

# GLAMORGAN GWENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD ENQUIRY REPORT - CORE RECORDS

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## Search criteria

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**PRN 00379<sub>w</sub> NAME GARN GOCH NGR SS6056398083 COMMUNITY Penllergaer**

**TYPE Bronze Age, Cairn, RANK: 1**

**SUMMARY** *This cairn, said to have originally been a 'raised mound of earth' surmounted by 'a huge pile of stones, was excavated in 1855 by J Dilwyn Llewelyn (Stanley and Way 1868; Anon 1886). Monument now badly disturbed by a brick building on top.*

**DESCRIPTION** *This cairn, said to have originally been a 'raised mound of earth' surmounted by 'a huge pile of stones, was excavated in 1855 by J Dilwyn Llewelyn (Stanley and Way 1868; Anon 1886). RCAHMW summarises the results of the excavation as follows: 'The mound...found to be 27.4 m in diameter and 1.5 m high, containing a buried stone ring 4.6 - 5.5 m wide with an internal diameter of 7.3 m, its centre being 2.5 m S. of that of the cairn. The primary central burial seems to have been rifled, but the following secondary burials were discovered: 1. In the stone ring (or just within it) on the S. A stone cist (B), externally 0.8 m by 0.5 m, and 0.6 m deep; capstone 0.4 m square. The cist contained human bones and ashes. 2. Outside the stone ring on the S. A circular stone cist (A), 0.4 m in diameter and 0.3 m deep; capstone 0.6 m by 0.4 m. The cist contained charcoal and animal bones (?wild boar). The remaining burials were all found outside the stone ring on the W: 3. A stone cist (G) containing human bones and a cinerary urn at least 33 cm high, ornamented with cord impressions. 4. A cinerary urn (H) 24 cm high (now in Swansea Museum), containing human bones, with a cover - stone but no cist. 5. A stone cist (D) containing charcoal, human bones and a pigmy cup. 6. A "cist of clay" containing a pigmy cup (I) and a fragment of flint. 7. A stone cist (J) containing a large cinerary urn inside which was a pigmy cup (now in the British Museum). Two other cists containing charcoal found, also isolated pottery sherd. Apparently at least two other urns subsequently found: 8. 27 cm high, in a cavity dug into original ground surface E of centre, lined with charcoal and covered by a slab (urn now in the British Museum). 9. 18 cm high, inverted on a flat stone (urn now in BM). In all, 9 urns said to have been found, plus two flint implements, "one a rude knife, and one an equally rude spearhead". The monument now consists of a well-marked mound, badly affected by disturbance especially in the middle where there are the remains of a brick building (a powder magazine according to Morgan (1899, 38). A narrow NE-SW trench on the S side may be the remains of an excavation, though it is too sharp to be part of the 1855 excavations. References: Anon, 1886, Report of the Swansea meeting, Archaeol Cambrensis 5 ser 3, 322-45 Morgan, W Ll, 1899, An antiquarian survey of East Gower Stanley, W O and Way, A, 1868, Ancient interments and sepulchral urns found in Anglesey and North Wales, with some account of examples in other localities, Archaeol Cambrensis 3 ser 14, 217-293 19.8m diameter, max height c1.7m (NW side) GGAT 72 Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites survey 2001. (1961/1976) The cairn is now grass grown and*

extensively mutilated; it is 29.9 m in diameter, the interior largely dug away to within 0.9 m of the ground level, and the remaining rim from 0.9 to 1.7 m high. At the centre are the foundations of a stone and brick building 4m square surrounded by a narrow ditch. The cairn is said formerly to have consisted of 'a raised mound of earth' on which was 'a huge pile of stones' 1.5 or 1.8 m high, which were carted away for cottage- and road-building c 1800. The remaining mound was excavated in 1855 and found to be 27.4 m in diameter and 1.5 m high, containing a buried stone ring 4.6 - 5.5 m wide with an internal diameter of 7.3 m, its centre being 2.5 m S. of that of the cairn. The primary central burial seems to have been rifled, but the following secondary burials were discovered: 1. In the stone ring (or just within it) on the S. A stone cist (B), externally 0.8 m by 0.5 m, and 0.6 m deep; capstone 0.4 m square. The cist contained human bones and ashes. 2. Outside the stone ring on the S. Acircular stone cist (A), 0.4 m in diameter and 0.3 m deep; capstone 0.6 m by 0.4 m. The cist contained charcoal and animal bones (?wild boar). The remaining burials were all found outside the stone ring on the W. : 3. A stone cist (G) containing human bones and a cinerary urn at least 33 cm high, ornamented with cord impressions. 4. A cinerary urn (H) 24 cm high (now in Swansea Museum), containing human bones, with a cover - stone but no cist. 5. A stone cist (D) containing charcoal, human bones and a pigmy cup. 6. A 'cist of clay' containing a pigmy cup (I) and a fragment of flint. 7. A stone cist (J) containing a large cinerary urn inside which was a pigmy cup (now in BM). Two other cists containing charcoal found, also isolated pottery sherd. Apparently at least two other urns subsequently found: 8. 27 cm high, in a cavity dug into original ground surface E of centre, lined with charcoal and covered by a slab (urn now in BM). 9. 18 cm high, inverted on a flat stone (urn now in BM). In all, 9 urns said to have been found, plus two flint implements, 'one a rude knife, and one an equally rude spearhead'. (Source 01) (1985) This seems large for a barrow - is it perhaps a ring cairn? Hut in the centre has caused severe disturbance to interior. A groove has been cut through bank to the south, perhaps for drainage. (Source 15) (1989) The site is substantially unchanged since the previous visit. The foregoing account suggests that the structure may have originally been a ring cairn, although the report of a large amount of stone being removed from the top seems puzzling if this is the case. The brick building is not recorded in 1856 but present in 1956. It is not clear to what extent the ring visible above ground today may conform to the ring discovered during the excavations. It would appear that it has been reinstated, at least in part, since the overall dimensions are basically unchanged. (Source 17)

