

Dulais Valley Partnership

Heritage Audit



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Background

The Dulais Valley Partnership works in partnership with a number of agencies, such as the local authority, education and training institutions, Economic Development Agencies, voluntary organisations, democratically elected representatives and active community members to find solutions to the social and economic deprivation of the Dulais Valley. The staff of the Dulais Valley Partnership works with local volunteers, implementing a number of projects.

In January 2008 a Community Heritage Officer was appointed on a two year Heritage Lottery funded project. Part of the role was to carry out a heritage audit of the Dulais Valley to inform plans and link with the wider framework.

Sources consulted

The basis of the audit involved consulting readily available archaeological and historical information from various sources including databases, documentary and cartographic. The following repositories of information were consulted:

- **West Glamorgan Archive Service (WGAS):** Historic maps including OS maps from 1876 to the present day, Tithe Map circa 1845
- **Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments in Wales (RCAHMW):** National Monuments Record (NMR)
- **CADW:** Listed Buildings
- **Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT):** Sites and Monuments Record (SMR)
- **Countryside Commission for Wales (CCW):** Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- **Acciona Energy UK Ltd: Sites within the site boundary and within a 1 km study area. Scheduled Ancient monuments (SAM)**

Workshops and Open Days

As well as the above sources a Workshop was held at the DOVE Workshop on Wednesday 5 March 2008 with members of the Cwm Dulais Historical Society. The aim was to identify sites of significant heritage interest. The workshop took the format of a mapping exercise. Participants plotted sites of significant interest on a large-scale map using post it notes containing the following information:

- Type of site
- Name of site
- Grid reference or location (**Note:** modern six figure grid references are used, however some are given as old 25" sheet references)
- Description and notes

Three general open days were held in the three main villages during May 2008. Members of the public were invited to add sites that they thought were important to the heritage of the Dulais Valley.

The types of site have been colour coded and numbered using the following key:

- Pre industrial built landscape
- Industrial built landscape
- Cultural and Social
- Natural landscape

The following audit is an accumulation of these sources.

Pre-Industrial Built Landscape

Site No.	Class of Site	Name of Site	Date Built	Grid Ref.	Community	Access	Historical Records Listed RCAHWW	Notes/Description
1	Domestic	CRYNANT GRANGE	Post Medieval?	SN80670540	Crynant		NPRN 18462 00909w	Dwelling Crynant Grange (Neath Abbey) is known from documentary sources (extent of 1296) only and has not been located accurately.
2	Agriculture and Subsistence	CRYNANT MILL	Unknown	SN7904	Crynant		NPRN 24928	Corn Mill Manor mill of Neath Ultra.
3	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	GELLI DOCHLLITHE, CAIRN, DYLAIS HIGHER		SN79690744	Crynant		NPRN 304554	Cairn A cairn, or barrow, approximately circular, c.8.5m in diameter and 0.6m high. (source OS495card; SN70NE5)
4	Domestic	GELLI GALED		SN78520517	Crynant		NPRN 18738 CADW listed building 11848	House c.1630 farmhouse with later C17 and C18 extensions. Source; CADW list description 2004.
5	Agriculture and Subsistence	GELLI GALED, BARN TO NW, TREFORGAN		SN78500515	Crynant		NPRN 37546 CADW listed building 11849	Barn C18 hay/corn barn, originally had a 5-bay roof, now collapsed, and a threshing floor. Source; CADW list description 2004.
6	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	GELLI-BENUCHEL, CAIRN		SN81050584 On site of proposed Wind Farm	Crynant		NPRN 304758	Cairn 'A simple regular, round cairn', 8.0m in diameter and 0.3m high, with occasional kerbing showing about the perimeter. (source OS495card; SN80NW9) Amorphous grass grown stony mound. A couple of sandstone slabs can be seen in the top but it has no features which would suggest that it is manmade.

