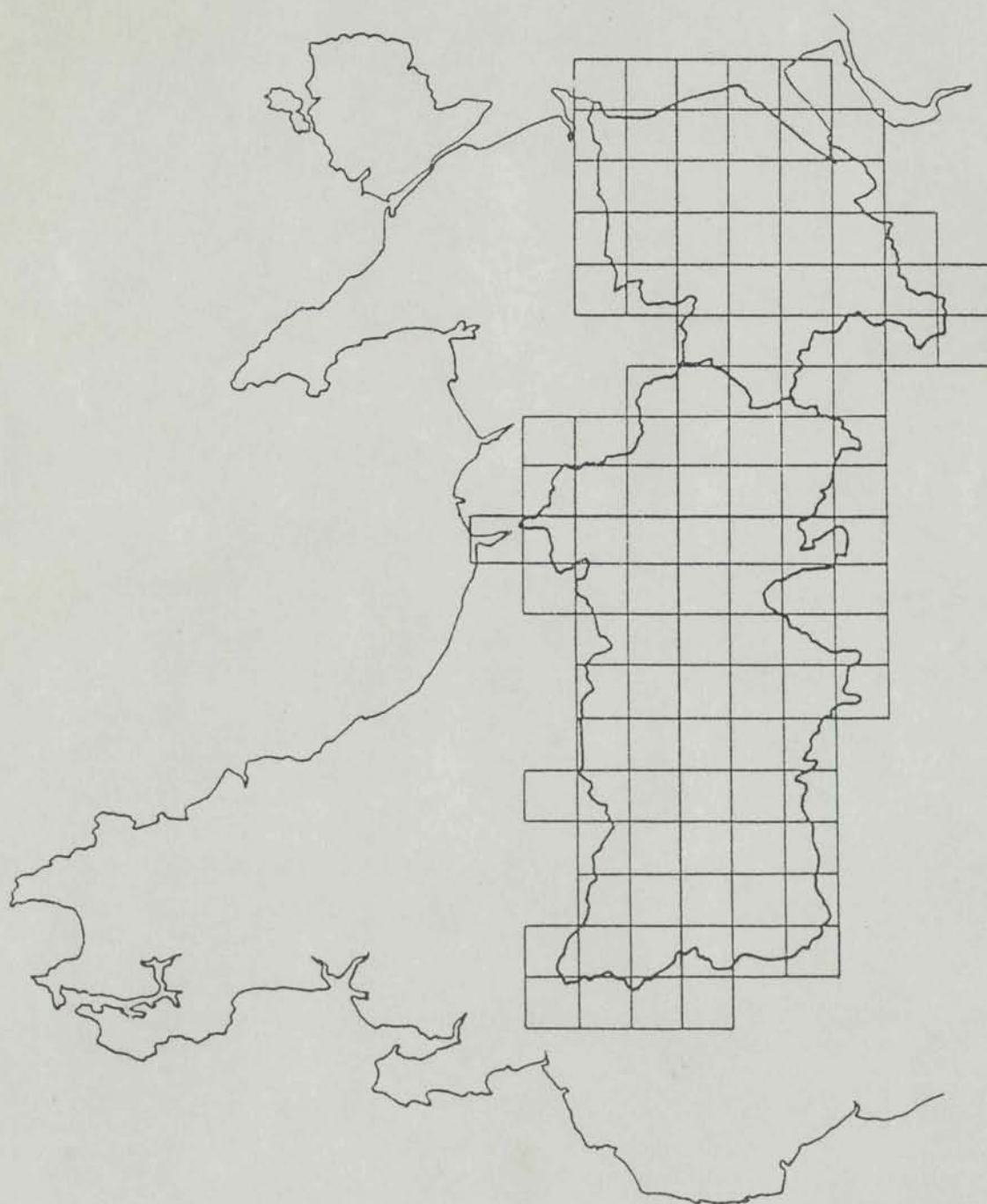


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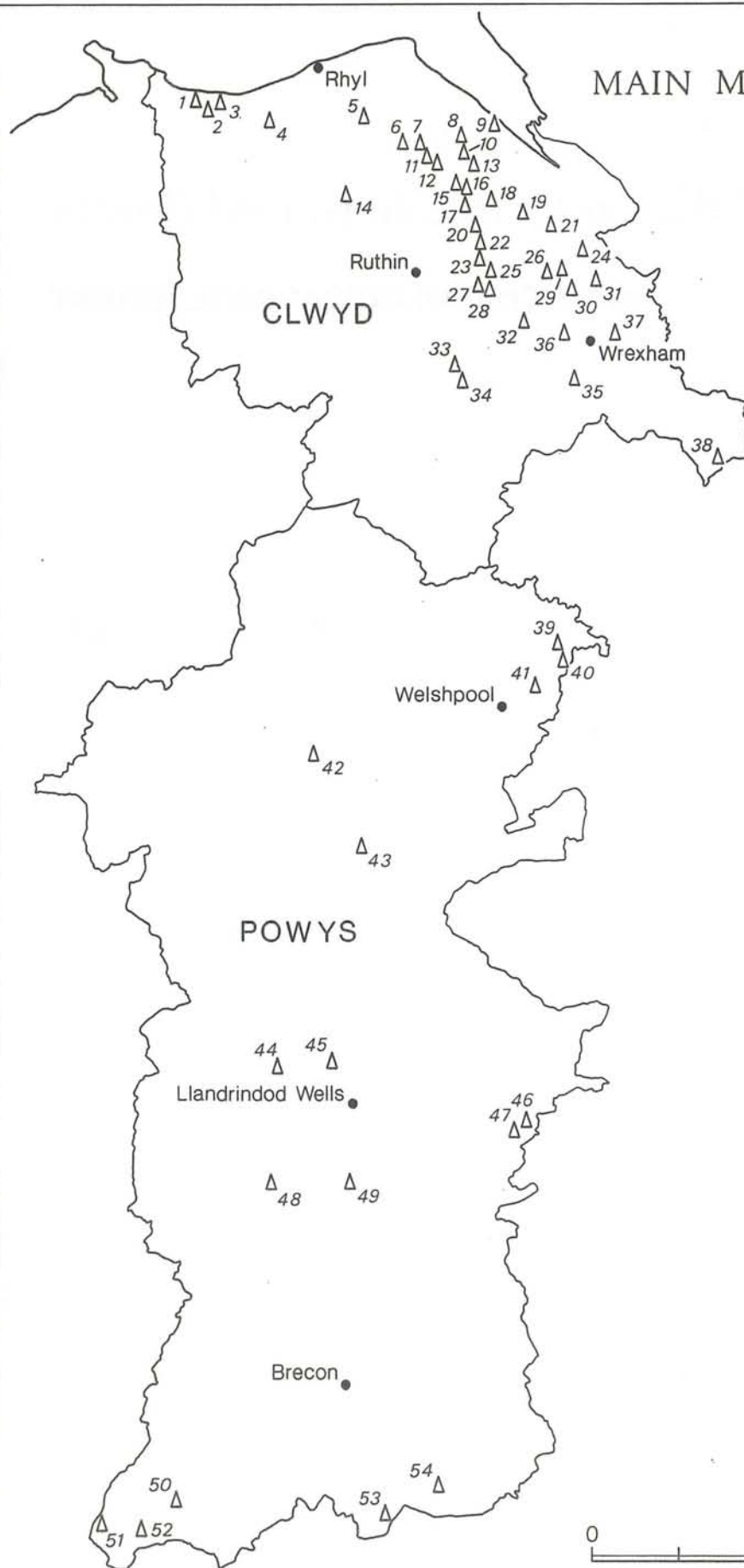
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MAIN MINERAL WORKINGS *Clwyd and Powys*



- 1 Plas Gwilym
- 2 Raynes
- 3 Llanddulas/Llysgaen
- 4 St George
- 5 Moel Hiraddug
- 6 Pentre Uchaf
- 7 Maesmynan
- 8 Bryn Mawr
- 9 Springhill
- 10 Pen yr Henblas
- 11 Afonwen
- 12 Y Ddol Uchaf
- 13 Pant y Pwll Dwr
- 14 Graig
- 15 Fronhaul
- 16 Pant
- 17 Star Crossing
- 18 Hendre
- 19 Rhosesmor
- 20 Trimm Rock
- 21 Maes y Grug
- 22 Cefn Mawr
- 23 Aberduna
- 24 Lane End
- 25 Burley Hill
- 26 Fagl Lane
- 27 Y Graig, Llanarmon yn Ial
- 28 Maes y Droell
- 29 Bryn y Gaer
- 30 Bank Farm
- 31 Singret Farm
- 32 Minera
- 33 Moel y Faen
- 34 Clogau
- 35 Hafod
- 36 Cae Llo
- 37 Borrass
- 38 Bettisfield Moss
- 39 Criggion
- 40 Middletown
- 41 Buttington Brickworks
- 42 Tan y Foel
- 43 Penstrowed
- 44 Rhaeadr
- 45 Caerfagu
- 46 Gore
- 47 Dolyhir and Strinds
- 48 Llanelwedd
- 49 Cribarth
- 50 Blaen Onneu
- 51 Cwar yr Ystrad
- 52 Penwyllt
- 53 Nant Helen
- 54 Brynhenllys

