

Geological Landscape

Aspect Area Name	Penygelli	
Aspect Area Classification	Lowland hills and valleys/Undulating lowland hill terrain/Undulating lowland hill terrain (Level 3)	
Aspect Area Code	MNTGMGL922	
Date Of Survey	25/10/2005	

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Description

What is the geographical and topographical character of this area?	Low peninsula within a bend of the River Mule., dominated by Wenlock (Middle Silurian) mudrocks with varied glacial drift deposits.
What is the characteristic Level 3 component of the area?	Undulating lowland hill terrain
Which of the following is a significant contributor to the geological character of the area?	Stratigraphic formation(s) (Nantglyn Flags Formation significant (Silurian, Wenlock).) Superficial deposits (Till and minor fan and glaciolacustrine deposits, (Quaternary: Pleistocene).) Active processes Past processes (Glacial.)
What Level 4 components are notable in this area?	Slope Hill top
What active geological and geomorphological processes are significant in this area?	Stream, spring.
Are there components of significant hydrological importance?	Yes (Stream, spring.)
Are there any pedological processes that are significant in the area or have had a landscape forming effect?	Not known
Is there current mineral extraction?	No
Has there been mineral extraction in the past?	Yes (Clays for brick making?)
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 widespread geological unit. No notable sites recorded.)
Condition	Good (Rural area with no significant development.)
Trend	Constant (Rural area with no significant development.)

Recommendations

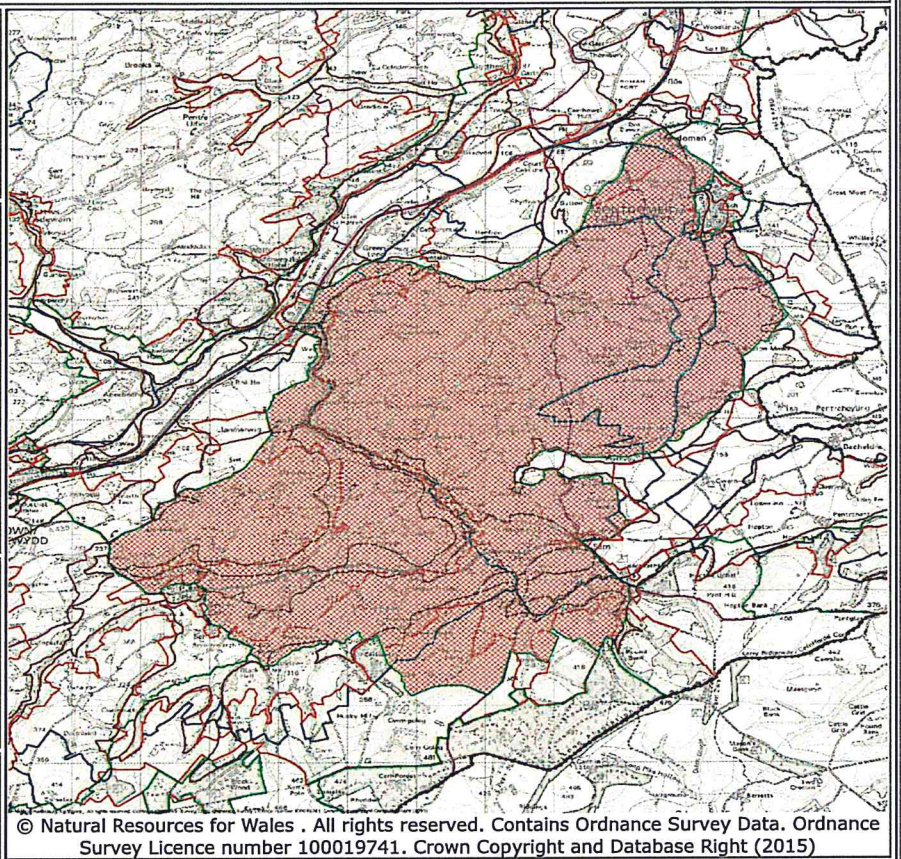
Existing management	Generally Appropriate
Principal management recommendations	Maintain landscape character and ensure that no significant geological or geomorphological features are lost or damaged.
Guideline	Long Term (Maintain landscape character and ensure that no significant geological or geomorphological features are lost or damaged.)

