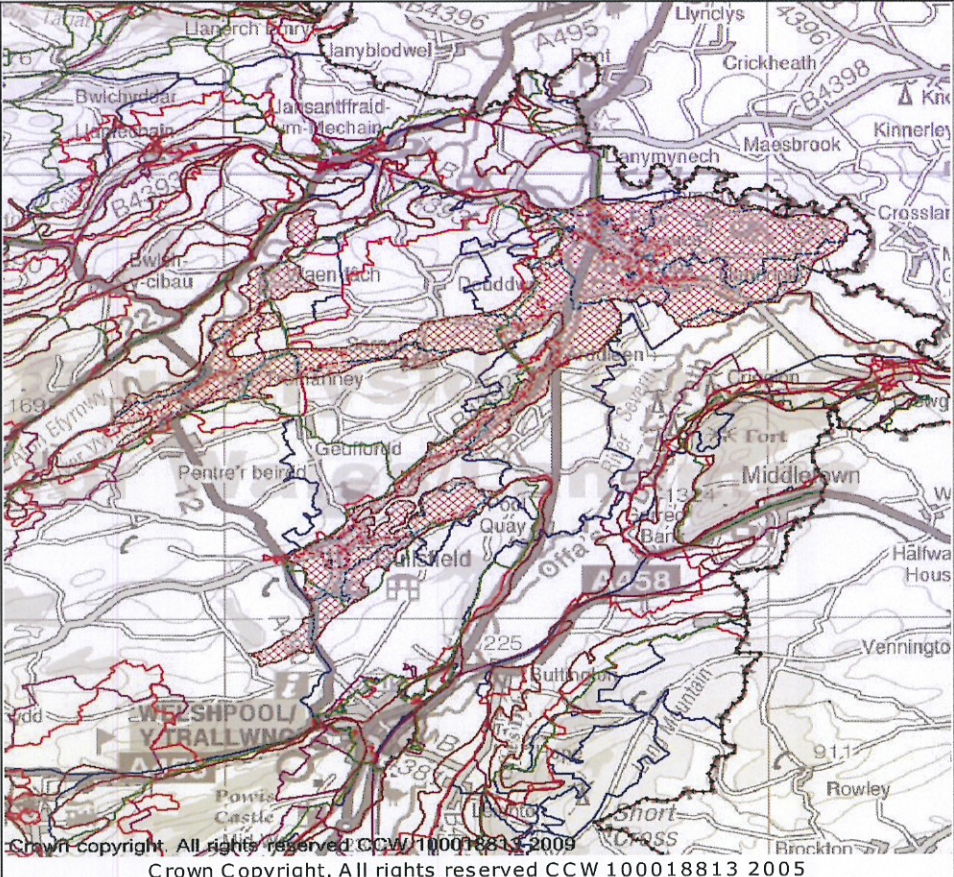


Geological Landscape	
<b>Aspect Area Name</b>	Four Crosses-Guilsfield-Sarnau
<b>Aspect Area Classification</b>	Lowland hills and valleys/Lowland glacial and fluvioglacial depositional terrain/Lowland glacial outwash plain / field (Level 3)
<b>Aspect Area Code</b>	MNTGMGL682
<b>Date Of Survey</b>	25/10/2005
	

Monitoring	
<b>Has the information ever been verified in the field?</b>	Yes (Field transect.)
<b>Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?</b>	Yes (Part of broader Wye-Vyrnwy valleys outwash plain.)
Description	
<b>If Classification is "Other", specify here</b>	N/A.
<b>What is the geographical and topographical character of this area?</b>	Includes the broad platform dominated by fluvioglacial sheet deposits with some minor glaciolacustrine deposits in the Four Crosses area on the western side of the Severn valley; the fill of the wide valley in the Sarnau area, which links the Severn and Vyrnwy valleys and the SE apron of the Vyrnwy valley which is also dominated by fluvioglacial sheet deposits, etc. Gentle surface undulations typical and marshy areas. Also includes similar areas SE to Guilsfield and a broad cwm-like area of infill. Gaer bank in the Sarnau valley is probably a low mound of bedrock Ordovician deposits.
<b>Where drift dominated, what is the dominant drift deposit?</b>	Fluvioglacial
<b>Where drift dominated, what is the major sediment that characterises the area?</b>	Sand and gravel
<b>What is the characteristic Level 3 component of the area?</b>	Lowland glacial outwash plain / field
<b>Which of the following is a significant contributor to the geological character of the area?</b>	Stratigraphic formation(s) (Minor Ordovician mudrocks (?A shgill).) Superficial deposits (Glacial sand and gravel dominant also with glaciolacustrine deposits and probably also minor alluvium and terrace deposits (Quaternary: Pleistocene-Recent).) Active processes (Stream.) Past processes (Glacial, lacustrine.)
<b>What active geological</b>	



