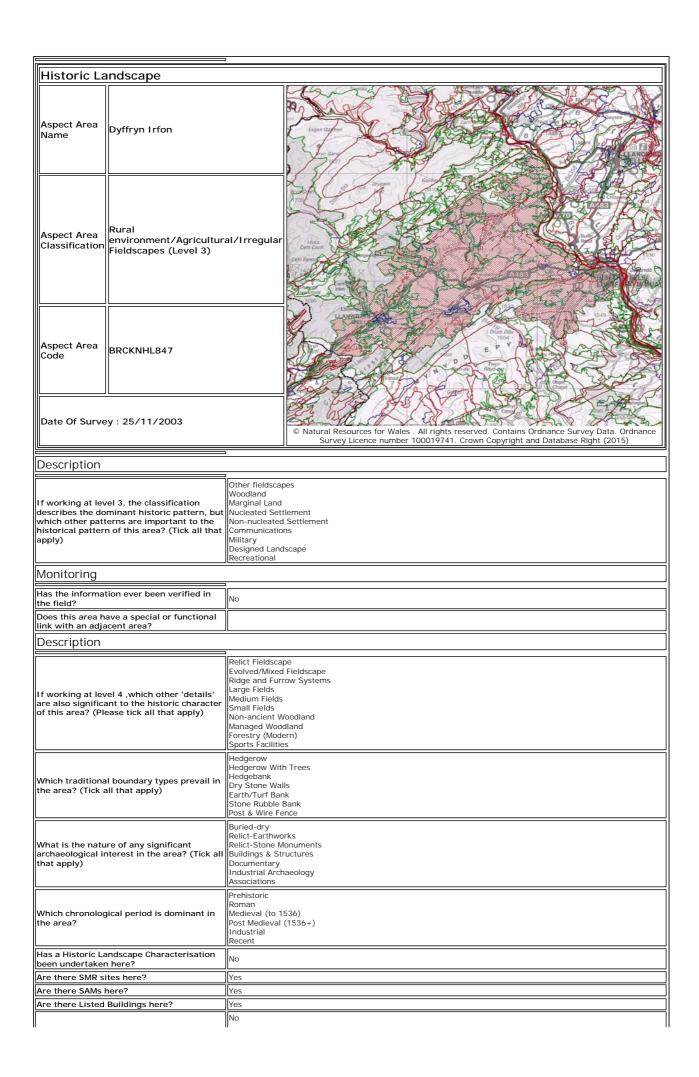
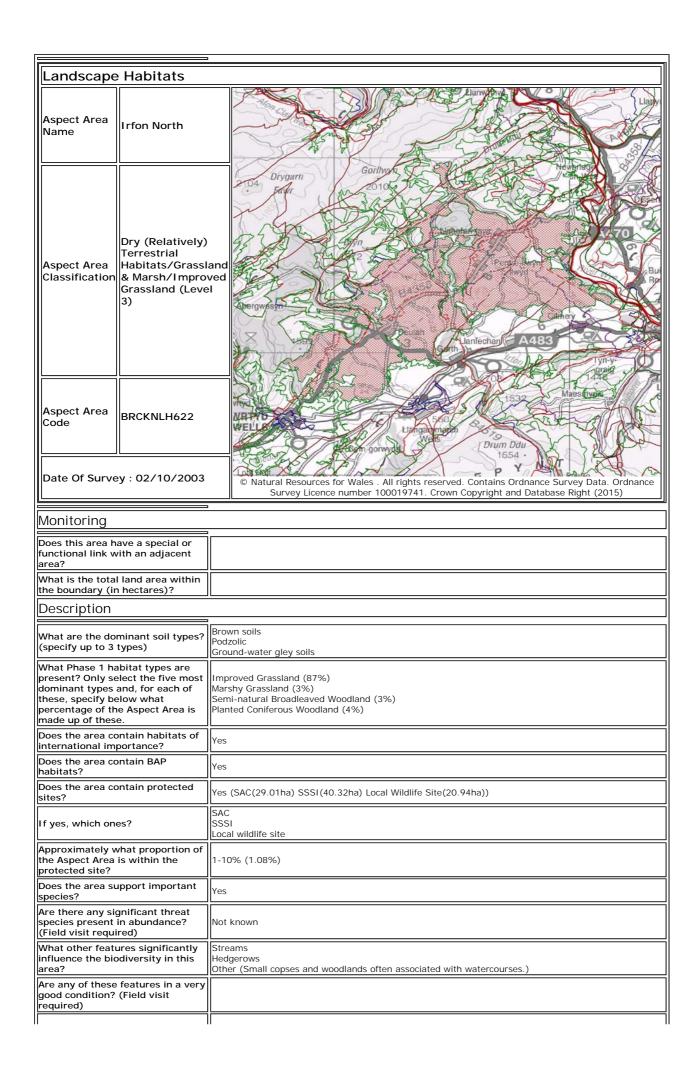


Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:			
Define the key qualities that			
should be changed: Define the key elements that			
should be conserved: Define the key elements that	deciduous woodland, especially on steep slopes and trees on riparian corridors.		
