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

## Enquiry reference number: 5419
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## Search criteria

1km radius of ST 29888 93890

**PRN** *00135g* **NAME** *TY'N Y PWLL* **NGR** *ST29839470* **COMMUNITY** *Cwmbran Central*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, House, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *House has stone rubble walls with cement facing & the SE side is strengthened by a large buttress. The roof is slate & the windows & doorways are modern.*

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**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 21020*

**SOURCES**

*02/PM Desc Text//Fox & Raglan/1954/Monm.Houses/Pt3 p169*
*01/MM Record Card/OS//1957/ST 29 SE 4/*

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**PRN** *00148g* **NAME** *TY COCH FARMHOUSE* **NGR** *ST2973093270* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Farmhouse, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Ty Coch is now a farmhouse, but was once a manor known as Redcastle. The manor house in 1622 is referred to as Tyr Castell Coch & in the occupation of Roger Jones*

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**STATUS** *listed building 28181 II*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 20984 GGATE002570*

**SOURCES**

*01/MM Record Card/OS//1957/ST 29 SE 14/*
*02/PM Desc Text//Fox & Raglan/1954/Monm.Houses/Pt3 p82*
*04/PM Desc Text///1908/Calender of Inquis Post Mortem/V5 ed2 p336*
*08/MM Note/RCAHM//1982//*
*06/PM Desc Text//Smith P/1975/Houses of the Welsh Countryside/*
*03/PM Desc Text//Bradney J/1923/Hist of Monm./V3 pt2 pp193&242*
*05/PM List//Welsh Office/1980/Blds of Sp Arch or Hist Int/*
*07/MM Desc Text/RCAHM/AJP/1982//*

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**PRN** *00634g* **NAME** *Gwern y Defaid* **NGR** *ST3093* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, House, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Gwern-y-defaid was extant in 1707; a deed of allotment was drafted to partition the estates of Sir Edward Morgan. The property was listed under Llanvihangel and held by Edward Wm Philip which included lands, house and a barn (OS Record Card).*

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**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *- -*

**SOURCES**
*Document OS Record Card*

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**PRN** *00660g* **NAME** *LLan-yr Afon* **NGR** *ST30289471* **COMMUNITY** *Llanyrafon*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Water mill, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *LLan-yr Afon is situated between Llan-yr-avon Way and Llanfrechfa Way. The mill dates to the late 18th to early 19th century and was burnt in 1971 to be partially restored soon after. The Cadw Listed Building Description is as follows: 'A mill is possibly recorded in C14, recorded on present site in 1632, part of the Llanyrafon estate of the Griffiths family. Sold with estate in 1892 to Richard Leybourne, and given to his daughter, married to A. Pilliner of Llantarnam Grange. Sold in 1921 to the tenant family, the Waits who operated the mill until bought by the Cwmbran Development Corporation in 1951. Since 1995 under restoration by the Friends of Llanyrafon Mill. The wooden parts of the machinery were mostly lost in the fire, the iron work that survives is C19. There were three sets of stones' (Cadw Listed Building Description).*

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**CONDITION**
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**STATUS** *listed building 27026 II*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 40069*

**SOURCES**
*Online Resource Cadw Listed Buildings Description*

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**PRN** *02208g* **NAME** *LLANYRAFON FARM* **NGR** *ST30329458* **COMMUNITY** *Llanyrafon*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Farm, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Restored post-medieval farm, open to the public. See also PRN 2209g.*

**DESCRIPTION** *Restored post-medieval farm, open to the public.*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Near intact DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1988*

**STATUS** *listed building 3140 II*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Associated with 2209g*

**SOURCES**

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**PRN** *02209g* **NAME** *LLANYRAVON FARM BARN* **NGR** *ST30329458* **COMMUNITY** *Llanyrafon*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Barn, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Restored post-medieval barn at Llanyrafon Farm. See also PRN 02208g.*