#### CONDITION

CONDITION: Damaged DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED:

STATUS Scheduled Monument GM199

CROSS REFERENCES Same as 95143 GGATE000611

#### SOURCES

- 01/ PM list// RCAHM// 1976/ Glam Invent/ p 79 No 235
- 02/ MM Record card/ OS/// 1957/ SS 69 NW 8/
- 03/ MM Record card/ OS/// 1976/ SS 69 NW 8/
- 04/ PM desc text/// 1920/ Guide to the Antiquities of the B.A./ p 95 fig. 99/
- 05/ PM desc text/// 1956/ Arch Camb CV/ pp 63 - 7/
- 06/ PH desc text/// 1868/ Arch Camb / pp 252 - 4/
- 07/ PH desc text/// 1886/ Arch Camb / p 326/
- 08/ PM Desc text/// 1939/ Arch Camb XCIV/ pp 24 - 5/
- 09/ PM Desc text// Abercromby/ J./ 1912/ B.A. Pottery of GB & Ireland II/pl LXVIII 80 - 80 a/
- 10/ PM Desc text// Wheeler/ REM/ 1925/ Preh. & Ro. Wales/ fig 79, 2
- 11/ PM Desc text// Savory/ HN/ 1958/ BCS XVIII/ Pt 1, pp 89 - 118
- 12/ PM Desc text// Rutter/ JG/ 1948/ Prehistoric Gower/ p 56, VI/
- 13/ PH desc text// Llewellyn/ TD/ 1855/ Arch Camb/ Vol I, Second series, pp 297 - 8
- 14/ PM Mention// Thamas/ E/ 1975/ Llchwyr soc. Mag. Vol I/
- 15/ MM Desc text/ CADW/ Burnham/ HB/ 14. 5. 85// AM 7 199
- 16/ MM Photo/ GGAT// 1984// C.S.
- 17/ MM Desc text/ CADW/ Burnham/ HB/ 1989/ Am 107 199/
- 18/ MM Desc text/ CADW/ Burnham/ HB/ 1996/ Am 107

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PRN 00390w NAME Battlefield (Carn Goch Common) NGR SS610980 COMMUNITY Penllergaer

TYPE Unknown, Battlefield, RANK: 1

SUMMARY Carn Goch Common is the traditional site of the battle in 1135 AD somewhere between Swansea and Loughor, where the Welsh defeated the Normans; Gerald of Wales notes that the battle took place on a plain between Swansea and the River Loughor.

DESCRIPTION Garn Goch Common is traditionally believed to be the site of a battle in 1135 AD somewhere between Swansea and the River Loughor, where the Welsh defeated the Anglo-Normans. This is based on a comment given by Gerald of Wales in his 'Iterarium Cambriae' (Journey through Wales), the account of his travels accompanying Archbishop Balwin of Canterbury preaching the First Crusade in 1188. 'From Swansea, or Abertawe we proceeded towards the River Loughor, through the plain in which Howel son of Merdyth of Bycheiniog after the decease of King Henry I, gained a signal victory over the English' (R C Hoare's translation). 'Next we made our way through