INTRODUCTION

Clwyd and Powys together contain a considerable number of quarries and other mineral workings which are either currently active or temporarily mothballed. It has been apparent for some time that there were deficiencies in our knowledge of the archaeological elements of those mineral concession areas being exploited and that because of this it had not been possible to determine an appropriate course of action for what might be significant threats to the archaeological resource. Yet since the formation of the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) in the mid-1970s, important projects resulting from the extension of mineral workings have been promoted at the hillforts of the Breiddin (Powys), Dinorben (Clwyd) and Moel Hiraddug (Clwyd); on upland sites at Nant Helen (Powys); and on a putative round barrow at Hendre (Clwyd). The need for a systematic assessment of the current situation is patent.

In 1990/91 CPAT was funded by Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments to undertake a rapid survey of the existing mineral concession areas in the two counties for the purpose of:

- a collecting data on the number and future expansion plans of active mineral workings, including opencast coal workings and the rare but potentially significant peat workings
- b identifying what if any archaeology existed in undisturbed parts of each mineral working
- c recommending what further action might be necessary to preserve this archaeology in situ or by record before it was lost.

THE MINERAL WORKINGS

Information on the location and nature of mineral workings was provided by the Minerals Section in the Planning Department of Clwyd County Council and by the Planning Department of Powys County Council. Fifty-four commercial mineral workings were identified in the two counties, thirty-eight in Clwyd and sixteen in Powys. Of these three in Clwyd and three in Powys were inactive at the time of the survey.

There are of course a much larger number of quarries and other mineral workings which have operated in the past, ranging from small quarries exploited for a specific purpose and then abandoned, through to much larger commercial extractions, such as Llanymynech Hill, south of Oswestry, which was quarried up until the 1920s. Accessible information on the location and potential of these is at best patchy, at worst non-existent. Ostensibly the time and effort spent in identifying such quarries would not be balanced by the archaeological return, and no attempt has been made during the current project to examine this aspect of the industry.

There is, however, a potentially significant problem here in the form of the Interim Development Order (IDO). These have been a focus of increasing media attention over the last twelve months (Rural Wales, Summer 1990, 25; The Independent 12 February 1991), reflecting the growing concern of local authorities. IDOs were registered before the implementation of the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act to allow the subsequent continuation of earlier quarrying operations. No comprehensive list of such orders was maintained and generally local authorities have little idea of the numbers granted and thus of when or where an abandoned quarry might be reactivated by a company that has sought out and acquired an IDO over the last forty years. Four active quarries in Powys operate under unmodified IDO approvals (D. Keast: pers. comm.), but it is those mineral workings that may

be reactivated with minimal constraints in the future that must cause the greatest concern, not only to local authorities, but also to any organisation concerned with the countryside.

GEOLOGY

Clwyd more than Powys possesses a diversity of mineral resources, namely limestone, sand and gravel, coal, chertstone, brick and fireclays, silica and moulding sands, calcspar, slate, tufa, iron, lead, copper, zinc and peat. In economic terms the exploitation of some of these minerals is of historical interest only. Today, it is the reserves of limestone, sand and gravel, coal, brick clay, silica sand, tufa and peat which are being exploited. The working quarries of Clwyd are found in the north and east of the county across a range of topographic features. The limestone quarries are located in the northern coastal hills and in the belt of Carboniferous limestone outcrop which forms Halkyn Mountain and the eastern foothills of the Clwydian Range, with an extension of the outcrop south-east as far as Ruabon Mountain. Sand and gravel extraction is focused on the extensive deposits of fluvioglacial origin in the Alun-Wheeler valley and around Wrexham. There is only one remaining coal mine in Clwyd, at Point of Ayr, where the workings extend beneath the seabed; the opencast working of coal is currently confined to two quarries. The exploitation of brick clays, silica sand, tufa and peat is localised and on a small scale.

The geology of Powys is dominated by a monotonous sequence of shales, siltstones and sandstones. These rocks are exploited locally for use as aggregate and rock fill. Carboniferous limestone is quarried on the southern county boundary where the rock outcrops along the edge of the South Wales coalfield. It is here that coal is mined by the opencast method, currently at one site with another proposed. Outcrops of resistant igneous rocks which form a block of high ground - the Breiddin - in the middle Severn valley are exploited as a source of hard rock for road aggregate and coating purposes. Old Radnor Hill, formed of Pre-Cambrian sedimentary rocks and an adjacent outcrop of Silurian limestone is the other significant focus of quarrying on the eastern boundary of the county.