Tolerance To Change

Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the Earth Heritage features of the area?	No
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 junction with valley systems.
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Research Value	Moderate (Typical landscape of widespread geological unit. No notable sites recorded.)
Evaluation Criteria: Educational Value	Low (No notable sites recorded.)
Evaluation Criteria: Historical Value	Low (No notable sites recorded.)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity / Uniqueness	Low (Typical landscape of widespread geological unit. No notable sites recorded.)
Evaluation Criteria: Classic Example	Low (No notable sites recorded.)
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (Typical landscape of widespread geological unit. No notable sites recorded.)
Justification of overall evaluation	Typical landscape of widespread geological unit. No notable sites recorded.
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	British Geological Survey. (1994), Sheet 165: Montgomery (1:50000); Cave (2001), Memoir of the British Geological Survey, Sheet 165; British Geological Survey. (1994), Sheet 165: Montgomery (1:50000); Ordnance Survey (1999), Explorer 215 (1:25,000 scale); Ordnance Survey (1999), Explorer 216 (1:25,000 scale); Woodcock and Bassett (1993), Geological excursions in Powys, Central Wales (UWP).
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	None.
Additional Comments	Additional Level 4 features include: Stream; Disused quarry.
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	N/A.
Recommendations	
Existing management remarks:	Rural area with no significant development.
Description	
Where bedrock dominated, what is the dominant bedrock type?	Sedimentary
Where bedrock dominated, what is the age that characterises the aspect area?	Silurian
Where bedrock dominated, what is the major rock lithogy (-ies)?	

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Landscape Habitats

Aspect Area Name		
Aspect Area Classification	Dry (Relatively) Terrestrial Habitats/Grassland & Marsh/Improved Grassland (Level 3)	
Aspect Area Code	MNTGMLH056	
Date Of Survey : 19/09/2005		

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Monitoring

Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	No
What is the total land area within the boundary (in hectares)?	4692 ha