should be enhanced:	conifer plantations in parts		
Define the key elements that should be changed:			
Principal management recommendation:	manage wdeciduous woodlandand enhance conifer plantations		
Tolerance To Change			
Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual & sensory features of the area?			
Aspect Area Boundary			
To what level was this information site-surveyed?	Level 3		
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	Most		
Description			
	Medium		
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Field Pattern/Mosaic		
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	Hills/Valleys		
Aspect Area Boundary			
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	OS Raster		
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:10,000 and 1:25,000		
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?			
Bibliography			
List the key sources used for this assessment			
Assessment			
Additional Assessments			
Additional Comments			
Evaluation Matrix			
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	High		
Justification of overall evaluation	The varied and interesting topography with steep sided hills and valleys is given added drama and texture by the woodland cover and watercourses in valley bottoms. Overall the area has a very high scenic quality and a strong sense of place. The area is unspoilt and is rare as a landscape type in the county.		
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	Outstanding		
	Moderate		
Evaluation Criteria: Character	High		
	High		
Description			
Summary Description	A varied, dissected landscape of steep sided round topped hills and narrow valleys running down from the Cambrian Mountains. Elevation ranges from 500mAOD to 200mAOD. Some hills, such as Garth Bank, are outliers of the upland massif and stand isolated in the Irfon Valley. Higher hills are open and clothed in moorland vegetation of rough grasses, bracken and encroaching scrub. Others are topped with enclosed pasture or woodland. The latter adds to the drama and height of the landform. Woodland is mixed with a high proportion coniferous on hillsides and most riparuan vegetation being deciduous. Hedgerows are a mixture of trimmed and outgrown. Valley bottom pasture is often marshy in flatter areas. Settlement is fairly sparse, consisting of scattered farmsteads on lower valley sides.		
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	Scattered Rural/Farm		
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Managed Hedge		
Recommendations			

Guideline	Medium Term (manage deciduous woodland for longevity) Medium Term (enhance coniferous plantations softening edges and genarl pattern with deciduous species and larch) Medium Term (control bracken)	
Existing management	Generally Appropriate	
Existing management remarks:	upland pastoral,declining in places and forestry	
Monitoring		
Has the information ever been verified in the field?	Yes (1:10000)	
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	Yes (uplands to north and valley (lower Irfon) to south)	
Date of monitoring?	2015-02-06	
Monitoring undertaken by	Stages 1, 2 and 3 change detection, field verification and amendment completed by White Consultants, in conjunction with the planning authority. Quality Assurance completed by Land Use Consultants.	