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

Building on information provided by the two county councils, the interrogation of the Sites and Monuments Record (SMR) for Clwyd and Powys provided data on known archaeology within each mineral working area (see Gazetteer below). General information of archaeological and non-archaeological character was recorded on pro-forma sheets and these, together with Ordnance Survey photocopies at a scale of 1:10000, form the basis of the project archive.

A gazetteer of quarries has been prepared from the archive which is reproduced at the end of this report. Quarry numbers in the text refer both to the location map and the gazetteer.

Aerial photographs were examined for selected mineral workings in Powys, specifically those taken by the RAF between 1946 and 1948 and (in the Brecon Beacons National Park) by JAS Photographic Ltd of Mitcham, Surrey in 1985. Overall, this approach yielded very little new data and was not extended to other districts, largely because many of the areas of untouched land within existing concessions were extremely small (see below). Clwyd's aerial photograph cover was not examined.

Fieldwork involved rapid, but systematic survey of the unquarried part of each concession and a more cursory search for industrial archaeological features within the quarries themselves. As a matter of policy, no more than half a day was spent at any one quarry and in the case of the large Rhaeadr quarry in Powys (no.43)

this has led to a recommendation of further survey work. The approach to fieldwork varied, the writers sometimes working as a team, sometimes individually.

A small number of mineral working areas were not visited. In southern Powys, the two opencast coal sites of Nant Helen (no.52) and Brynhenllys (no.53) had already been subjected to archaeological investigation by CPAT during the last ten years, and the small quarry at Cribarth (no.48) had also been visited recently.

More serious omissions resulted from the refusal by ARC Powell Dyffryn Ltd and Tilcon (North Central) Ltd to allow access to their quarries. Consequently in Clwyd the large Llanddulas quarry (no.3) was not visited, though a rapid survey was carried out in 1989 by CPAT prior to the granting of permission for an extension to the quarry. Tilcon was unable to grant access to St George quarry (no.4), being the former site of Dinorben hillfort, destroyed in 1979. The lack of co-operation from ARC Powell Dyffryn was of particular concern for Llanelwedd (no.47) has known archaeological potential, while Blaen Onneu (no.49) is in a region of unimproved limestone upland whose archaeological significance is under-researched.

ARC Powell Dyffryn Ltd and Tilcon (North Central) Ltd apart, the response from quarry operators was positive and frequently reflected a concern for environmental issues. Recent upgraded government regulations on health and safety have necessitated closer controls on activities in and around quarries including visitor accompaniment and this resulted in a company representative learning something of archaeological fieldwork on several occasions.

RESULTS: CLWYD

The survey has confirmed in general terms the 'mature' state of most of Clwyd's quarries - current workings have for the most part reached the edge of their concessions, and where original ground surface remains it has been disturbed by landscaping, topsoil-stripping, overburden removal and the construction of earth bunds.

Previously unrecorded surface archaeology was identified at three sites, Pant y Pwll Dwr (no.13) where small scale mining features occurred, Moel y Faen (no.33) with features related to the extraction of slate and at Clogau (no. 34) where minor boundary banks were noted. None of these archaeological sites are of special note.

RESULTS: POWYS

Powys has considerably fewer active quarries than Clwyd, but the concession areas (or at least the untouched portions of those concession areas) tend to be larger, and there is a proportionately greater number of quarries in unimproved uplands. Consequently, it is not surprising that rather more tangible results have emerged from the Powys survey than from its northern neighbour.

Ten of the sixteen mineral workings incorporated previously identified archaeological features and fieldwork showed five to have archaeology not recorded in the SMR. None of the newly identified features, however, is of major significance. Post-medieval sites (e.g. pillow mounds, field limekilns and structures such as shelters) feature prominently, only one putative medieval feature (a house platform) has been identified, and although prehistoric sites are more numerous (e.g. cairns, a hillfort) the majority are older discoveries which have either been removed by quarrying or have been excavated in advance of threatened destruction. Two large industrial structures (a limekiln and a brick kiln) exist within works complexes. Both have been recorded photographically by the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales (RCAHMW).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations relate to existing mineral concessions in **Clwyd**:

Moel Hiraddug(no.5): when operations resume attention should be directed to the remaining hillfort ramparts on the north-east side as a watching brief.

Springhill (no.9): operations are monitored with respect to the remaining lead processing complex.

Afonwen(no.11): this unique tufa quarry requires better monitoring and recording of working faces for a significant palaeoenvironmental return and archaeological potential.

Star Crossing (no.17): monitor western extension.