**DESCRIPTION** *Restored post-medieval barn at Llanyrafon Farm.*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1988*

**STATUS** *listed building LB ?*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 43281, Associated with 02208g*

**SOURCES**

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**PRN** *03195.0g* **NAME** *BLAENAVON-NEWPORT RAILWAY* **NGR** *SO25270850,
SO28780028* **COMMUNITY** *Blaenavon*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Railway, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *FORMER D15: Dismantled railway (part mineral) running from Blaenavon to Pontypool
(SO27900125), and from Cwmbran (ST29279485) to Newport. Blaenavon to Llantarnam was closed as a
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**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED:*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Associated with 03195.1g GGATE003720, GGATE003721*

**SOURCES**
*Report Locock M 1992 Archaeological Desk Top Study Pontypool Gas Pipeline Rationalisation (HP 4 ) 197 92/02
Report Wilson N 1993 Archaeological Watching Brief Pontypool Gas Pipeline Rationalisation (HP 4) 247 93/02
/PM DESC TEXT////1966-7/SEWIAS JOURNAL VOL 1 No2/p40*
map/OS/1882*

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**PRN** *03263.0g* **NAME** *MONMOUTHSHIRE TO BRECON CANAL* **NGR** *ST3104088570,
SO0464628401* **COMMUNITY** *Shaftesbury*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Canal, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Originally two canals, the Monmouthshire Canal was completed in 1799 by Thomas Dadford with
the Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal added to this in 1812.*

**DESCRIPTION** *The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canals were originally two canals. The Act for the
Monmouthshire Canal was passed in June 1792, the main promoters being Sir Charles Morgan of Tredegar,
William Esdaile the London banker, Josiah Wedgewood, the 1st Duke of Beaufort and Thomas Hill the ironmaster.
The engineer was Thomas Dadford Junior and it was completed in 1799 and first opened in 1801, creating 11 miles
from Pontnewynydd to Newport and an 11 mile Crumlin Arm from Malpas to Crumlin. Though the projected cost
was ◆108, 000 the final cost rose to ◆220, 000. The Monmouth Canal involved a combined rise of 793 feet and,
the associated construction of 74 locks, 2 tunnels and 3 aqueducts. The Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal was
completed in 1812 when it joined the Monmouthshire Canal at Pontymoile. In comparison to the Monmouth Canal
the Brecknock and Abergavenny Canal only needed 6 locks, 1 aqueduct and a 375 yard tunnel. In the 1860s the
canal was eclipsed by the Brecon and Merthyr Railway though 33 miles still remains navigable.*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1998*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *- - GGATE003720, GGATE002337, GGATE005408*

**SOURCES**

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**PRN** *03263.75g* **NAME** *TOP LOCK, TY COCH LOCKS,* **NGR** *ST29159358* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Canal lock, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon canal*

**DESCRIPTION** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon canal*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1998*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 85167*

**SOURCES**

*01/map/OS/1882*

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**PRN** *03263.76g* **NAME** *TOP LOCK BRIDGE, TY COCH* **NGR** *ST29159356* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Canal bridge, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Bridge over the Monmouthshire and Brecon canal at the locks at Ty Coch.*

**DESCRIPTION** *Bridge over the Monmouthshire and Brecon canal at the locks at Ty Coch.*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1998*

**STATUS** *listed building 81864 II*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 85166*

**SOURCES**

*01/map/OS/1882*

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**PRN** *03263.77g* **NAME** *TOP LOCK, TY COCH LOCKS,* **NGR** *ST29219316* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Canal lock, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal*

**DESCRIPTION** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1998*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Same as 85168*

**SOURCES**

*01/map/OS/1882*

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**PRN** *03263.85g* **NAME** *BRAKE LOCK* **NGR** *ST2914993326* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Canal lock, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon canal*

**DESCRIPTION** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon canal*

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

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *- -*

**SOURCES**

*01/map/OS/1882*

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**PRN** *03263.86g* **NAME** *RACHELS LOCK* **NGR** *ST29149345* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*