open countryside towards the River Loughor. Not long after the death of Henry I, Hywel ap Meredudd fought a pitched battle against the local English, killing quite a few of their regular troops' (L Thorpe's translation for Penguin Classics) The Roman road between Neath and Loughor crosses Garn Goch Common, a possible route for troops making a foray from Breconcknock to southern Carmarthenshire. 'Somewhere in these parts (though the exact place is unknown) the Normans were totally defeated and routed in 1135. The Welsh, under Griffith ap Rees, assisted by Howell ap Meredyth, had driven the Normans out of Cardiganshire, and following their retreat again attacked and routed them, with a loss to the Normans of three thousand killed and many drowned or taken prisoner...The Brut y Tywysigion places this battle at Glyn Neath (Neath abbey) and attributes it to Caradoc ap Jestyn; but Camden locates it at Loughor, and he attributes it to Howell ap Meredyth. Giraldus, who went over the ground only fifty years after the event and consequently ought to have known, places it on these plains and also attributes it to Howell ap Meredyth. Carn Goch Common on his authority must certainly be considered as the battlefield' (Morgan 1899, 27).

#### CONDITION

CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED:

STATUS None recorded

CROSS REFERENCES - -

#### SOURCES

Book Llewellyn Morgan, W 1899 An antiquarian survey of east Gower GG.9341.MOR

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**PRN 01189.0w** NAME Gowerton Mineral Railway NGR SS59289640, SS60609838 COMMUNITY Gowerton  
TYPE Post-Medieval, Tramway, RANK: 1

**SUMMARY** A dismantled mineral railway, branching from the main line at Gowerton station heading east. The railway was dismantled and its course survives as a footpath and in field boundaries.

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#### CONDITION

CONDITION: Destroyed DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 2004

STATUS None recorded

CROSS REFERENCES - - GGATE001091

#### SOURCES

Report Doyle J & Purdue J 1990 A484 Llanelli Link Road, Stage 2, Archaeological watching Brief 28 90/01 /PM MAP/OS///1900;1907/6" 2nd ED/SHEETS XIV SW & XIV SE/\*  
/MM SURVEY//KAHN/Dr M/AUG 1981/GREEN WEDGE SURVEY/\*  
01. Sherman A (2003), GGAT A811 North Gower Sewerage Treatment Works: Archaeological Assessment

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**PRN 01357w** NAME GORSEINON COLLIERY NGR SS60409832 COMMUNITY Penllergaer  
TYPE Post-Medieval, Colliery, RANK: 1

**SUMMARY** Does not appear on the first OS Map 1879. Appears on OS Map 1899. It has a railway and a few associated buildings. On OS Map 1919 the name has changed from Gorseinon Colliery to Garn-goch Colliery. There is not significant development. On OS Map 1949 the colliery is still under the name Garn-goch but it is disused. On the most recent map the site appears to be covered by an Industrial Estate.

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#### CONDITION

CONDITION: Destroyed DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED:

STATUS None recorded

CROSS REFERENCES - - GGATE001091

#### SOURCES

Map Ordnance Survey 1st Edition OS map 6"  
Map Ordnance Survey 2nd Edition OS map 6"

Map Ordnance Survey 3rd Edition OS map 6"

Map Ordnance Survey 4th Edition OS map 6"

Report Doyle J & Purdue J 1990 A484 Llanelli Link Road, Stage 2, Archaeological watching Brief 28 90/01

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**PRN 01386w** **NAME** Garn-goch Colliery (No. 3) **NGR** SS61249815 **COMMUNITY** Penllergaer

**TYPE** Unknown, Colliery, **RANK:** 1

**SUMMARY** Does not appear on OS Map 1879 or OS Map 1899. Appears on OS Map 1919. There are many buildings and a tram or railway. There are at least two shafts and a smithy. It is connected by the Mineral Railway. Appears very similar on OS Map 1949.

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#### **CONDITION**

**CONDITION:** Not known **DESCRIPTION:** - **RELATED EVENT:** - **RECORDED:**

**STATUS** None recorded

**CROSS REFERENCES** - - GGATE001091

#### **SOURCES**

Map Ordnance Survey 1st Edition OS map 6"

Map Ordnance Survey 2nd Edition OS map 6"

Map Ordnance Survey 3rd Edition OS map 6"

Map Ordnance Survey 4th Edition OS map 6"

Report Doyle J & Purdue J 1990 A484 Llanelli Link Road, Stage 2, Archaeological watching Brief 28 90/01

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**PRN 03201w** **NAME** Findspot **NGR** SS60509810 **COMMUNITY** Penllergaer

**TYPE** Neolithic, Cinerary urn, **RANK:** 1

**SUMMARY** Keywords (see Middleton Jones):- URNS X 2; BRIT. MUSEUM 1920. FIG 90; BA106; \*; LLANGYFELACH; SWANSEA; LLANGYFELACH; CARN-GOCH; CINERARY URNS; 230

**DESCRIPTION** Keywords (see Middleton Jones):- URNS X 2; BRIT. MUSEUM 1920. FIG 90; BA106; \*; LLANGYFELACH; SWANSEA; LLANGYFELACH; CARN-GOCH; CINERARY URNS; 230