Trimm Rock (no.20): monitor northern extension.

Cefn Mawr (no.22): monitor progress of scrub clearance.

Bryn y Gaer (no.29): monitor quarry edge trackway which impinges on hillfort.

Clogau (no.34): consider oblique AP record of context of boundary banks, southern edge of quarry concession.

Cae Llo (no.36): continue to monitor quarry activity adjacent to Offa's Dyke.

Bettisfield Moss(no.38): monitor private peat cutting.

The following recommendations relate to existing mineral concessions in **Powys**:

Buttington Brickworks(no.40): a measured survey of the more significant industrial structures

Tan-y-Foel(no. 41): sites in the vicinity be properly recorded.

Rhaeadr (no.43): a more detailed, systematic field survey be undertaken, preferably before the reactivation of working there.

Gore (no.45): local archaeological work be monitored, but with no direct excavation input by CPAT.

Cwar yr Ystrad (no.51): a proposed extension be the subject of a detailed evaluation.

THE FUTURE

There are indications that the operators of certain quarries in Clwyd may apply for extensions to existing concession areas. It is assumed that the existing framework of development control will allow archaeological considerations to be duly considered. Of advantage to developer, planner and conservation archaeologist alike would be a better adherence to the recently revised CBI Code of Practice for Mineral Operators relating to archaeology which promotes pre-planning assessments.

The same is true in Powys. It is evident from discussions with company personnel that though there is considerable uncertainty in the industry at the moment and that the future of at least one working (Buttington Brickworks: no.40) is in doubt, there are plans for major expansion programmes at some quarries. Nash Rocks of Kington have recently commissioned an archaeological evaluation by the City of Hereford Archaeology Unit as part of their planning application for a sizeable extension to Dolyhir and Strinds (no. 46) and it appears that Gryphon Concrete Products are planning to expand Cwar yr Ystrad (no. 50) in the not-too-distant future. This is in addition to the British Coal Opencast Executive's plan to open up a large area around Brynhenllys (no.53), currently the subject of a public inquiry. British Coal consulted CPAT at an early stage in the planning process, just as they did at Nant Helen some years previously. Together with Nash Rocks' instigation of an archaeological assessment at Dolyhir and Strinds, this suggests that some quarry companies are now recognising archaeology as an integral element in their forward planning.

ARCHIVE AND REPORT

The survey archive is held at the offices of the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust in Welshpool where it is available for consultation.

Copies of this report have been submitted to Cadw and to the Planning Departments of Clwyd and Powys County Councils. Further copies may be obtained at cost from the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust.

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GAZETTEER

The entries in the gazetteer are designed to be self-explanatory. It should be noted that the abbreviation SMR stands for the Sites and Monuments Record maintained by the Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust and that CAR and PAR numbers refer to entries in the Record.

1 PLAS GWILYM

District.....Colwyn
NGR.....SH 878 781
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.4ha
Remaining Surface Area.....<1ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Plas Gwilym Quarry Co, Llysfaen, Colwyn
Visit.....16-11-90
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

2 RAYNES

District.....Colwyn
NGR.....SH 890 782
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.65ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.15ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....North West Aggregates, Widnes, Cheshire
Visit.....16-11-90
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

3 LLANDDULAS

District.....Colwyn
NGR.....SH 905 775
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.70ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.10ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....ARC Powell Duffryn Ltd, Aberdare
Visit.....Access refused
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

4 ST GEORGE

District.....Colwyn
NGR.....SH 967 760
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.48ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.25ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Tilcon Ltd, Knaresborough, N. Yorks.
Visit.....Access refused
Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 2037 scheduled hillfort, destroyed 1980
CAR 2036 late Bronze Age hoard, site destroyed
1970s.
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

5 MOEL HIRADDUG

District.....Rhuddlan
NGR.....SJ 063 785
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.9ha.
Remaining Surface Area.....c.2ha
Status.....Mothballed
Quarry Ownership.....Tilcon Ltd, Knaresborough, N.Yorks
Visit.....
Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 2087 - scheduled hillfort, part
destroyed.(Brassil, Guilbert et al. 1982)
CAR 2088 late Iron Age hoard.
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....When operations recommence provision for a
watching brief whilst extant ramparts are re-
moved; survey eastern slopes of hill.