Description

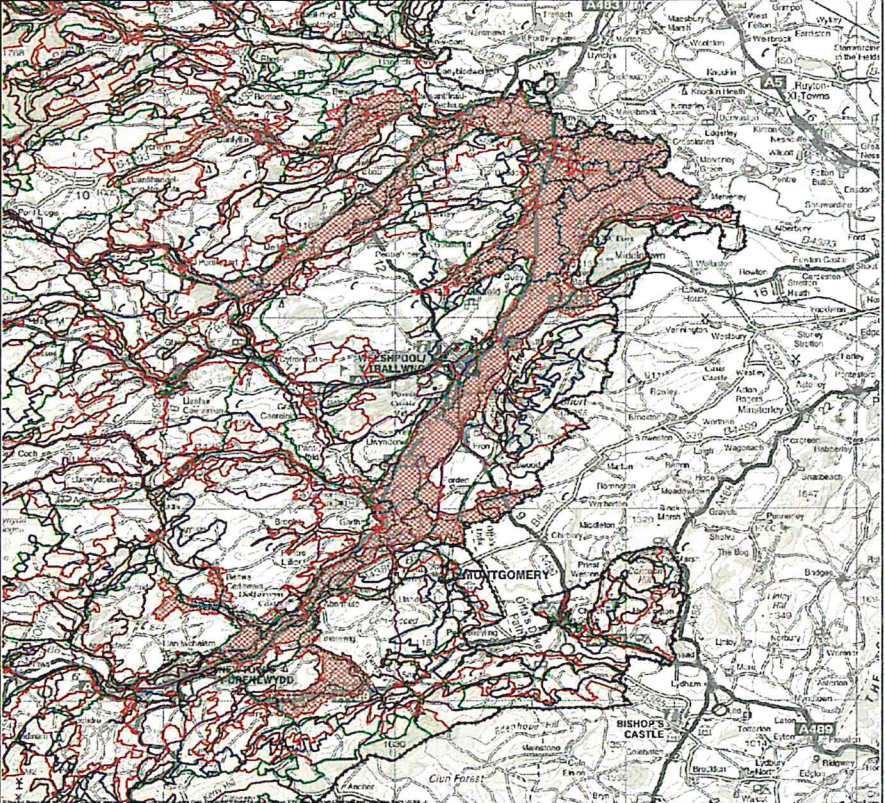
What are the dominant soil types? (specify up to 3 types)	Brown soils Surface-water gley soils
What Phase 1 habitat types are present? Only select the five most dominant types and, for each of these, specify below what percentage of the Aspect Area is made up of these.	Semi-natural Broadleaved Woodland (5) Planted Coniferous Woodland (3) Improved Grassland (83) Arable (4) Buildings (2)
Does the area contain habitats of international importance?	No
Does the area contain BAP habitats?	Yes
Does the area contain protected sites?	No
Approximately what proportion of the Aspect Area is within the protected site?	0% (0%)
Does the area support important species?	Yes
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)	
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?	Yes (Some of the hedges are not stockproof in their own right and would benefit by maintenance work and replanting of gaps)
Summarise the key features that define this area's biodiversity character	This is an area of small fields on an undulating landscape. The fields tend to have remnant hedges or individual mature trees left in the boundaries, most are grazed and cut although there are some arable. There are one or two blocks of ribbon woodland.
Evaluation	
Value	Moderate (This area is mainly improved pastures, many have species rich hedges one of which has been designated as a road verge nature reserve, there are also a few blocks of woodland. The area supports some locally important species.)
Condition	Fair (The air photography shows the area as far as can be judged without a field visit to be in fair condition)
Trend	Constant
Description	
If yes, which BAP habitats?	Ancient and/or Species Rich Hedgerows
Recommendations	
Existing management	Generally Appropriate
Principal management recommendations	Some 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.) Medium Term (Plant new woodlands adjacent to existing blocks to increase coverage)
Monitoring	
Has the information ever been verified in the field?	
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 (See justification)
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
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	To the west the boundary with MONTLH033 is marked by a change to larger fields with a greater proportion of arable land alongside the River Severn. The Parkland around Lymore is a distinct feature with its standard trees; the boundary follows the road that separate these slightly larger fields. The boundary with Churchstock meadows follows the contours around the gently rolling land of this aspect area. The Ceri Ridgway grasslands are marked by the larger fenced fields and woodland on the scarp. MONTLH054 follows the break in slope which runs along the course of a B road with the fields being slightly smaller and the hedges and woodlands being more of a feature.
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 Ad hoc records CCW Montgomeryshire BAP Species Files Breconshire Mammal Recorder Data MWT Casual Records MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	
Additional Comments	
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Priority Habitats	Moderate (Areas of sown grassland and arable which have managed stock-proof hedges and occasional areas of native vegetation including fragmented woodland blocks.)
Evaluation Criteria: Significance	Moderate (Aspect area contains small fragments of native or semi-natural habitats together with species rich hedges)
Evaluation Criteria: Opportunity	Moderate (Replanting and managing hedges would significantly enhance the area.)
Evaluation Criteria: Expansion rates	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Sensitivity	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Connectivity/Cohesion	Moderate (Although the blocks of habitat are small they are connected though a series of hedges, streams and rivers providing biodiversity networks.)
Evaluation Criteria: Habitat Evaluation	Moderate (This area is mainly improved pastures, many have species rich hedges one of which has been designated as a road verge nature reserve, there are also a few blocks of woodland.)
Evaluation Criteria: Importance for	Moderate (The area supports some locally important species.)