and geomorphological processes are significant in this area?	Stream.
What Level 4 components are notable in this area?	Former lake (e.g. silted up) Urban / industrial development
Are there any pedological processes that are significant in the area or have had a landscape forming effect?	Not known
Are there components of significant hydrological importance?	Yes (Stream.)
Is there current mineral extraction?	No
Has there been mineral extraction in the past?	Yes (Glacial sand and gravel)
Are there SSSI/GCR sites here?	No
Are there geological SINC, 2nd tier, or RIGS sites in the area?	No

### Evaluation

Value	Moderate (Typical landscape of geomorphological feature and deposits. No notable sites recorded.)
Condition	Good (Dominantly rural area with limited development.)
Trend	Constant (Dominantly rural area with limited development.)

### Recommendations

Existing management	Generally Appropriate
Existing management remarks:	Dominantly rural area with limited development.
Principal management recommendations	Maintain landscape character and ensure that no significant geological or geomorphological features are lost or damaged.
Guideline	Long Term (Maintain landscape character and ensure that no significant geological or geomorphological features are lost or damaged.) Medium Term (No contemporary geological map available for part of area: encourage systematic geological mapping of the area to properly document geological character.)

### Tolerance To Change

Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the Earth Heritage features of the area?	No
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### 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 (Aspect Area boundaries surveyed at 1:10,000, mapped at 1:25,000.)
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	Other (British Geological Survey maps, aerial photographs, OS 1:25,000 Landranger topographical map.)
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:25,000
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	Break of slope at base of solid geology massif and features at edge of active river/floodplain system.