6 PENTRE UCHAF

District.....Delyn
NGR.....SJ 108 720
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c8.ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Bodfari (Quarries), Holywell, Clwyd
Visit.....10-12-90
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

7 MAESMYNAN

District.....Delyn
NGR.....SJ 115 721
Mineral Type.....Sand and Gravel
Area of Holding.....c.12ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.1ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Lloyds, Mold, Clwyd
Visit.....10-12-90
Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 2471 ? motte, natural mound (destroyed)
with Bronze Age cremations (Drewett 1970),
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

8 BRYN MAWR

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 188 734
 Mineral Type.....Chert
 Area of Holding.....c.8ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....McAlpine's, Borrass, Wrexham
 Visit.....22-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 242 ? barrow - destroyed
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

9 SPRINGHILL

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 212 757
 Mineral Type.....Sand, gravel and coal
 Area of Holding.....c.20ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.8ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Morgan and Sons, Bagillt, Clwyd
 Visit.....previously visited 1990
 Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 105001, 18-20thC lead processing works,
 remains of flue-system (photo record CPAT
 1991).
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....1990 application cause of photographic survey
 on commencement of extension early 1991,
 continue monitoring.

10 PEN YR HENBLAS

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 191 728
 Mineral Type.....Chert
 Area of Holding.....c.8ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....McAlpine's, Borrass, Wrexham
 Visit.....22-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

11 AFONWEN

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 128 718
 Mineral Type.....Tufa
 Area of Holding.....c.6ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Sproston, Warrington
 Visit.....4-12-90
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....Extension granted 1990, commenced early
 1991; watching brief of areas and sections of
 buried soils, provides stratigraphic sequence
 from early to mid Post Glacial; of exceptional
 palaeoenvironmental importance.

12 Y DDOL UCHAF

District.....Delyn
NGR.....SJ 138 715
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c.7ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.1ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Lloyds, Mold, Clwyd
Visit.....3-1-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

13 PANT Y PWLL DWR

District.....Delyn
NGR.....SJ 190 720
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.40ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.5ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....North West Aggregates, Widnes
Visit.....4-2-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....CAR 105002 mine shafts and trials
Recommendations.....None

14 GRAIG

District.....Glyndwr
NGR.....SJ 051 669
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.20ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Tarmac, Buxton, Derbys.
Visit.....previously visited 1990
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Monitor alterations to proposed extension. Mine
shafts and trials noted on land proposed for
extension.

15 FRONHAUL

District.....Delyn
NGR.....SJ 157 706
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c.15ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Lloyds, Mold, Clwyd
Visit.....14-12-90
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

16 PANT

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 198 702
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.50ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Wimpey Asphalt
 Visit.....9-1-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

17 STAR CROSSING

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 180 680
 Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
 Area of Holding.....c.36ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.3ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Tilcon Ltd, Knaresborough, N. Yorks.
 Visit.....13-3-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....Monitor extension

18 HENDRE

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 194 678
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.60ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.18ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....McAlpine's, Borrass, Wrexham
 Visit.....14-3-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 205, putative round barrow, excavated CPAT
 1989, late neolithic features. Site destroyed
 April 1991.
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

19 RHOSMOR

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 216 670
 Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
 Area of Holding.....c.18ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Bodfari (Quarries), Holywell, Clwyd
 Visit.....15-12-90
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

20 TRIMM ROCK

11215

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 192 660
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c12ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Tilcon Ltd, Knaresborough, N. Yorks.
 Visit.....22-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....Monitor progresss of proposed extension

21 MAES Y GRUG

11216

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 263 663
 Mineral Type.....Coal
 Area of Holding.....c.25ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.10ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Clay Collieries, Telford, Salop.
 Visit.....22-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

22 CEFN MAWR

11217

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 205 638
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.50ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.20ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Castle Cement, Mold, Clwyd
 Visit.....18-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....Extensive scrub covered areas within present
 concession. Advise further survey (watching
 brief) as vegetation is cleared prior to quarry
 expansion as watching brief.

23 ABERDUNA

11218

District.....Delyn
 NGR.....SJ 205 615
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.15ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.3ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Pioneer, South Harrow, Middx.
 Visit.....20-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

24 LANE END

District.....Alun and Deeside
NGR.....SJ 288 642
Mineral Type.....Clays
Area of Holding.....c.15ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Butterley Brick Ltd, Ripley, Derbys.
Visit.....18-2-1991
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status....None
Recommendations.....Anticipate extension to the east where tramline
and railway line complex exists, part scheduled
1991.