key species	
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation Habitat and Species	Moderate (This area is mainly improved pastures, many have species rich hedges one of which has been designated as a road verge nature reserve, there are also a few blocks of woodland. The area supports some locally important species.)
Description	
If yes, which species? (for each of the species, also note the source of information)	Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i> 2001 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 High Brown Fritillary <i>Argynnis adippe</i> 1994 Ad hoc records Linnets <i>Carduelis cannabina</i> 2001 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 Great Crested Newt <i>Triturus cristatus</i> 1999 CCW Montgomeryshire BAP Species Files Otter <i>Lutra lutra</i> 2002 Breconshire Mammal Recorder Data Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i> 2001 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 Tree Sparrow <i>Passer montanus</i> 2001 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 Bullfinch <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i> 2001 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i> 2001 MWT Summer Bird Survey 2001 Lapwing <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> 1999 MWT Casual Records
Evaluation Matrix	
Justification of overall evaluation	This area of small fields on an undulating landscape has one or two blocks of ribbon woodland. The fields tend to have remnant hedges or individual mature trees left in the boundaries, and the area support a number of locally important species giving an overall Moderate classification.
Recommendations	
Existing management remarks:	The area has a mixture of grazed pasture, mown grasslands and arable land.
Monitoring	
Date of monitoring?	2017-03-15
Monitoring undertaken by	Review of SINC/Wildlife Site data by TACP
Has this record been updated following monitoring work?	

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Visual and Sensory

Aspect Area Name	River Severn Flood plain	
Aspect Area Classification	Lowland/Flat Lowland/Levels/Flat Open Lowland Farmland (Level 3)	
Aspect Area Code	MNTGMVS650	
Date Of Survey	09/02/2004	

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Description

Aesthetic Qualities: Sense of Enclosure?	Open
Aesthetic Qualities: Diversity?	Diverse
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
Other Factors: Level of Human Access?	Constant
Other Factors: Night Time Light Pollution?	Substantial (Significant urban areas situated at Newtown and Welshpool and the partially lit A483(T) together with regular smaller scale settlements and farmsteads that line the valley bottom and follow the A483(T) such as Garthmyl, Berriew and Four Crosses)
Other Factors: Use of Construction Materials?	Generally Appropriate
What materials? Give Details:	N/A
There are attractive views...	...both in and out (To and from adjacent higher ground of wooded / mosaic farmland and hill slopes...To the north of the aspect particularly dramatic views are gained to Breidden Hill and Forest... Views into the aspect encompass the scale of the mosaic farmland and provides an attractive setting with the River Severn winding through the valley bottom)
There are detractive views...	...within (On outskirts of settlements / industrial estates)
Perceptual and Other Sensory Qualities	Attractive (Rolling farmland in a valley setting) Tranquil (Adjacent to River Severn and Montgomeryshire Canal) Noisy (In close proximity to urban areas) Settled
What is the sense of place/local distinctiveness	Strong (The main river valley that distinguishes the lowland eastern extent of the study area from the upland dominating the western extents)

Evaluation

Value:	Moderate (Smaller areas within the aspect as a whole displays some and outstanding qualities however this is lessened by the association with urban areas and a heavily used road corridor)
Condition:	Unassessed
Trend:	Declining

Recommendations

Define the key qualities that should be conserved:	Balance between arable and dairy farming producing a diverse pattern of land use
Define the key qualities that should be enhanced:	Field boundaries to maintain and enhance balance between open grazed / cultivated land and wooded areas
Define the key qualities that should be changed:	N/A
Define the key elements that should be conserved:	Hedgerow boundaries
Define the key elements that should be enhanced:	N/A
Define the key elements that should be changed:	N/A
Principal management recommendation:	Maintain as existing

Tolerance To Change

Are there any significant threats to the current integrity and condition of the visual & sensory features of the area?	Not known
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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?	All

Description

Aesthetic Qualities: Scale?	Vast
Physical Form And Elements: Landcover Pattern?	Field Pattern/Mosaic
Physical Form And Elements: Topographic Form?	Levels