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7	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	GELLI-BENUCHEL, CAIRNS	Bronze Age	SN81180590 On site of proposed Wind Farm	Crynant		NPRN 304759 00530w	Cairn DAMAGED. Two cairns set 45m apart: I - at SN81150591 (GGAT PRN 00530W), 13.4m in diameter and 0.6m high, with indications of internal structure and having a modern shelter constructed over its N side; II - at SN81200589 (GGAT PRN 00531W), 7.0m in diameter and showing signs of robbing. (source OS495card; SN80NW10) The larger of a pair of cairns. It consists of a wide low circular mound of relatively small slabs and blocks of sandstone (<0.6m across) partly grass brown. Now overlain by boulders. The smaller of a pair of cairns. A small low mound composed of slabs of sandstone up to 0.6m across
8	Domestic	GELLIDOCHLITHE		SN79260680	Crynant		NPRN 18730	Dwelling
9	Domestic	GOULD FARM	Post Medieval	SN79660555	Crynant		NPRN 18821	House
10	Agriculture and Subsistence	HENDRE GYNNEN BYRE		SN77980438	Crynant		NPRN 37571	Cow Shed
11	Domestic	HENDREGYNNEN		SN77980438	Crynant		NPRN 18945	Dwelling
12	Unassigned	HENDREGYNNEN STONE IN FARMYARD		SN77960442	Crynant		NPRN 37568	Stone Block Pivot stone of some unknown farming use photograph only.
13	Domestic	LLWYNFFELISH		SN783025	Crynant		NPRN 19221	House
14	Domestic	LLWYNFFELISH BAKEHOUSE		SN783025	Crynant		NPRN 37593	Bake House

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15	Domestic	MYNYDD MARCH HYWEL EAST I, HOUSE PLATFORM		SN76280253	Crynant		NPRN 15388	Platform house A much mutilated house platform, 17.7m by 8.5m, terraced and hooded. A second house platform lies 118m to the N (NPRN15387). (source OS495card; SN70SE5)
16	Domestic	LLWYNONN		SN78410640	Crynant		NPRN 19231	House
17	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	MYNYDD MARCHYWEL, SUMMIT CAIRN		SN76820377	Crynant		NPRN 304577	Cairn Spread and denuded cairn, now c.14m in diameter. Traces of possible kerbing indicate that the original diameter was 10.1m. (source OS495card; SN70SE4)
18	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	NANT-Y-CAFN, POSSIBLE RINGCAIRN	Bronze Age	SN80730627	Crynant		NPRN 304765 SAM on proposed Wind Farm Site 00529w	Ring Cairn DAMAGED. A ring of 13.7m internal diameter, whose bank is 1.8-2.1m wide and 0.3m high, but absent on the N, suggesting an entrance. (source OS495card; SN80NW7) A ring Cairn defined by a grass covered stony bank 3.6m wide. The constituent stones, where visible, consists of sandstone blocks and slabs up to 0.4m across and the bank was noted by RCAHMW in 1962 to be 'mainly composed of slabs lying flat'.
19	Domestic	NANT-Y-CAFN, S. OF, HOUSE PLATFORM II.	Medieval or Post Medieval	SN80550631	Crynant		NPRN 15421 SAM on proposed Wind Farm site 00546w	Settlement 1. Part of pastoral settlement. 48 ft. x 27 ft. 2. House platform. See also NPRNs15420, 15422, 15332, 15333.

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20	Agriculture and Subsistence	NANT-Y-CAFN, S. OF, ENCLOSURE AND HOUSE PLATFORM I	Medieval	SN80650635	Crynant		NPRN 15420 SAM on proposed Wind Farm site 00545w	Settlement 1. 1, 2 and 3 form pastoral settlement. 54 ft. x 29 ft. Damaged. 2. A banked field enclosure, roughly rectangular, bounded by a stream only on the NE, which has a house platform, 16.8m by 9.8m, integrated into its W angle. There are traces of the house upon the platform. Two further house platforms, NPRNs 15421 and 15422, lie to the SW. (source OS495card; SN80NW13) See also NPRNs 15332 and 15333.
21	Domestic	NANT-Y-CAFN, S. OF, HOUSE PLATFORM III		SN80500621	Crynant		NPRN 15422 00548w	Settlement 1. Part of pastoral settlement. 48 ft. x 27 ft. 2. House Platform. See also NPRNs 15420, 15421, 15332, 15333.
22	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	PENBEGWN;PEN-Y-BIGWN, CAIRN		SN80700347	Crynant		NPRN 304774	Cairn A possible cairn, set upon a summit, 8.0m in diameter and 0.4m high, has had a shelter constructed into its centre and an Os triangulation pillar erected upon its S margins. There are reports of a circular feature, or earthwork in this vicinity. (source OS495card; SN80SW16)
23	Domestic	TIR LAN		SN79460350	Crynant		NPRN 20059	Dwelling
24	Domestic	YNYS-Y-BONT		SN79130582	Crynant		NPRN 28129	Dwelling
25	Domestic	YNYSDERW		SN79210377	Crynant		NPRN 28118	Dwelling
26	Domestic	YNYSFADOG		SN79110528	Crynant		NPRN 28119	Dwelling
27	Agriculture and Subsistence	BRYN-TEG		SN81890765	Seven Sisters		NPRN 3033	Farmstead. 19th-century farmstead in industrial locale.

