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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The LANDMAP Historic Landscape aspect of the study area identified 102 separate aspect areas, ranging in size from 0.27 to 129.99 square kilometres and representing 12 different landscape patterns. These 102 areas were examined and each was evaluated against five pre-set criteria – *Integrity, Survival, Condition, Rarity and Potential* - and given one of five scores – *Unassessed, Low, Moderate, High or Outstanding*. Each set of resulting scores were then amalgamated and a overall evaluation score for each area obtained. The distribution of these scores are as follows,

<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>24 (19%)</b>
<b>High</b>	<b>39 (42%)</b>
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>28 (28%)</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>11 (11%)</b>
<b>Unassessed</b>	<b>0</b>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Montgomeryshire *LANDMAP* forms part of an ongoing pan-Wales project of landscape assessment. The area studied extends over the whole of Montgomeryshire and covers approximately 2175 square kilometres of mid Wales. The Historic Landscape Aspect work was undertaken by The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT) on behalf Powys County Council and the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) in 2006. This original study was carried out in accordance with the 2003 LANDMAP methodology which did not require the evaluation of aspect areas defined at Level 3 areas. In order to bring the Historic Landscape Aspect into line with other LANDMAP aspects, new guidance allowing for evaluation at Level 3 was produced in 2008, and in 2009 CCW issued a series of contracts to evaluate these previously defined areas. The evaluation exercise for the Montgomeryshire LANDMAP Historic Landscape Aspect was carried out between October 2008 and March 2009 by CPAT.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

### Overview

This is an assessment of the intrinsic value of Aspect Area defined in the Montgomeryshire LANDMAP. The Historic Landscape Aspect criteria for the identification of this intrinsic quality have been adapted from those used to evaluate the impacts of development on historic landscapes found in the *Guide to Good Practice on Using The Register of Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales in the Planning and Development Process* (known as AISIDOHL2 as of 2007) These are *Integrity, Survival, Condition, Rarity and Potential*.

Using the guidance, each aspect area was assessed against the five criteria and allocated one of four ‘scores’ – *Low, Moderate, High, Outstanding*. For each assessment criterion, scores of 1-4 were allocated, with 1 corresponding to Low and 4 to Outstanding, as follows:

Score	Evaluation
4	Outstanding
3	High
2	Moderate
1	Low

No area was scored as *Unassessed*.

A total score was then obtained by adding the scores for each criteria and an Overall Evaluation allocated according to the following table.

Total Score	Overall Evaluation
17-20	Outstanding
13-16	High
9-12	Moderate
5-8	Low

The Evaluation scores were recorded in the Evaluation Matrix section of the LANDMAP Collector database.

### Data collection analysis and recording

Digital mapped sources that were used were the Ordnance Survey (OS) 1:10,000, 1:50,000 and 1:25,000 raster maps, OS Landline and contour data and latterly OS Mastermap data for the whole of the study area. Digitally geo-referenced vertical aerial photography (AP) of Montgomeryshire supplied by GetMapping and that produced by COWI supplied by CCW, and used under their licence, were also used as a mapping source and in addition to this occasional reference was made to editions of early OS mapping. The GetMapping and COWI AP data, and oblique aerial photography also proved useful for identifying (relatively) current land use, vegetation types and land cover as well as helping to identify the nature of many boundary features and therefore for assessing integrity, condition and survival

The primary source of historical and archaeological information was the Historic Environment Record (HER), maintained by CPAT. Much of the information in these records is point data, but it also includes some polygonal data derived from a number of paper-based sources. These documentary and manuscript sources that were consulted included lists of listed buildings, the register of historic parks and gardens, and the historic landscapes registers together with the historic landscape characterization reports for *The Tanat Valley, The Vale of Montgomery, The Caersws Basin and The Clwydog Valley*

Where possible the assembled data were examined and analysed digitally using MapInfo Professional 7.8 GIS software. Initial assessments of each aspect area against the five evaluation criteria were made using the GIS. A very limited programme of field visiting was undertaken to check decisions taken in the desk-based assessment, but heavy reliance was also placed on detailed field data collected as part of the various Cadw pan-Wales assessment projects undertaken by CPAT over the past 10-15 years.

A database was created in version 5.0.16, 5.0.17 and 5.0.18 of the XML based LANDMAP Collector software supplied by CCW. Associated texts were prepared in Word 2000, and submitted as both hard copy and Adobe Acrobat (version 9.0) PDF files.