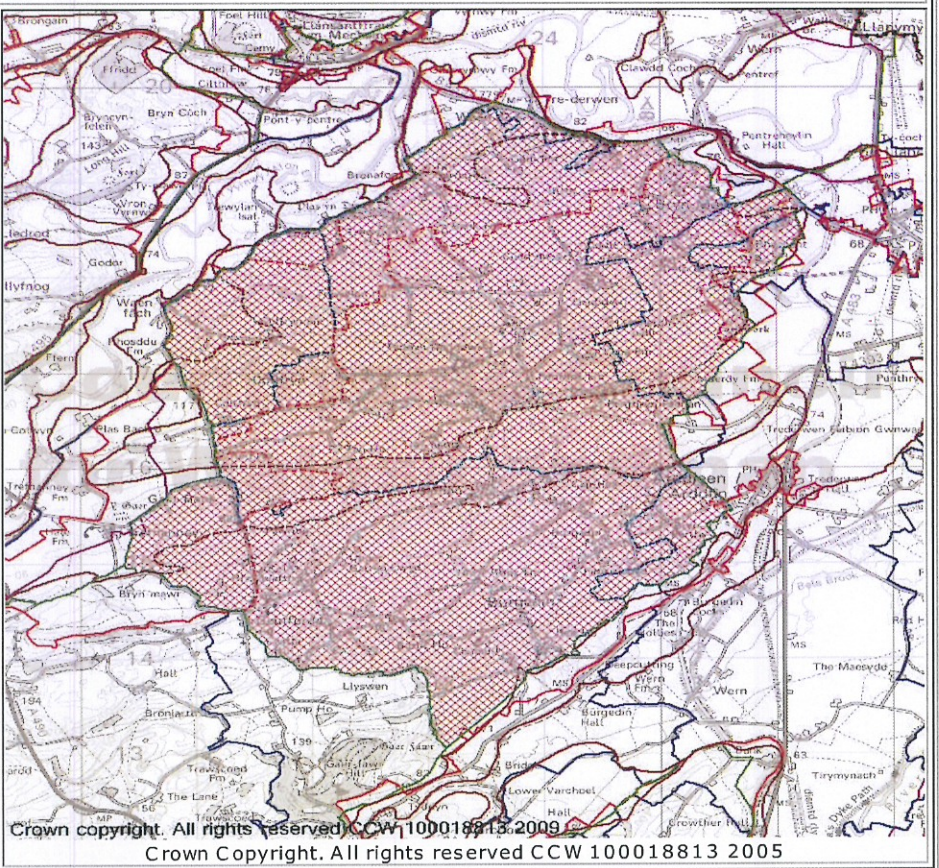
### Evaluation Matrix

<b>Evaluation Criteria: Research Value</b>	Moderate (Typical landscape of geomorphological feature and deposits. No notable sites recorded.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Educational Value</b>	Low (No notable sites recorded)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Historical Value</b>	Low (No notable sites recorded)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Rarity / Uniqueness</b>	Low (Typical landscape of geomorphological feature and deposits. No notable sites recorded)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Classic Example</b>	Low (No notable sites recorded)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation</b>	Moderate (Typical landscape of geomorphological feature and deposits. No notable sites recorded)
<b>Justification of overall evaluation</b>	Typical landscape of geomorphological feature and deposits. No notable sites recorded.
<b>Bibliography</b>	
<b>List the key sources used for this assessment</b>	British Geological Survey (2000), Sheet 137: Oswestry (1:50000); Ordnance Survey (1998), Explorer 239 (1:25,000 scale); Ordnance Survey (2000a), Explorer 240 (1:25,000 scale).
<b>Assessment</b>	
<b>Additional Assessments</b>	None.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	

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## Landscape Habitats

<b>Aspect Area Name</b>		
<b>Aspect Area Classification</b>	<b>Dry (Relatively) Terrestrial Habitats/Mosaic/Mosaic (Level 3)</b>	
<b>Aspect Area Code</b>	<b>MNTGMLH022</b>	
<b>Date Of Survey : 19/09/2005</b>		

## Monitoring

<b>Date of monitoring?</b>	
<b>Monitoring undertaken by</b>	
<b>Has the information ever been verified in the field?</b>	No
<b>Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?</b>	No
<b>What is the total land area within the boundary (in hectares)?</b>	2335 ha

## Description

<b>What are the dominant soil types? (specify up to 3 types)</b>	Brown soils Surface-water gley soils
<b>What Phase 1 habitat types are present? Only select the five most dominant types and, for each of these, specify below what percentage of the Aspect Area is made up of these.</b>	Semi-natural Broadleaved Woodland (2) Planted Coniferous Woodland (1) Improved Grassland (75) Arable (17) Buildings (2)
<b>Does the area contain habitats of international importance?</b>	No
<b>Does the area contain BAP habitats?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, which BAP habitats?</b>	Upland Oakwood Ancient and/or Species Rich Hedgerows Lowland Meadows
<b>Does the area contain protected sites?</b>	Yes
<b>If yes, which ones?</b>	SSSI (Gweunydd Ty-Brith (Ty-Brith Meadows))
<b>Approximately what proportion of the Aspect Area is within the protected site?</b>	1-10%
<b>Does the area support</b>	