#### **CONDITION**

**CONDITION:** Not known **DESCRIPTION:** - **RELATED EVENT:** - **RECORDED:** 1997

**STATUS** None recorded

**CROSS REFERENCES** - -

#### **SOURCES**

02/desc text/middleton-jones/199?/Gower, South Wales, a computer based investigation

01/desc text/GGAT/0/GGAT/GGAT STRAY FIND/METAL DETECTOR FIND

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**PRN 03202w** **NAME** Findspot **NGR** SS60509810 **COMMUNITY** Penllergaer

**TYPE** Neolithic, Cinerary urn, **RANK:** 1

**SUMMARY** Keywords (see Middleton Jones):- URN X1 SEE ARCH. CAMB. 1939 24-5 PLUS FIGS; ; BA107; \*; LLANGYFELACH; SWANSEA; LLANGYFELACH; CARN-GOCH; CINERARY URN; 231

**DESCRIPTION** Keywords (see Middleton Jones):- URN X1 SEE ARCH. CAMB. 1939 24-5 PLUS FIGS; ; BA107; \*; LLANGYFELACH; SWANSEA; LLANGYFELACH; CARN-GOCH; CINERARY URN; 231

#### **CONDITION**

**CONDITION:** Not known **DESCRIPTION:** - **RELATED EVENT:** - **RECORDED:** 1997

**STATUS** None recorded

**CROSS REFERENCES** - -

#### **SOURCES**

02/desc text/middleton-jones/199?/Gower, South Wales, a computer based investigation

01/desc text/GGAT/0/GGAT/GGAT STRAY FIND/METAL DETECTOR FIND

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**PRN 03203w** NAME SITE NAME NOT KNOWN NGR SS60509810 COMMUNITY Penllergaer  
TYPE Bronze Age, Pygmy cup, RANK: 1

**SUMMARY** Keywords (see Middleton Jones):- SEE WHEELER 1925.FIG.79..FINDS B.M; ALL EXC. BY LLEWELYN JD 1855 EXC. OF BARROW; BA108; \*; LLANGYFELACH; SWANSEA; LLANGYFELACH; CARN-GOCH; PIGMY CUP; 232

**DESCRIPTION** Keywords (see Middleton Jones):- SEE WHEELER 1925.FIG.79..FINDS B.M; ALL EXC. BY LLEWELYN JD 1855 EXC. OF BARROW; BA108; \*; LLANGYFELACH; SWANSEA; LLANGYFELACH; CARN-GOCH; PIGMY CUP; 232

**CONDITION**

CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1997

STATUS None recorded

CROSS REFERENCES - -

**SOURCES**

02/desc text/middleton-jones/199?/Gower, South Wales, a computer based investigation  
01/desc text/GGAT/0/GGAT/GGAT STRAY FIND/METAL DETECTOR FIND

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**PRN 04604w** NAME Anti-glider trenche NGR SS60949725, SS6050398012 COMMUNITY Llwchwr  
TYPE Modern, Aircraft obstruction, RANK: 1

**SUMMARY** Anti-glider trench from Second World War seen on aerial photographs from 1940s (RAF1945 APs) to modern day.

**DESCRIPTION** Anti-glider trench from Second World War seen on aerial photographs from 1940s to modern day. Numerous anti-invasion structures were created by the Home Guard or troops. Numerous examples are to be found on open land in the area.

**CONDITION**

CONDITION: Damaged DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED:

STATUS None recorded

CROSS REFERENCES - -

**SOURCES**

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**PRN 06762w** NAME Anti-glider trench at Carn Goch NGR SS6078497866 COMMUNITY Penllergaer  
TYPE Modern, anti aircraft defence site, RANK: -

**SUMMARY** Anti-glider trench noted on aerial photograph (HER Wales 2012)

**DESCRIPTION** Anti-glider trench noted on aerial photograph (HER Wales 2012)

**CONDITION**

CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 2012

STATUS None recorded

CROSS REFERENCES - -

**SOURCES**

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**PRN 06763w** NAME Isolation hospital, Carn Goch Common NGR SS6069997822 COMMUNITY Penllergaer  
TYPE Post-Medieval, infectious diseases hospital, RANK: -

**SUMMARY** Isolation Hospital within rectangular inclosure noted on 3rd edition OS map 1916. Visible on modern APs as overgrown area.

**DESCRIPTION** Isolation Hospital within rectangular inclosure noted on 3rd edition OS map 1916. Visible on modern APs as overgrown area.

**CONDITION**

*CONDITION: DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED:*

**STATUS** *None recorded*

**CROSS REFERENCES** - -

**SOURCES**

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