Aspect Area Boundary

What baseline information source was used for Aspect Area boundary mapping?	Other (OS Landline and Aerial Photographs)
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?	Predominant land use and topography

Bibliography

List the key sources used for this assessment	Montgomeryshire Landscape Assessment (1992)
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Assessment

Additional Assessments	N/A
Additional Comments	N/A

Evaluation Matrix

Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Moderate (N/A)
Justification of overall evaluation	Smaller areas within the aspect as a whole displays some and outstanding qualities however this is lessened by the association with urban areas and a heavily used road corridor = Moderate
Evaluation Criteria: Scenic quality	Moderate (Generally high quality views but lessened by the association with urban areas and a heavily used road corridor)
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	Moderate (Some degradation of the overall character adjacent to urban areas)
Evaluation Criteria: Character	High (N/A)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	High (N/A)

Description

Summary Description	A significant open valley / vale with a patchwork of medium to large field parcels many displaying established field boundaries of managed and overgrown hedgerows with numerous hedgerow trees. Predominantly arable farming with some lowland dairy farming. Settlements of varying sizes are prevalent from farmsteads to significant urban areas such as Welshpool and Newtown. Open skies dominate with wooded valley sides fringing the valley bottom.
Physical form and elements: Settlement pattern	Mixture
Physical form and elements: Boundary type	Mixture

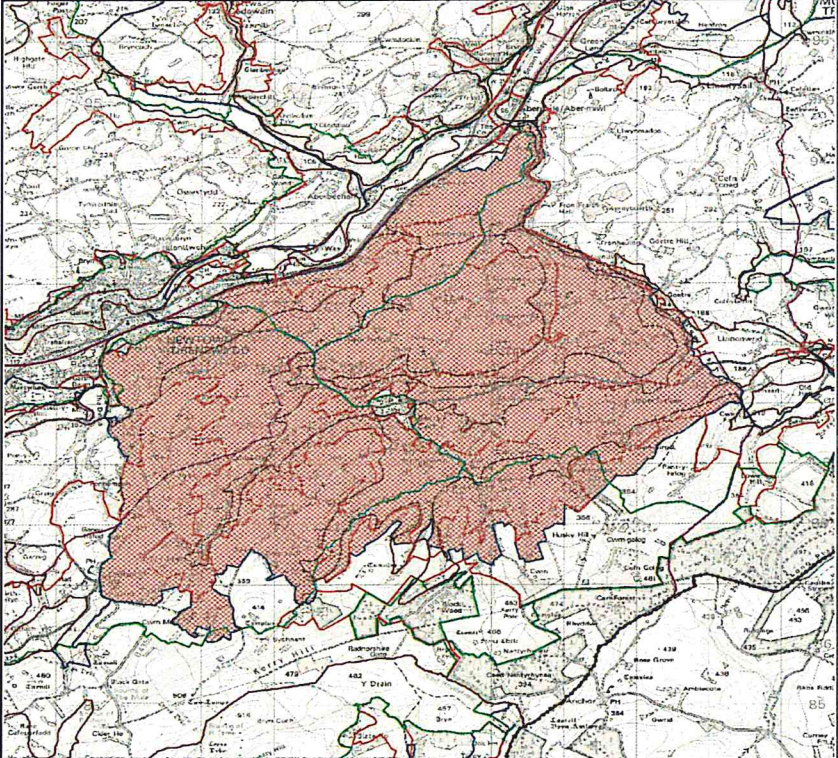
Recommendations

Guideline	Long Term (Avoid amalgamation of smaller fields where possible) Long Term (Implement design guidance for industrial development)
Existing management	Generally Appropriate
Existing management remarks:	Mixture of arable and dairy farming maintaining a network of medium to large field parcels that have well managed hedgerow boundaries