Has this record been updated following monitoring work?	This record remains unchanged following monitoring work	
LMP 14 & 09		
LANDMAP derived landscape types (LMP14)	Upland, exposed plateau, valleys, hillsides and scarp slopes (wooded 20-50%)	
LANDMAP derived landscape types (LMP09)		

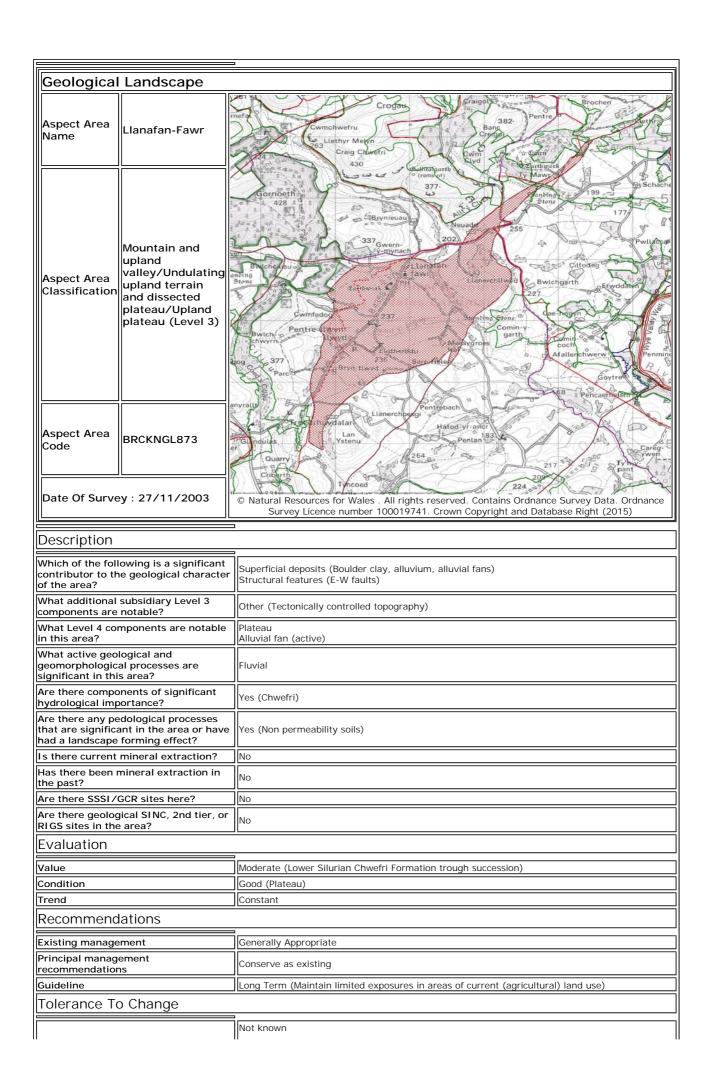


Are there Registered Historic Parks and			
Gardens here?			
Are there Conservation Areas here?	No		
Are there World Heritage Sites here?	No		
Is the area within a Registered Landscape of Historic Interest?	No		
Aspect Area Boundary			
To what level was this information site- surveyed?			
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	All		
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	OS Raster		
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:10,000		
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?			
Bibliography			
List the key sources used for this assessment			
Assessment			
Additional Assessments			
Additional Comments			
Evaluation Matrix			
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	High (See overall evaluation.)		
Justification of overall evaluation	Extensive medieval and later agricultural landscape of irregular field systems and farms with several (18) medieval villages (many based on early churches). Significant numbers of prehistoric burial and ritual monuments Single roman fort and vicus settlement and associated road network. Complex landscape with significant content, but mixed pattern.		
Evaluation			
Condition:			
Value:	High		
Trend:			
Recommendations			
Existing management			
Existing management Existing management remarks:			
Existing management Existing management remarks: Principal management recommendations			
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Are any of these features in a poor condition? (Field visit required)	
What are the main land	
management activities taking place in the area? (Field visit required)	Stock grazing
Do any of the above appear to have an appreciable positive impact on biodiversity? (Field visit required)	
Do any of the above appear to have an appreciable negative impact on biodiversity? (Field visit required)	
Is the biodiversity in the area in any way threatened?	Not known
Are there clear opportunities to improve the biodiversity aspect of this area?	
Summarise the key features that define this area's biodiversity character	Improved agricultural land within the udulating foothills south of the Elenydd and dissected by northern tributaries of the Irfon. Although improved grassland habitat dominates, the area is punctuated by semi-natural habitats including small fragmented woodlands (often associated with watercourses) and isolated marshy and neutral grassland fields. The semi-natural grasslands are sometimes associated with the more marginal land of steeper slopes.
Evaluation	
Value	Moderate (Improved agricultural landscape with watercourses, field boundaries and occasional isolated semi-natural habitat forming the focus for biodiversity.)
Condition	Unassessed
Trend	Constant
Description	
If yes, which BAP habitats?	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland Lowland Meadows Purple Moor Grass & Rush Pastures
Recommendations	
Existing management	
Principal management recommendations	Please refer to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Powys which details key actions to manage or safeguard specific ecological receptors including habitats and species.
Guideline	sareguard specific ecological receptors including frabitats and species.