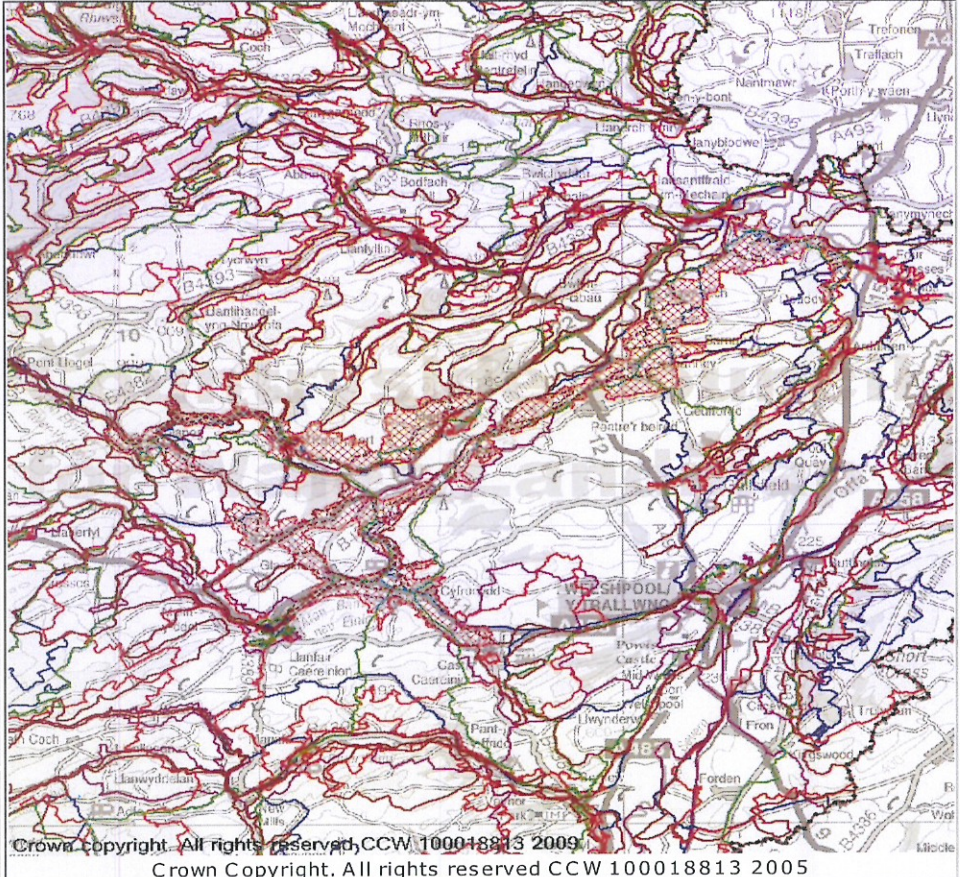
important species?	yes
If yes, which species? (for each of the species, also note the source of information)	Great Crested Newt Triturus cristatus 2002 CCW Montgomeryshire BAP Species Files Lapwing Vanellus vanellus 2000 CCW Montgomeryshire BAP Species Files Spotted Flycatcher Muscicapa striata 2000 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2000 Tree Sparrow Passer montanus 2000 Winter Bird Survey 99/00 Grey Partridge Perdix perdix 1994 MWT Casual Records Bullfinch Pyrrhula pyrrhula 2000 Winter Bird Survey 99/00 Great Crested Newt Triturus cristatus 1999 Montgomeryshire GCN Survey Data Song Thrush Turdus philomelos 2000 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2000
Are there any significant threat species present in abundance? (Field visit required)	Not known
What other features significantly influence the biodiversity in this area?	Streams Hedgerows Veteran Trees
Are any of these features in a very good condition? (Field visit required)	
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)	Cultivation Stock grazing Mowing
Do any of the above appear to have an appreciable positive impact on biodiversity? (Field visit required)	Some (Traditional hay meadow of Ty-Brith Meadows is being maintained in it's species diversity by the traditional management.)
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?	
Are there clear opportunities to improve the biodiversity aspect of this area?	Yes (Where other meadows exist which still contain natural species, then reverting to traditional hay making could significantly enhance the biodiversity. Maintaining and replanting the hedges would also add significantly.)
Summarise the key features that define this area's biodiversity character	This fertile rolling land is a mixture of pastures and meadows together with other arable cropping. The fields are fairly small and many have managed hedges. Where wire fences form the field boundaries there are a number of scattered trees. There are a few blocks of broadleaved woodland but these are well scattered. A small part of the area remains as traditional species rich hay meadows forming Ty-Brith Meadows SSSI's.
<b>Evaluation</b>	
Value	Moderate (This area has a small site of national importance which occurs in a mosaic of small fields many of which have hedges and some of which are used as arable land. This mosaic is likely to be good for farmland birds.)
Condition	Unassessed
Trend	Unassessed
<b>Recommendations</b>	
Existing management	Generally Appropriate
Existing management remarks:	Cutting and cropping form the major management activates. Grazing also is important. in general the management maintains the biodiversity.
Principal management recommendations	Many of the hedges are not stockproof in their own right and would benefit by maintenance work and replanting of gaps.
Guideline	Immediate (Manage and replant gaps in hedges) Medium Term (Where post and wire fences exist plant hedgerows.) Long Term (Replant woods especially alongside streams.)
<b>Aspect Area Boundary</b>	
To what level was this information site-surveyed?	Level 3
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	Some (the road and fence lines along the break of slope have been taken.)
What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	Aerial photographs
If OS Data was used, what was the scale?	1:10,000 and 1:25,000