Monitoring

Has the information ever been verified in the field?	Yes (N/A)
Does this area have a special or functional link with an adjacent area?	Yes (Newtown and Welshpool and the valley sides comprising hill and scarp slopes to the east and west of the valley bottom)
During which season(s) was fieldwork carried out?	Summer
Date of monitoring?	2015-01-29
Monitoring undertaken by	Stages 1, 2 and 3 change detection, field verification and amendment completed by Simon White of White Consultants in conjunction with the local planning authority.
Has this record been updated following monitoring work?	This record has been updated following monitoring work, there was a real change in the aspect area (Boundary change to accommodate settlement/development expansion at Abermule which justifies a separate area. Also expansion at Welshpool *(commercial development), Llanfyllin, Four Crosses and Guilsfield.)
Change indicated by	OS Data, Aerial Photographs Fieldwork
What has changed?	

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Historic Landscape	
Aspect Area Name	Upper Mule
Aspect Area Classification	Rural environment/Agricultural/Irregular Fieldscapes (Level 3)
Aspect Area Code	MNTGMHL630
Date Of Survey : 27/03/2006	
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Description

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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Fieldscapes <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland <input type="checkbox"/> Nucleated Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Non-nucleated Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape
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Monitoring

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

Description

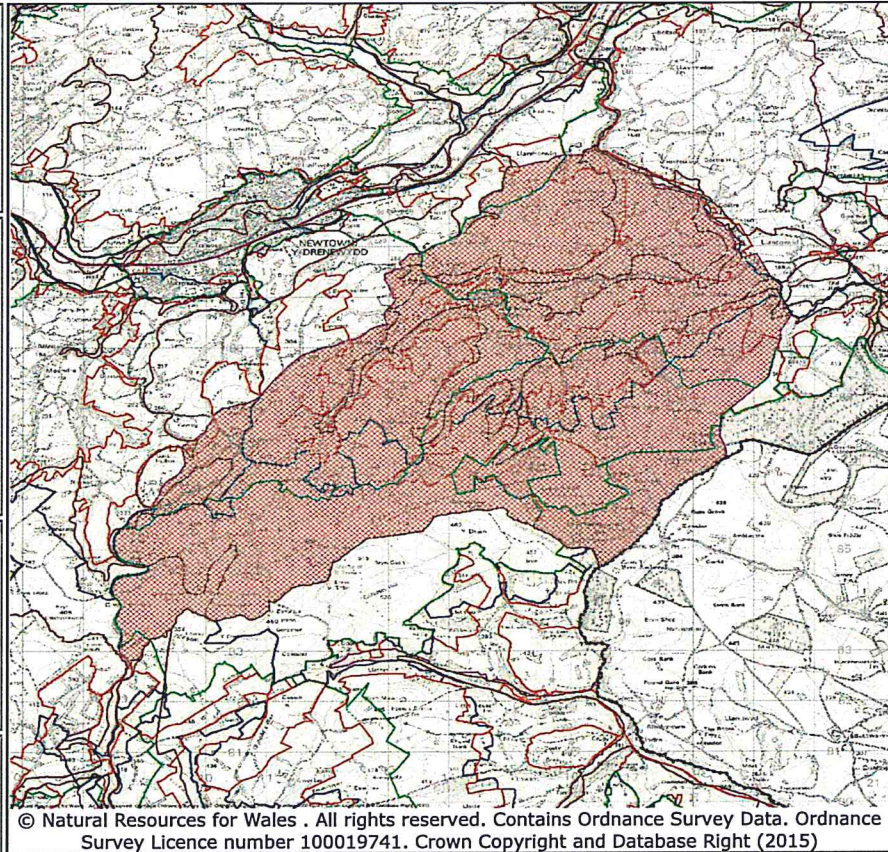
Which traditional boundary types prevail in the area? (Tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerow <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerow With Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Hedgebank <input type="checkbox"/> Post & Wire Fence
What is the nature of any significant archaeological interest in the area? (Tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Buried-dry <input type="checkbox"/> Relict-Earthworks <input type="checkbox"/> Relict-Stone Monuments <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings & Structures <input type="checkbox"/> Documentary <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Archaeology
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 (MG112 Giant's Bank Camp, MG080 Tomen Madoc Castle Mound, MG177 Camp Pen-y-gelli, MG169 Great Cloddiau Camp, MG168 Camp SW of Great Cloddiau Farm, MG136 Sibwll Wood Camp, MG135 Fron Derw Wood Camp, MG050 The Moat Mound and Bailey Castle, MG172 Site 450m NW of Glan Mule.)
Are there Listed Buildings here?	Yes
Are there Registered Historic Parks and Gardens here?	No
Are there Conservation Areas here?	Yes (Saw Mill Conservation Area.)
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?	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...
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	See general bibliography in Technical Report, and sources quoted in Regional Historic Environment Record...
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	
Additional Comments	
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	Outstanding (See overall justification.)
Justification of overall evaluation	Area of irregular fields and some sinuous woodland occupying archetypal rolling Montgomeryshire hill land. Dominated by medieval and later agriculture with high status farms and houses and minor settlements, but also a large numbers of earlier prehistoric burial monuments and later prehistoric defended settlements (hillforts and enclosures), and medieval defensive works. Of exceptional interest.
Evaluation	
Condition:	
Value:	Outstanding
Trend:	Constant
Recommendations	
Existing management	
Existing management remarks:	
Principal management recommendations	
Guideline	
Description	
Summary Description / Key Patterns and Elements	Mixed fieldscapes in the valley of the river Mule and the surrounding and the surrounding hill slopes around Kerry, between the northern escarpment of the Kerry Hills and the Severn valley. The more irregular field patterns appear to represent early piecemeal clearance and enclosure from medieval and earlier times whilst areas of more regular, straight-sided fields appear to represent late 18th and 19th-century enclosure of former commons. Blocks and strips of 20th-century conifer plantation, mixed woodland, and some residual ancient broadleaved woodland on the steeper hill slopes and in stream valleys. Early settlement and land use is indicated by early prehistoric burial mounds and