Monitoring	
Has the information ever been verified in the field?	No
Aspect Area Boundary	
To what level was this information site-surveyed?	None
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	Most
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	OS Landline
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:10,000
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	CCW Phase 1 habitat survey
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	BBNP (2002). Our Natural World - A Local Biodiversity Action Plan for the Brecon Beacons National Park. Volumes 1, 2 & 3. CCW Phase 1 Habitat Survey Data (Electronic Data Source). CCW Designated Sites (Electronic Data Source). Deacon, J. (1997) Identification of Limestone Pavements in Wales and their Flora. CCW Contract Science Report 159. Countryside Council for Wales, Bangor. JNCC (2003). Protected Sites - www.jncc.gov.uk Powys Biodiversity Partnership (2002). Our Partnership with Nature: A Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Powys. Yeo, M.J.M. et al. (in prep.). A vegetation Survey and Conservation Assessment of Lowland Grasslands in Brecknock. Countryside Council for Wales, Bangor. Consultation with Phil Morgan (County Mammal Recorder), Graham Motley (CCW Abergavenny), Harriet Shackle (former Biodiversity Officer, Powys CC), Adam Rowe (Biodiversity Information Service, Brecon) Wildlife Site/SINC data used within this project were collated by Local Environmental Records Centres Wales on behalf of the various Local Authorities and Wildlife Trusts involved in the site designation process.
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	
Additional Comments	It is recommended that the Biodiversity Information Service for Powys and the Brecon Beacons National Park is consulted if more detailed information is required.
Evaluation Matrix	

Evaluation Criteria: Priority Habitats	Outstanding (Includes tributaries of the River Wye and SSSI grassland sites but these are of limited extent.)
Evaluation Criteria: Significance	Moderate
Evaluation Criteria: Opportunity	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Expansion rates	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Sensitivity	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Connectivity/Cohesion	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Habitat Evaluation	Moderate (However, includes River Irfon (SSSI & tributary of the Wye cSAC))
Evaluation Criteria: Importance for key species	Moderate (However hotspots include marshy grassland habitat supporting Marsh Fritillary butterfly.)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation Habitat and Species	Moderate (Generally the area is characterised by moderate value improved agricultural land.)
Description	
If yes, which species? (for each of the species, also note the source of information)	Marsh Fritillary Butterfly near Llanafan-fawr (CCW).
Evaluation Matrix	
Justification of overall evaluation	
Monitoring	
Date of monitoring?	2016-01-15
Monitoring undertaken by	Stages 1, 2 and 3 change detection, field verification and amendment completed by Environment Systems in conjunction with the local planning authority. Quality Assurance completed by TACP.
Has this record been updated following monitoring work?	



Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the Earth Heritage features of the area?				
Aspect Area Boundary				
To what level was this information site-surveyed?	Level 3			
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	None			
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	Other (1:25 000 OS Explorer Map Sheets; 1:50 000 BGS Geological Map Sheets; Digital Terrain Model compiled from OS panorama digital terrain data (50m resolution))			
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:25,000			
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	Ridges to W, S, N and E			
Evaluation Matrix				
Evaluation Criteria: Research Value	Moderate (Lower Silurian Chwefri Formation trough succession)			
Evaluation Criteria: Educational Value	Unassessed			
Evaluation Criteria: Historical Value	Moderate (Lower Silurian Chwefri Formation trough succession)			
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity / Uniqueness	Moderate (Lower Silurian Chwefri Formation trough succession)			
Evaluation Criteria: Classic Example	Low (Lower Silurian Chwefri Formation trough succession)			
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (Lower Silurian Chwefri Formation trough succession)			
Justification of overall evaluation	Lower Silurian Chwefri Formation trough succession			
Description	-			
Which of the following is a significant contributor to the geological character of the area?	Stratigraphic formation(s) (Lower Silurian (Chwefri Formation))			
What is the characteristic Level 3 component of the area?	Other (Dissected upland plateau)			
What is the geographical and topographical character of this area?	Lower ground of upland plateau in E to SE dipping Lower Silurian mudstones, dissected by shallow E-W fault controlled tributary valleys and by deeper NW-SE Chwefri valley. Boulder clay on plateau and in valleys, some peat, alluvium and alluvial fans along river. N-S tributary to Irfon along ridge to W.			