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28	Transport	YNYS Y BONT BRIDGE	1814	SN79290579	Crynant		NPRN 310484 CADW listed building 82548	Bridge Finely built skew arch road bridge said to date from 1814 and to have been designed by William Whittington of Neath. Source: CADW list description 2004.
29	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	CARN CORNEL ROUND CAIRNS	Bronze Age	SN817063	Seven sisters		NPRN 304455 00533w SAM on proposed Wind farm site	Round Barrow Large round cairn (A) measuring c. 20.4m long from E to W by c. 17.7m wide and 0.9m high. The base of the mound may be partly natural and the actual cairn appears to have been circular and about 15.2m in diameter. A kerb of slabs laid flat is visible for a short distance to the S. At the centre are irregular hollows and a dry-built modern shelter. At 12m NE of cairn A is another circular mound of stones about 7.6m in diameter and 0.6m high. A deep central hollow testifies to disturbance and shows the cairn is built mainly of slabs lying flat upon one another.
30	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	CWM IRFON STANDING STONES		SN834085	Seven Sisters		NPRN 102	Standing Stone
31	Industrial	HALF-MILE POST, BFT 2.13		SN812096	Seven Sisters		NPRN 80127	Milepost Mile-post removed.
32	Domestic	HENLLAN UCHAF		SN80070772	Seven Sisters		NPRN 18959	House
33	Domestic	HENLLAN-ISAF		SN80110764	Seven Sisters		NPRN 18958	House

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34	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	CARN CORNEL, CAIRNS		SN81660629	Seven sisters		NPRN 30476000534w SAM on proposed Wind farm site	Cairn Cemetery A named cairn, whose possibly natural base is 24m by 17.7m, with the cairn superstructure estimated to be 15.2m in diameter and 0.9m high. Kerbing is apparent around the S perimeter, central robbing is in evidence, together with a recent shelter, in the interior. 10m to the NE (SN81680630) is a second cairn, 7.6m in diameter and 0.6m high, deeply robbed at the centre. 35m to the SW (SN81650624) is a boundary stone (GGAT PRN 03773W) cartographically depicted in 1900. This suggests that one or other of the cairns may have been built as, or used for, a boundary marker. source OS495card; SN80NW6)
35	Defence	HIRFYNYDD, EARTHWORK ENCLOSURE	Roman	SN82840663	Seven Sisters		NPRN 93165 SAM On proposed Wind Farm site	Enclosure NAR SN80NW18 CADW SAM No.=GM274 A rectangular, ditched and banked enclosure with rounded angles, measuring 19.5m by 18.3m between the rampart crests: apparently associated with Roman road between Neath & Coelbren (NPRN 304620); similar to excavated enclosure to south-west (NPRN 301353); thought to be minor Roman military enclosure. Source: RCAHMW 1976 Glamorgan I.2, 104 (751)