	by later prehistoric hillforts at Great Cloddiau, Giant's Bank, Pen-y-gelli, Sibyll Wood, Pen-y-castell and Fron Derw and a scatter of smaller defended enclosures of later prehistoric and Roman date. Medieval land use and settlement is indicated by the earthwork castle at Tomen Madoc and by occasional farms and houses and areas of relict ridge and furrow of certain or possible medieval origin. Dispersed farms, gentry houses and cottages of post-medieval date, including Dolforfan Hall, the former focus of small landed estate. Small nucleated church settlement of medieval origin at Llanmerewig.
If Classification is "Other", specify here	
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Integrity	High (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Potential	Outstanding (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity	Outstanding (Early prehistoric enclosures)
Evaluation Criteria: Survival	High (See overall justification.)
Evaluation Criteria: Condition	High (See overall justification.)
Monitoring	
Date of monitoring?	2017-03-15
Monitoring undertaken by	Historic Landscape change detection work completed by the relevant Welsh Archaeological Trust (WAT) for this area, the planning authority have been included. Quality Assurance of change detection work was completed by Trysor. Trysor have completed the monitoring amendments to the changed surveys and the WATs to the GIS boundaries
Has this record been updated following monitoring work?	This record has been updated following monitoring work, there was a real change in the aspect area
Change indicated by	OS Data, Aerial Photographs Policies, plans & information resources
What has changed?	

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Cultural Landscape

Aspect Area Name	Kerry and Dolfor	 <p>© Natural Resources for Wales . All rights reserved. Contains Ordnance Survey Data. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100019741. Crown Copyright and Database Right (2015)</p>
Aspect Area Classification	Associations/Notional Expressions/People/Other People (specify) (Level 4)	
Aspect Area Code	MNTGMCL048	
Date Of Survey : 29/10/2005		