<b>What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?</b>	To the west the boundary with MONTLH023 follows the break of slope to the valley bottom. The break of slope to the flat fertile valley bottom also marks the boundary to the east with MONTLH033. To the south the boundary follows the field boundaries which mark a change into a more wooded area with larger fields.
<b>Evaluation Matrix</b>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Priority Habitats</b>	Moderate (Aspect area contains one habitat of national importance. However the hedgerows are often not stockproof and the woodland blocks are fragmented giving an important local but not nationally important grading to the area.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Significance</b>	Moderate (Aspect area contains small fragments of native or semi-natural habitats and some species rich hedges.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Opportunity</b>	High (Replanting and managing hedges would significantly enhance the area.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Expansion rates</b>	Unassessed
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Sensitivity</b>	Unassessed
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Connectivity/Cohesion</b>	Low (Small and scattered blocks of native vegetation.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Habitat Evaluation</b>	Moderate (Some good examples of species rich hay meadows in a mosaic landscape gives this area a local significance and moderate classification.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Importance for key species</b>	High (Some important and increasingly uncommon farm land birds are supported in this area.)
<b>Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation Habitat and Species</b>	Moderate (The mosaic of improved and arable fields together with the important farmland birds recorded gives this area a moderate evaluation.)
<b>Justification of overall evaluation</b>	This fertile rolling land is a mixture of pastures and meadows together with other arable cropping for an important mosaic for farmland birds especially where the fields are fairly small and have managed hedges. A small part of the area remains as traditional species rich hay meadows forming Ty-Brith Meadows SSSI's, this together with the range of species recorded gives this area a moderate evaluation.
<b>Bibliography</b>	
<b>List the key sources used for this assessment</b>	CCW Montgomeryshire BAP Species Files MWT Summer Bird Survey 2000 MWT Casual Records Winter Bird Survey 99/00
<b>Assessment</b>	
<b>Additional Assessments</b>	
<b>Additional Comments</b>	

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## Visual and Sensory

Aspect Area Name	Vyrnwy Rolling Lowlands	
Aspect Area Classification	Lowland/Rolling Lowland/Open Rolling Lowland (Level 3)	
Aspect Area Code	MNTGMVS714	
Date Of Survey : 13/02/2004		

## Monitoring

Has the information ever been verified in the field?	No
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	Yes (Strong visual link with the River Vyrnwy portion of the River Severn floodplain aspect)

## Description

Summary Description	Rolling lower transitional side slopes of the broad River Vyrnwy valley bottom. Predominantly arable and dairy farming with a regular medium sized field pattern. Managed hedgerow and fencelines predominate with wide open views over the valley floor and relatively open skies dominant. Settled and domestic in character with sporadic clustered developments
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	Rolling/Undulating
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Field Pattern/Mosaic
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	Clustered
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Mixture
Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?	Large
Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?	Open
Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?	Simple
Aesthetic Qualities: Texture?	Medium
Aesthetic Qualities: Lines?	Angular
Aesthetic Qualities: Colour?	Moderate Contrasts
Aesthetic Qualities: Balance?	Balanced
Aesthetic Qualities: Unity?	Neutral
Aesthetic Qualities: Pattern?	Organised
Aesthetic Qualities: Seasonal Interest?	Mixed