25 BURLEY HILL

District.....Delyn
NGR.....SJ 204 596
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.15ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Bodfari (Quarries), Holywell, Clwyd
Visit.....not visited
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status....None
Recommendations.....None

26 FAGL LANE

District.....Alun and Deeside
NGR.....SJ 300 590
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c.35ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.20ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Bodfari (Quarries), Holywell, Clwyd
Visit.....10-12-90
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status....None
Recommendations.....Monitor proposed extension to the north

27 GRAIG Llanarmon yn Ial

District.....Glyndwr
NGR.....SJ 205 565
Mineral Type.....Limestone
Area of Holding.....c.30ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Redland, Groby, Leics.
Visit.....12-3-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status....None
Recommendations.....None

28 MAES Y DROELL

19223

District.....Glyndwr
NGR.....SJ 219 565
Mineral Type.....Silica sand
Area of Holding.....c.25ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.6ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Stoddard, Stoke on Trent
Visit.....22-2-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Monitor extension, north of present quarry

29 BRYN Y GAER

19224

District.....Alun and Deeside
NGR.....SJ 317 576
Mineral Type.....Sandstone
Area of Holding.....c.3ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Caird Environmental, Rossett, Clwyd
Visit.....28-5-91
Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 1201 part scheduled Caer Estyn hillfort,
c.25% destroyed
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Monitor proposed change of use to land fill
site.

30 BANK FARM

19225

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
NGR.....SJ 333 570
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c.18ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Redland, Groby, Leics.
Visit.....20-2-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Expect application for major extension

31 SINGRET FARM

19226

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
NGR.....SJ 344 559
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c.20ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Inactive
Quarry Ownership.....Bodfari Sand and Gravel, Holywell, Clwyd
Visit.....20-2-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....None

32 MINERA

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
 NGR.....SJ 250 520
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.50ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Tarmac, Buxton, Derbys.
 Visit.....previously in 1990
 Known site: SMR no + status...
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....Extension application anticipated

33 MOEL Y FAEN

District.....Glyndwr
 NGR.....SJ 187 481
 Mineral Type.....Slate as construction fill
 Area of Holding.....c.20ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Jones Bros, Rhuthun, Clwyd
 Visit.....5-12-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....CAR 105004, minor structures, associated with
 slate industry
 Recommendations.....Monitor proposals for visitor facilities in
 quarry area

34 CLOGAU

District.....Glyndwr
 NGR.....SJ 185 463
 Mineral Type.....Slate
 Area of Holding.....c.24ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.8ha
 Status.....Inactive
 Quarry Ownership.....?
 Visit.....15-2-91
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....CAR 105005 minor field boundary banks
 Recommendations.....AP oblique photos to record context of field
 banks

35 HAFOD

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
 NGR.....SJ 309 455
 Mineral Type.....Clay
 Area of Holding.....c.25ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Dennis Ruabon, Ruabon, Clwyd
 Visit.....previous visit 1990
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

36 CAE LLO

19231

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
NGR.....SJ 287 542
Mineral Type.....Coal and clay
Area of Holding.....c.10ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....UES, Brymbo, Clwyd
Visit.....previously visited 1989-90
Known site: SMR no + status...CAR 3000 scheduled length of Offa's Dyke
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Continue monitoring work adjacent to Offa's Dyke

37 BORRAS

19232

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
NGR.....SJ 355 527
Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
Area of Holding.....c.115ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....McAlpine's, Borras, Wrexham
Visit.....previously visited 1990
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Anticipate major extension to the north

38 BETTISFIELD MOSS

19233

District.....Wrexham-Maelor
NGR.....SJ 474 350 and 489 377
Mineral Type.....Peat
Area of Holding.....<2ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Lloyd and Austin - private individuals
Visit.....23-4-91
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....None
Recommendations.....Area included in CPATs Fenn's Moss survey; continue monitoring these small scale workings.

39 CRIGGION

19234

District.....Montgomeryshire
NGR.....SJ 2914
Mineral Type.....Igneous
Area of Holding.....c.65 ha
Remaining Surface Area.....<10 ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....ARC Northern, Wetherby, West Yorks
Visit.....23-01-91
Known site: SMR no + status...PAR 1254 (Scheduled) Hillfort
Recommendations.....Site excavated 1969-75 (Musson 1991). Further investigation of remaining hillfort earthworks and interior within concession area not justified at present.

40 MIDDLETOWN

F1225

District.....Montgomeryshire
NGR.....SJ2912
Mineral Type.....Igneous
Area of Holding.....<1 ha
Remaining Surface Area.....Negligible
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....Border Hardcore and Rockery Stone Ltd, Middle-
town
Visit.....12-12-1990
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status....None
Recommendations.....No response for existing quarry. Any extension
should be evaluated carefully

41 BUTTINGTON BRICKWORKS

F1226

District.....Montgomeryshire
NGR.....SJ 2610
Mineral Type.....Shale
Area of Holding.....c.23 ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.16 ha
Status.....Mothballed
Quarry Ownership.....Butterley Brick Ltd, Ripley, Derbyshire
Visit.....18-12-1990
Known site: SMR no + status...None
New site: SMR no + status.....PAR 6658: Ridge and furrow
PAR 6659: Brick kiln
Recommendations.....That a measured survey of older brick kiln be
made in case of demolition