Description

The classification at level 3 describes the dominant cultural context, but which other contexts are important to the cultural landscape of this area?	Infrastructure Places People
Which level 4 classes are particularly significant to the cultural landscape character of this area - Influences?	Agricultural Rural Settlement Defence & Security Tourism
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?	Strong (Level 4 details accumulate to convey the essence of a landscape that contains multi-period evidence of human exploitation and habitation)
To what extent is the cultural information widely recognised or appreciated?	Locally (Locally - in the sense that local people are familiar with the evidence of evolved occupation)
Are there any artistic expressions that are particularly famous or associated with the Aspect Area?	No
Are there any people / movements / institutions that are particularly famous or associated with the Aspect Area?	No
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?	Evolved
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
Summary Description: (no more than 150 words)	This intensely rural landscape lies to the east of the A483 trunk road in the rolling hills extending from the southern Vale of Montgomery to the English border. This "hidden" landscape bears extensive mapped evidence of evolved occupation and exploitation from prehistory to the present day, including Bronze Age funerary sites, tumuli, dykes, Norman mottes, manor houses, farmsteads and small attractive settlements. These special qualities have been recognised through the designation of high numbers of Conservation Areas.
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	
If yes, give examples of the place-names and their significance	n/a
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?	Some (Boundaries are drawn in an attempt to encompass typical examples from various periods of how the landscape has evolved)
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
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?	No
Has the information ever been verified in the field?	Yes (Site observations)
Aspect Area Boundary	
What is the justification for the Aspect Area boundaries?	Boundaries are drawn in an attempt to encompass typical examples from various periods of how the landscape has evolved
Bibliography	
List the key sources used for this assessment	Unitary Development Plan: Montgomeryshire Proposals and Inset Maps; Powys County Council, 2004; The Buildings of Wales, Richard Haslam; Penguin Books and University of Wales Press, 1979,1992; A Guide to Ancient and Historic Wales: Clwyd and Powys, Helen Burnham; HMSO/Cadw, 1995
Assessment	
Additional Assessments	none
Additional Comments	none
Evaluation Matrix	
Evaluation Criteria: Overall Evaluation	High (High as a "hidden" landscape replete with evidence of occupation and exploitation over millennia)
Justification of overall evaluation	See Q40
Evaluation Criteria:	Local recognition (Known principally to those who live there and to specialists such as the compilers of the Historic

Recognition/transparency	Landscapes Registers)
Evaluation Criteria: Period	Very apparent (High because of the evidence of multi-period occupation)
Evaluation Criteria: Rarity (Culture)	Commonplace (There are many similarly evolved rural landscapes in Wales)
Evaluation Criteria: Documentation	Unassessed
Evaluation Criteria: Group Value	Substantial (High as a grouping of multi-period human exploitation and occupation)
Evaluation Criteria: Survival	N/A (The landscape has survived through gradual evolution of exploitation and occupation)
Evaluation Criteria: Vulnerability	Tolerant (High in the sense that gradual or radical change through development would compromise the integrity of the landscape as it appears today)
Evaluation Criteria: Diversity	Complex (The evidence of occupation and exploitation is highly diverse)
Evaluation Criteria: Potential (Culture)	Unrecognised (Low in the sense that the landscape's cultural essence is well defined, and should be permitted to remain so)
Description	
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Which level 4 classes are particularly significant to the cultural landscape character of this area - Associations?	Places & Place Names Sense of Place Other People (specify) ("Other people" is selected at Level 4 to reflect the influence on the landscape of people from prehistory to the present day) Religions & Beliefs Leisure/Recreation
Evaluation	
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Condition:	Good (From observation, generally good)
Value:	High (High as an historically evolved landscape whose integrity is generally unburdened by modern development)
Trend:	Constant (Apparently constant as a landscape that is satisfied with itself as it has evolved)
Recommendations	
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Existing management:	Generally Appropriate
Existing management remarks:	Apparently appropriate from observation
Principal management recommendations	Continue to limit modern development
Guideline	Long Term (If ever criteria for Rural Conservation Areas are eventually agreed, consideration should be given to this area being so designated)
Description	
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If Classification is "Other", specify here	

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