<b>Other Factors: Level of Human Access?</b>	Infrequent
<b>Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?</b>	Slight (Few settlements and scattered/clustered farmsteads)
<b>Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?</b>	Generally Appropriate
<b>What materials? Give Details:</b>	N/A
<b>There are attractive views...</b>	...out (Towards the rolling mosaic farmlands of the higher valley slopes)
<b>There are detractive views...</b>	...within (Limited and on a local scale some degraded views onto caravan parks and new developments associated with farm extensions and new build housing)
<b>Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities</b>	Attractive Settled Other (Domestic - regular field patterns and a perception of regular management and cultivation)
<b>What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness</b>	Moderate (N/A)
<b>Evaluation</b>	
<b>Value:</b>	Moderate (N/A)
<b>Condition:</b>	Unassessed
<b>Trend:</b>	Unassessed
<b>Recommendations</b>	
<b>Existing management</b>	Generally Appropriate
<b>Existing management remarks:</b>	Mixed farming verging on intensive practices with land drainage and improved grassland/arable land evident
<b>Principal management recommendation:</b>	Maintain as existing
<b>Guideline</b>	Medium Term (Strengthen field boundaries with traditional management and introduction of hedgerow trees) Immediate (Design guidance for new development relating to caravan parks / diversification of existing farmland)
<b>Define the key qualities that should be conserved:</b>	Mixed arable/livestock farming character
<b>Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:</b>	Field boundaries - enhanced through supplementary planting especially mixed broadleaf trees
<b>Define the key qualities that should be changed:</b>	Safeguard against new developments associated with farming diversification out of keeping with existing landscape character ie preserve field boundaries and partially screen with mixed broadleaf woodland to integrate into the existing pattern
<b>Define the key elements that should be conserved:</b>	Field pattern and associated woodland parcels
<b>Define the key elements that should be enhanced:</b>	Tree cover through supplementary planting within existing hedgerows and woodland blocks associated with boundaries and stream courses
<b>Define the key elements that should be changed:</b>	Limit the extent of new developments - developments should integrate with the existing character
<b>Tolerance To Change</b>	
<b>Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual &amp; sensory features of the area?</b>	Not known
<b>Aspect Area Boundary</b>	
<b>To what level was this information site-surveyed?</b>	Level 3
<b>At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?</b>	All
<b>What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?</b>	Other (OS Data and Aerial Photographs)
<b>If OS Data was used, what was the scale?</b>	1:10,000 and 1:25,000
<b>What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?</b>	Topography and land use
<b>Bibliography</b>	



List the key sources used for this assessment	Montgomeryshire Landscape Assessment (1992)
<b>Evaluation Matrix</b>	
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	Moderate (N/A)
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	Moderate (N/A)
Evaluation Criteria: Character	High (N/A)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Moderate (N/A)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (N/A)
Justification of overall evaluation	Rolling lowland farmland with a distinct landscape character that would benefit from further enhancement and strengthening from supplementary tree and hedgerow planting = Moderate
<b>Assessment</b>	
Additional Assessments	N/A
Additional Comments	

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## Historic Landscape

<b>Aspect Area Name</b>	Maesmawr	
<b>Aspect Area Classification</b>	Rural environment / Agricultural / Irregular Fieldscapes (Level 3)	
<b>Aspect Area Code</b>	MNTGMHL248	
<b>Date Of Survey : 27/03/2006</b>		

## Monitoring

<b>Has the information ever been verified in the field?</b>	No
<b>Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?</b>	

## Description

<b>If Classification is "Other", specify here</b>	
<b>Summary Description / Key Patterns and Elements</b>	<p>Irregular fieldscapes probably largely of medieval and early post-medieval date on the lower, dissected hills and stream valleys between the Severn and Vyrnwy valleys, north and west of Welshpool and west of Guilsfield. Blocks of conifer plantation with some residual ancient broadleaved woodland along stream valleys and on steeper valley sides. Early settlement and land use is suggested clusters of Neolithic to Bronze Age lithic finds and dispersed burial mounds and by the later prehistoric hillforts at Trefnanney Gaer, Pant Mawr, Clawdd Wood, Soldiers Ring, Tan y Clawdd and Golfa and by a number of lower-lying defended farmsteads. The early medieval Clawdd Llesg runs across a ridge in the western part of the area. Medieval settlement and land use is indicated by the earthwork castle at Cefn Du overlying a later prehistoric hillfort. The Tirymynach grange belonging to the medieval Cistercian monastery at Strata Marcella lay near Trefnanney in the northern part of the area. Dispersed farms, houses and cottages predominantly of post-medieval origin. Gentry houses or small country houses of 17th to 19th-century at Maesmawr Hall, Llanerchydol and Brooklands Hall, the latter associated with a registered late 19th century garden and landscape park.</p>
<b>If working at level 3, the classification describes the dominant historic pattern, but which other patterns are important to the historical pattern of this area? (Tick all that apply)</b>	<p>Woodland Other Settlement Designed Landscape Regular Fieldscapes</p>
<b>Which traditional boundary types prevail in the area? (Tick all that apply)</b>	<p>Hedgerow Hedgerow With Trees Hedgebank Post &amp; Wire Fence</p>
<b>What is the nature of any significant archaeological</b>	<p>Buried-dry Relict-Earthworks Relict-Stone Monuments</p>