Bibliography				
List the key sources used for this assessment	1:50 000 BGS Geological Map Sheet 196 Builth (draft, unpubl.); Digital Terrain Model compiled from OS panorama digital terrain data (50m resolution); 1:100 000 Groundwater Vulnerability Map, Environment Agency. Sheet 28, Powys, 1996; 1:625 000 Geological Map of the UK: Quaternary Geology, S sheet, 1977; 1:25 000 OS Explorer Map Sheet 200 Llandrindod Wells and Elan Valley			
Assessment				
Additional Assessments				
Additional Comments				
Monitoring				
Has the information ever been verified in the field?	No			
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	No			
Description				
If Classification is "Other", specify here				
Recommendations				
Existing management remarks:				

Cultural La	andscape	
Aspect Area Name	Powys Rural Hinterland	
Aspect Area Classification	Influences/Material expressions/Rural/Other Rural (specify) (Level 4)	
Aspect Area Code	BRCKNCL136	
Date Of Surve	ey : 03/12/2006	© Natural Resources for Wales . All rights reserved. Contains Ordnance Survey Data. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100019741. Crown Copyright and Database Right (2015)
Description		
	n at level 3 describes the	
	al context, but which other portant to the cultural landsca	pe Infrastructure
Which level 4 classes are particularly significant to the cultural landscape character of this area - Influences?		
selected contrib	do the context and level 4 deta ute to the cultural identity, loo or sense of place of the area?	
To what extent i	s the cultural information wid	Locally (Individual characteristics will be known to local communities within this very large area)
recognised or appreciated? Are there any artistic expressions that are particularly famous or associated with the		Not known
Aspect Area? Are there any people / movements / institutions that are particularly famous or associated with		
the Aspect Area? Is there any folklore or are there legends that are particularly famous or associated with the Aspect Area?		
Aspect Area? Are there any events/traditions that are particularly famous or associated with the Aspect Area?		Not known
Are there any technical / scientific discoveries that are particularly famous or associated with		
the Aspect Area? What are the attributes of the cultural elements in the Aspect Area?		ts Mixed
What chronological periods are culturally dominant in the area?		Post 1950 Inter War Victorian & Edwardian Georgian Late Medieval Medieval
Are there certain place-names in the area that are particularly significant?		No
Summary Description: (no more than 150		This very extensive area is principally given over to agriculture and forestry Its terrain consists of highland and lowland, with mixed sizes of farms, field boundaries, afforestation, minerals extraction and communications It is not possible to classify it without further detailed research at Level 4 other than as ""Other rural"" The area is sparsely populated a

Tolerance To Change					
Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the Cultural Landscape features of the area?	Not known				
Description	Description				
If yes, give examples of the place-names and their significance	n/a				
Aspect Area Boundary					
To what level was this information site- surveyed?	None				
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	None (Not surveyed at 1:10000)				
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	OS Raster				
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:25,000				
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	The area""s boundaries are governed by the more precise boundaries of adjacent Aspect Areas				
Bibliography					
List the key sources used for this assessment	OS maps at 1:25000				
Assessment					
Additional Assessments	none				
Additional Comments	none				
Description					
The classification at level 3 describes the dominant cultural context, but which other contexts are important to the cultural landscape of this area?	Rural				
Monitoring					
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	Yes (The whole Study Area)				
Has the information ever been verified in the field?	No				
Evaluation Matrix					
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (Overall evaluation is moderate because no detailed research was undertaken However, the area contains examples of terrain, settlement size and historic remains typical of other areas in the Study Area)				
Justification of overall evaluation	see Q 40				
Evaluation Criteria: Recognition/transparency	Unassessed				
Evaluation Criteria: Period	Unassessed				
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity (Culture)	Unassessed				
Evaluation Criteria: Documentation Evaluation Criteria: Group Value	Unassessed				
Evaluation Criteria: Survival	Unassessed				
Evaluation Criteria: Vulnerability	Unassessed				
Evaluation Criteria: Diversity	Complex (There is a high diversity of landscape type, from lowland farms to high moors, the whole riven by watercourses)				
Evaluation Criteria: Potential (Culture)	Unassessed				
Evaluation					
Condition:	Unassessed				
Value:	Moderate (As an evolved agricultural and afforested landscape typical of large tracts of Wales)				
Trend:	Unassessed				
Recommendations					
Existing management:	Unassessed				
Existing management remarks:	n/a				
Principal management recommendations	n/a				
Guideline					
Description					
If Classification is "Other", specify here					