### 3. OVERALL EVALUATION OF HISTORIC LANDSCAPE ASPECT AREAS

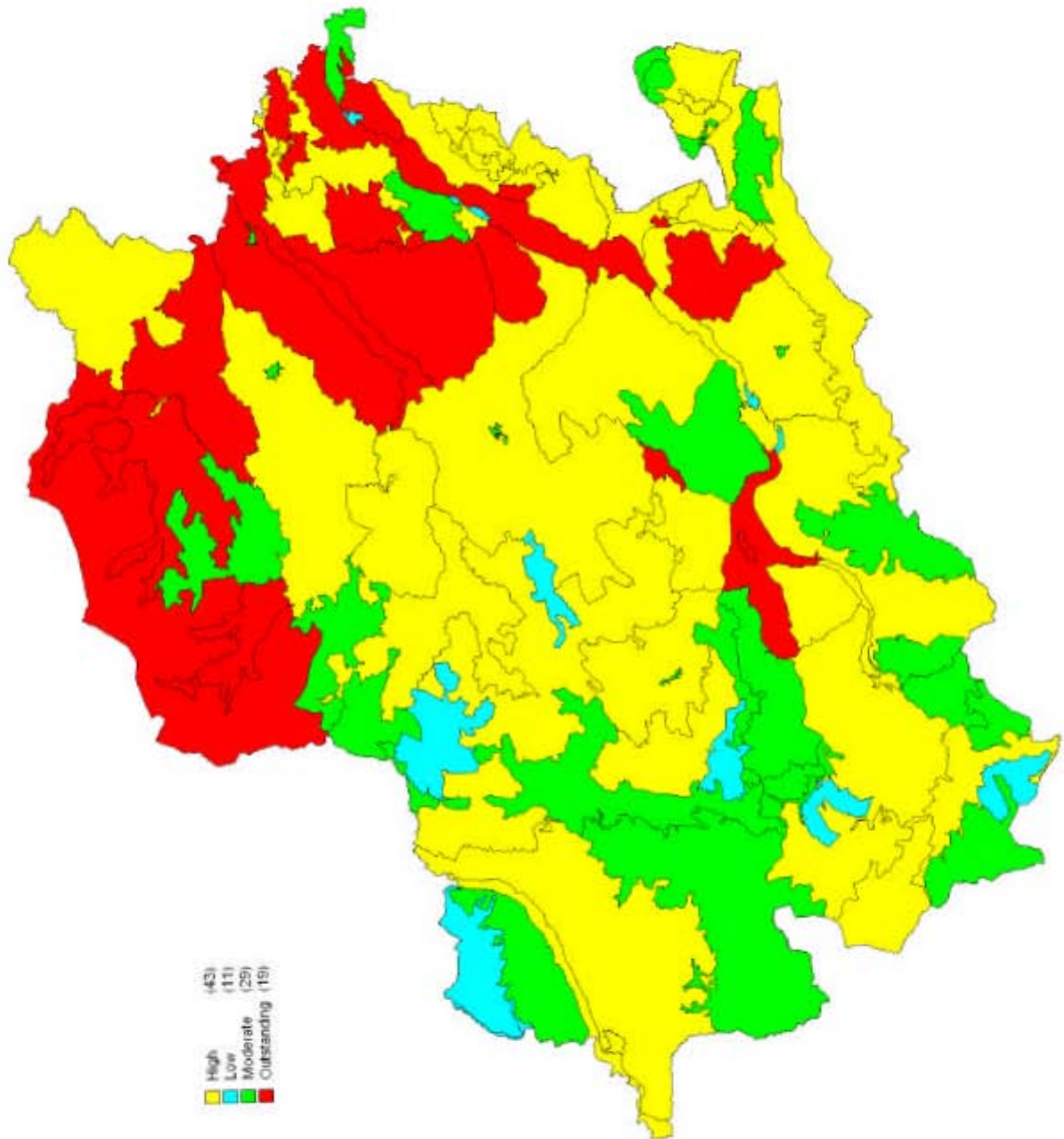
The following table summarizes the overall evaluations awarded to Historic Landscape Aspect Areas, in line with the LANDMAP 2008 guidance. The derivations of these overall scores can be found for each area in the Collector database.

OVERALL EVALUATION	LANDSCAPE PATTERN	AREA NAME	AREA UID
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Breidden Hills	MNTGMHL966
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Brooks	MNTGMHL719
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Bryngwyn	MNTGMHL672
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Burgedin	MNTGMHL835
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Cefn-y-coed	MNTGMHL617
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Lower Tanat	MNTGMHL923
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Maesmawr	MNTGMHL248
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Rhos Common	MNTGMHL115
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Upper Mule	MNTGMHL630
Outstanding	Irregular Fieldscapes	Upper Tanat	MNTGMHL648
Outstanding	Regular Fieldscapes	Arddleen	MNTGMHL501
Outstanding	Regular Fieldscapes	Caersws basin	MNTGMHL902
Outstanding	Regular Fieldscapes	Dyffryn Meifod	MNTGMHL715
Outstanding	Regular Fieldscapes	Lower Severn Valley	MNTGMHL441
Outstanding	Regular Fieldscapes	Middle Severn Valley	MNTGMHL620
Outstanding	Other fieldscapes	Kerry Hills	MNTGMHL124
Outstanding	Marginal Land	Southern Berwyn	MNTGMHL570
Outstanding	Nucleated Settlement	Caersws	MNTGMHL827
Outstanding	Nucleated Settlement	Montgomery	MNTGMHL294
Outstanding	Designed	Gregynog	MNTGMHL649
Outstanding	Designed	Lake Vrynwy	MNTGMHL900
Outstanding	Designed	Leighton Hall	MNTGMHL116
Outstanding	Designed	Powis Castle Park	MNTGMHL386
Outstanding	Recreational	Llanymynech Hill	MNTGMHL482
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Allt Fawr	MNTGMHL559
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Buttington / Middletown	MNTGMHL310
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Dolanog	MNTGMHL419
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Ffrydd Faldwyn	MNTGMHL541
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Fornden / Trelystan	MNTGMHL514
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Gelli Hill	MNTGMHL970
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Hyssington	MNTGMHL770
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Is-y-coed	MNTGMHL289
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Llanfihangel	MNTGMHL403
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Lower Clywedog / Upper Severn	MNTGMHL952
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Middle Banwy / Upper Rhiw	MNTGMHL433
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Mochdre	MNTGMHL789
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Moelfre	MNTGMHL840
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Penbedw	MNTGMHL820
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Pentrenant	MNTGMHL741