What is your interest in the area? (Tick all that apply)	Recent Stone Monuments Buildings & Structures Documentary
Which chronological period is dominant in the area?	Post Medieval (1536+)
Has a Historic Landscape Characterisation been undertaken here?	No
Are there SMR sites here?	Yes
Are there SAMs here?	Yes
Are there Listed Buildings here?	Yes
Are there Registered Historic Parks and Gardens here?	Yes
Are there Conservation Areas here?	No
Are there World Heritage Sites here?	No
Is the area within a Registered Landscape of Historic Interest?	No
<b>Evaluation</b>	
Value:	Outstanding
Condition:	
Trend:	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
Existing management	
Existing management remarks:	
Principal management recommendations	
Guideline	
<b>Aspect Area Boundary</b>	
To what level was this information site- surveyed?	Level 3
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?	Defined with reference to topography and field pattern...
<b>Evaluation Matrix</b>	
Evaluation	

Criteria: Integrity	High (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Survival	High (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Condition	High (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Outstanding (Multi-layered combinations of monuments)
Evaluation Criteria: Potential	Outstanding (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Outstanding (See overall justification.)
Justification of overall evaluation	Extensive area of irregular fields and woodland occupying the undulating hill land to the west of the Severn valley. Significant medieval and later agricultural remains, farmsteads and minor settlements, including high status farms and designed landscapes, but perhaps most notable for its high concentration of later prehistoric / Romano-British enclosed settlements and minor hillforts.
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	See general bibliography in Technical Report, and sources quoted in Regional Historic Environment Record...
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## Cultural Landscape

<b>Aspect Area Name</b>	Rural Landscapes	
<b>Aspect Area Classification</b>	Influences/Material expressions/Rural/Other Rural (specify) (Level 4)	
<b>Aspect Area Code</b>	MNTGMCL051	
<b>Date Of Survey : 29/10/2005</b>		

## Monitoring

<b>Has the information ever been verified in the field?</b>	Yes (Partly, through observation on site visits and on maps at 1:25000)
<b>Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?</b>	Yes (The entire Study Area)

## Description

<b>If Classification is "Other", specify here</b>	"Other rural" is chosen at Level 4 to reflect the richness and diversity of the cultural and aesthetic qualities of the landscape outside other designated Aspect Areas
<b>The classification at level 3 describes the dominant cultural context, but which other contexts are important to the cultural landscape of this area?</b>	Rural Other ("Other rural" is chosen at Level 4 to reflect the richness and diversity of the cultural and aesthetic qualities of the landscape outside other designated Aspect Areas)
<b>Which level 4 classes are particularly significant to the cultural landscape character of this area - Influences?</b>	Agricultural Forestry Fishing/ hunting Rural Settlement Communications & Transport
<b>Which level 4 classes are particularly significant to the cultural landscape character of this area - Associations?</b>	Places & Place Names Sense of Place
<b>To what extent do the context and level 4 details selected contribute to the cultural identity, local distinctiveness or sense of place of the area?</b>	Strong (Level 4 details combine to reinforce the cultural essence of this multi-part landscape)
<b>To what extent is the cultural information widely recognised or appreciated?</b>	Regionally (Mostly to those who live there and to the people of Wales)
<b>Are there any artistic expressions that are particularly famous or associated with the</b>	Not known