**TYPE** *Post-Medieval, Canal lock, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon canal*

**DESCRIPTION** *lock on Monmouthshire and Brecon canal*

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

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *- -*

**SOURCES**

*01/map/OS/1882*

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**PRN** *04515g* **NAME** *RED CASTLE* **NGR** *ST29749336* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *Medieval, Castle, RANK: 1*
**SUMMARY** *Castle or manor house posibly on the site occupied by the 17th c house Ty Coch*

**DESCRIPTION** *Castle or manor house posibly on the site occupied by the 17th c house Ty Coch*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: Not known DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 1992*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *Associated with 148G*

**SOURCES**

*01/pm record card/OS//1957/ST 29 SE 14/*

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**PRN** *10712g* **NAME** *J C Hill and Company wire works, Oakfield,
Cwmbran* **NGR** *ST2923394320* **COMMUNITY** *Cwmbran Central*
**TYPE** *MODERN, METAL PRODUCT SITE, RANK: -*
**SUMMARY** *A wire works that formed a prominent part of the Eastern Group of firms contributing to the war effort of the First World War.*

**DESCRIPTION** *JC Hill and Company Limited was a firm specialising in the production of wire products. It was one of the companies forming part of the Eastern Group of firms organised under the Ministry of Munitions (Nicholson 1919) making a significant contribution to the war effort of the First World War. The products were largely the same as pre-war ones, i.e. sheet steel, bars, rails, wire etc. The firm would almost certainly have produced barbed wire used during the war. The works has been destroyed and a modern industrial park is located on the site (Crawford 2014 & 2015).*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: DESTROYED DESCRIPTION: - RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 2014*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *- - GGATE004823, GGATE004931*

**SOURCES**
*Report Crawford, J. 2014 First World War Scoping Study Glamorgan and Gwent*
*Report Crawford, J. 2015 The Sinews of War: South East Wales Industry and The First World War*
*Book Nicholson, I and Lloyd Williams, T. 1919 Wales: It's part in the War*

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**PRN** *10830g* **NAME** *Henllis Fire Brick and Retort Works, Cwmbran*
**NGR** *ST2890693898* **COMMUNITY** *Llantarnam*
**TYPE** *MODERN, BRICKWORKS, RANK: -*
**SUMMARY** *A brick works in Cwmbran owned and operated as part of the Guest Keen and Nettlefold industrial concern.*

**DESCRIPTION** *This brick works was acquired by Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds in the early 1900s and subsequently appeared on a list of Controlled Establishments in 1915 following the virtual nationalisation of GKN by the government during the First World War. It was also known as the Henllis Coal and Firebrick Works. These works had government contracts and were controlled to maximise output, eliminate wasteful duplication, and keep profits down in the face of desperate need and shortage. The works produced refractory bricks (bricks used in high temperature applications such as iron and steel manufacture), with the clay being supplied by GKNs Cwmbran Colliery. The brickworks are shown on the First through Third edition OS maps and underwent expansion between*

*these editions. The works was open until 1964 but has been demolished and replaced by a housing estate (Crawford 2014 & 2015).*

**CONDITION**
*CONDITION: NEAR DESTROYED DESCRIPTION: The site has been destroyed and replaced with a housing estate. RELATED EVENT: - RECORDED: 2014*

**STATUS** *None recorded*
**CROSS REFERENCES** *- - GGATE004823, GGATE004931*

**SOURCES**
*Book Jones, E, 1987 A History of GKN: Innovation and Enterprise 1759-1918*
*Map Ordnance Survey 1st Edition OS map 6"*
*Map Ordnance Survey 2nd Edition OS map 6"*
*Map Ordnance Survey 3rd Edition OS map 6"*
*Report Crawford, J. 2014 First World War Scoping Study Glamorgan and Gwent*
*Report Crawford, J. 2015 The Sinews of War: South East Wales Industry and The First World War*