OVERALL EVALUATION	LANDSCAPE PATTERN	AREA NAME	AREA UID
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Trewylan	MNTGMHL309
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Trelydan	MNTGMHL129
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Upper Banwy	MNTGMHL352
High	Irregular Fieldscapes	Upper Wye	MNTGMHL225
High	Regular Fieldscapes	Cwmdulla	MNTGMHL423
High	Regular Fieldscapes	Dovey valley	MNTGMHL288
High	Regular Fieldscapes	Long Mountain	MNTGMHL707
High	Regular Fieldscapes	Salt Bridge	MNTGMHL980
High	Regular Fieldscapes	Upper Severn valley	MNTGMHL989
High	Regular Fieldscapes	Wernddu	MNTGMHL856
High	Woodland	Hafren Forest	MNTGMHL691
High	Woodland	Leighton Woodland	MNTGMHL785
High	Marginal Land	Ffridd Rhyd Ddu	MNTGMHL859
High	Marginal Land	Roundton Hill	MNTGMHL705
High	Marginal Land	Trannon Moor	MNTGMHL704
High	Marginal Land	Y Drum	MNTGMHL301
High	Nucleated Settlement	Guilfield	MNTGMHL614
High	Nucleated Settlement	Llanidloes	MNTGMHL453
High	Nucleated Settlement	Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant	MNTGMHL140
High	Nucleated Settlement	Machynlleth	MNTGMHL979
High	Nucleated Settlement	Newtown	MNTGMHL427
High	Nucleated Settlement	Welshpool	MNTGMHL936
High	Other Settlement	Four Crosses	MNTGMHL231
High	Designed	Lymore Park	MNTGMHL359
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Afon Laen / Nant Twmyn	MNTGMHL768
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Braichyfedw	MNTGMHL177
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Coedway	MNTGMHL779
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Cwmbelan	MNTGMHL771
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Garth	MNTGMHL587
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Mynydd Garth-pwt	MNTGMHL152
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Nant y Dugoed / Cwm Tafalog	MNTGMHL673
Moderate	Irregular Fieldscapes	Upper Trannon	MNTGMHL637
Moderate	Regular Fieldscapes	Alport	MNTGMHL372
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Brynposteg	MNTGMHL573
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Rhiwlas Hill	MNTGMHL832
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	Waun Llestowain	MNTGMHL661
Moderate	Other fieldscapes	White Grit	MNTGMHL341
Moderate	Woodland	Dyfnant Forest	MNTGMHL926
Moderate	Woodland	Esgair Ychion	MNTGMHL361
Moderate	Marginal Land	Corndon Hill	MNTGMHL624
Moderate	Marginal Land	Glasgwm	MNTGMHL437
Moderate	Marginal Land	Glasllyn	MNTGMHL503
Moderate	Marginal Land	Moel y Llyn	MNTGMHL819
Moderate	Marginal Land	Mynydd Glandulas	MNTGMHL478

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Moderate	Marginal Land	Mynydd y Cemmaes	MNTGMHL117
Moderate	Water & Wetland	Llyn Clywedog	MNTGMHL250
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Carno	MNTGMHL278
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Churchstoke	MNTGMHL981
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Kerry	MNTGMHL267
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Llanfair Caereinion	MNTGMHL940
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Llanfyllin	MNTGMHL178
Moderate	Nucleated Settlement	Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain	MNTGMHL865
Low	Irregular Fieldsapes	Banc y Groes	MNTGMHL861
Low	Irregular Fieldsapes	Foel Fawr	MNTGMHL747
Low	Irregular Fieldsapes	Nant Dulas	MNTGMHL843
Low	Other fieldscapes	Pant-gwyn Hill	MNTGMHL895
Low	Woodland	Carnedd y Cylch	MNTGMHL790
Low	Woodland	Dyfi Forest	MNTGMHL646
Low	Woodland	Esgair Hill	MNTGMHL320
Low	Extractive	Criggion Quarry	MNTGMHL992
Low	Processing/Manufacturing	Newtown Industrial area north	MNTGMHL303
Low	Processing/Manufacturing	Newtown Industrial area south	MNTGMHL805
Low	Processing/Manufacturing	Welshpool Industrial Area	MNTGMHL592



**Historic Landscape Aspect Areas evaluation scores for Montgomeryshire LANDMAP**

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