<b>Aspect Area?</b>	
Are there any people / movements / institutions that are particularly famous or associated with the Aspect Area?	Not known
Is there any folklore or are there legends that are particularly famous or associated with the Aspect Area?	Not known
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?	No
What are the attributes of the cultural elements in the Aspect Area?	Mixed
What chronological periods are culturally dominant in the area?	Post 1950 Inter War Victorian & Edwardian Georgian Late Medieval Medieval Early Christian Roman Pre-Roman
Are there certain place-names in the area that are particularly significant?	No
If yes, give examples of the place-names and their significance	Powys Paradywys Cymru - the ancient name for Gwenwynwyn, the territory that is now Montgomeryshire
Summary Description: (no more than 150 words)	The Aspect Area is essentially a catch-all of landscapes surrounding other Aspect Areas. It reveals an eclectic mix of landscape type, from fertile lowlands to bleak moorlands, and forms a buffer between other Aspect Areas that are more culturally distinctive or diverse. Surprisingly, there are few statutorily protected landscape types - such as SSSIs or SLAs within the area. Nevertheless, Rural Landscapes forms the background to the more detailed painting on the canvas of Montgomeryshire, contributing greatly to the county's soubriquet of Powis paradywys Cymru.
<b>Evaluation</b>	
Value:	High (High as topographically and scenically varied and distinctive, comprising bare upland moorland and fertile valleys, the latter containing a variety of field patterns)
Condition:	Fair (The rural landscape is generally well maintained, but suffers from its inability to sustain a vibrant agricultural economy - leading to rural depopulation, diversity and hence neglect)
Trend:	Declining (Declining through unsustainable economics of agriculture, rural depopulation and neglect)
<b>Recommendations</b>	
Existing management:	Generally Appropriate
Existing management remarks:	As a largely agricultural landscape - and therefore economically important - landscape management is appropriate within the prevailing circumstances of farming economy
Principal management recommendations	Encourage through grants or subsidy the proper management and maintenance of farming landscapes to replace the centuries-old husbandry that made these rural areas what they are today
Guideline	Immediate (Seek more imaginative means of keeping young people closer to the land and their roots by encouraging regenerative or small business activity in this age of the world wide web and e-commerce) Medium Term (Seek to ensure sustainability of income and provide subsidy to retain people so that they may nurture the landscape) Long Term (Provide grants and/or subsidies for the maintenance of structures in the landscape)
<b>Tolerance To Change</b>	
Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the Cultural Landscape features of the area?	Yes (Decline in agricultural economy, rural depopulation)
<b>Aspect Area Boundary</b>	



To what level was this information site-surveyed?	Level 3
At 1:10,000, how much of the Aspect Area boundary is precise?	Some (Boundaries are formed by (a) the Study Area boundary; and (b) the boundaries of other Aspect Areas)
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?	Boundaries are formed by (a) the Study Area boundary; and (b) the boundaries of other Aspect Areas

### Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Criteria: Recognition/transparency	Moderate (Rural Montgomeryshire is well known for the attractiveness of its landscapes)
Evaluation Criteria: Period	High (High as an essentially evolved agricultural landscape)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Low (These rural areas share many of the characteristics and cultural essence with large tracts of Wales)
Evaluation Criteria: Documentation	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Group Value	High (Rural Montgomeryshire is well known for the attractiveness of its landscapes)
Evaluation Criteria: Survival	High (Rural landscapes survive as evolved examples of human exploitation and occupation)
Evaluation Criteria: Vulnerability	High (Vulnerable to agricultural decline and consequent land husbandry, and depopulation)
Evaluation Criteria: Diversity	Outstanding (Elements within the Aspect Area display a hugely rich diversity from barren moorland to fertile valleys. Small isolated farmsteads on valley sides add much to the attractiveness of the landscape and their maintenance should be assisted)
Evaluation Criteria: Potential	High (High - in the sense that there is high potential for further deterioration)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	High (High as a varied, visually rich rural landscape of a wide topographical range that provides the framework for the Study Area as a whole)
Justification of overall evaluation	See Q40

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List the key sources used for this assessment	In the Heart of Powysland, Robert Owen; Welshpool, 1930
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### Assessment

Additional Assessments	none
Additional Comments	

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