42 TAN Y FOEL

F1227

District.....Montgomeryshire
NGR.....SJ 0101
Mineral Type.....Sandstone
Area of Holding.....c.34 ha
Remaining Surface Area.....c.17 ha
Status.....Active
Quarry Ownership.....H. V. Bowen and Sons Ltd, New Mills, Newtown
Visit.....07-02-1991
Known site: SMR no + status...PAR 1332: Pillow Mounds
PAR 6618: Ring cairn
PAR 6619: Peat drying platform
PAR 6633: Sheep shelter
New site: SMR no + status....None
Recommendations.....Measured survey of sites within concession area
and monitoring of quarry expansion

43 PENSTROWED

District.....Montgomeryshire
 NGR.....SO 0691
 Mineral Type.....Sandstone
 Area of Holding.....c.9ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.4ha
 Status.....Active (on a very small scale)
 Quarry Ownership.....Goetre Ltd, Abermule, Montgomery
 Visit.....17-01-1991
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None at the present time.

19238

44 RHAEADR (CERRIGGWYNION)

District.....Radnor
 NGR.....SN 9765
 Mineral Type.....Gritstone
 Area of Holding.....c.71ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.45ha
 Status.....Mothballed
 Quarry Ownership.....Tarmac Roadstone (Western) Ltd, Halesowen,
 West Midlands
 Visit.....25-01-1991
 Known site: SMR no + status...PAR 266: ?Destroyed
 New site: SMR no + nature.....PAR 6654: Boundary stone?
 PAR 6655: Hut foundations?
 PAR 6656: House platform
 Recommendations.....Detailed and systematic survey required, pref-
 erably before resumption of quarrying

19239

45 CAERFAGU

District.....Radnor
 NGR.....SO 0465
 Mineral Type.....Sand and gravel
 Area of Holding.....c.9 ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.4 ha
 Status.....Active (on a very small scale)
 Quarry Ownership.....Caerfagu Products, Caerfagu
 Visit.....25-01-1991
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....None
 Recommendations.....None

19240

46 GORE

District.....Radnor
 NGR.....SO 2559
 Mineral Type.....Gritstone
 Area of Holding.....c.46 ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.33 ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Tilcon Ltd, Meriden, West Midlands
 Visit.....12-03-1991
 Known site: SMR no + status...PAR 2165: Pillow mound ✓
 New site: SMR no + status.....PAR 6659: Cairn? —
 PAR 6660: Cairn?
 PAR 6661: Enclosure system
 PAR 6662: Flint flake
 Recommendations.....Monitor excavations of local archaeologist

19241

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19203

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CEFN

17247

51 CWAR YR YSTRAD

District.....Brecknock
 NGR.....SO 0713
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.32 ha (current quarry)
 Remaining Surface Area.....c.13 ha
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Gryphon Concrete Products, Gelligroes, Gwent
 Visit.....27-03-1991
 Known site: SMR no + status...None
 New site: SMR no + status.....PAR 6649 Temporary limekilns
 PAR 6650 Temporary limekilns
 Recommendations.....Detailed survey to be considered, in conjunc-
 tion with assessment of proposed quarry exten-
 sion

52 PENWYLLT

17248

District.....Brecknock
 NGR.....SN 8515
 Mineral Type.....Limestone
 Area of Holding.....c.16 ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....Nil
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....Wimpey Hobbs, Nailsea, Bristol
 Visit.....27-03-1991
 New site: SMR no + status.....PAR 6652 Limekiln
 Recommendations.....None

53 NANT HELEN

17249

District.....Brecknock
 NGR.....SN 8210
 Mineral Type.....Coal
 Area of Holding.....<270 ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....?
 Status.....Active
 Quarry Ownership.....British Coal Opencast Executive, Aberdare
 Known sites.....Listed in published source (see below)
 Comment.....Survey and excavation undertaken by CPAT in
 1983 and 1987 in advance of open-cast mining.
 Report published (Dorling and Chambers 1990)
 and no further response required.

54 BRYNHENLLYS

17250

District.....Brecknock
 NGR.....SN 7612
 Mineral Type.....Coal
 Area of Holding.....c.226ha
 Remaining Surface Area.....As above?
 Status.....Proposed
 Quarry Ownership.....British Coal Opencast Executive, Aberdare
 Known sites.....Listed in assessment report (see below)
 Comment.....Archaeological field assessment on behalf of
 British Coal in August 1989 to be followed by
 evaluation should British Coal be successful in
 their planning application. No further response
 required at this time.