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36	Industrial	THREE-QUARTER-MILE POST,BFT 2.		SN814098	Seven Sisters		NPRN 80128	Mile post
37	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	TWYN EITHINOG, CENTRE, CAIRN, MYNYNDD-Y-DRUM		SN80890987	Seven Sisters		NPRN 304756	Cairn A cairn, 18.3m by 18.3m and 0.9m high, thought to have been elongated through ruin. The centre of the cairn has been much disturbed by digging. (source OS495card; SN80NW2)
38	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	TWYN EITHINOG, EAST, CAIRN, MYNYDD-Y-DRUM		SN81050999	Seven Sisters		NPRN 304763	Cairn A cairn, 13.7m in diameter and 0.6m high, centrally disturbed by digging. (source OS495card; SN80NW3)
39	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	TWYN EITHINOG, WEST, CAIRN, MYNYDD-Y-DRUM		SN80720975	Seven Sisters		NPRN 304757	Cairn A cairn, c.11.3m in diameter and 0.3-0.6m high, that has been much disturbed about the centre and S edge. (source OS495card; SN80NW5)
40	Domestic	BLAEN-NANTCELLWEN		SN85155094 11	Onllwyn		NPRN 40959	Farmstead Blaen-nantcellwen is of longhouse plan-type with house and farm building in a single range, possibly of c1800 date.
41	Domestic	BLAENDULAIS GRANGE		SN833098	Onllwyn		NPRN 18045	Dwelling
42	Domestic	TONCASTELL		SN86171063	Onllwyn		NPRN 20072	House
43	Domestic	RHYD-Y-PWLLAU		SN83320988	Onllwyn		NPRN 19865	Dwelling
44	Transport	PARISH ROAD OR BRIDELWAY 9			Onllwyn through to Crynant			Look at Tithe Map for route
45	Transport	CLAYPON'S TRAMWAY		3.12	Onllwyn			

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46	Defence	COELBREN ROMAN FORT		SN85880107 20	Onllwyn		NPRN 301348	

Notes/Description

Fort NAR SN81SE2

A Roman auxiliary fort that was occupied from 74-84 AD to the early to mid second century. The fort was trenched in 1904-7 (Morgan 1907). This is a rectangular earthwork enclosure, about 154m east-west by 142m, crowning a low knoll in otherwise marshy ground above the confluence of the Nant-y-bryn and the Camnant. There is an embanked annex on the east side. There appear to have been two phases of construction or occupation and construction of the roads (Sarn Helen) leading south to Neath (NPRN 304620) & north to Brecon (NPRN 407122) are tentatively associated with the later phase. A marching camp (NPRN 301347) lies across the Canmant to the south-east. Cropmark features apparently representing a large building have been observed about 300m to the south of the fort alongside Sarn Helen.

Sources: Morgan in Archaeologia Cambrensis sixth series 7 (1907), 129-174 Simpson in Archaeologia Cambrensis 112 (1963), 13-76 Jarrett 'The Roman Frontier in Wales', 2nd edition (1969), 81-3 RCAHMW Glamorgan Inventory Volume I.2 (1976), 83-4 Sell in the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust Annual Report for 1982-3, 65-6 Yates in Morgannwg 45 (2001), 84-6 J.Wiles 17.08.04

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47	Transport	ROMAN ROAD BETWEEN COELBREN AND BRECON GAER (RR622)		SN85880107 20	Onllwyn		NPRN 407122	

Notes/Description

Road NAR RR622

Roman road between Coelbren (NPRN 301348) and Brecon Gaer (NPRN 92001), passing through the Brecon Beacons. The road survives as an upstanding causeway north-east of Coelbren (NPRN 275611). Its line through the mountains is somewhat obscure, but it was recorded in excavation next to Maen Madoc (NPRN 84540). North of the mountains there is a 4.0km alignment where three sections are recorded before it bears north and is lost. These three sections are: north-east of Plas-y-fan (NPRN 407127); at the crossing of the Nant-y-llest (NPRN 275631); passing through Blaengwyrthyd (NPRN 275632). The road is a continuation of the route between Neath and Coelbren (see NPRN 304620). It enjoys an uncertain relationship with the marching camp at Plas-y-gors (NPRN 84542). Sources: Morgan in Archaeologia Cambrensis 6th series VII (1907), 133-5 Jones in Archaeologia Cambrensis 106 (1957), 56-63 RCAHMW Brecknock Inventory: Prehistoric & Roman (1986), 158-63 John Wiles 05.12.07

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48	Defence	ROMAN MARCHING CAMP SOUTH EAST OF COELBREN FORT		SN86181033	Onllwyn		NPRN 301347	Marching Camp NAR SN81SE4 The camp, set on ground falling to the north, bounded on all sides but the east by the marshy valleys of the Camnant and Afon Pyrddin, it measures 438m north-south and is 332m in breadth along the north, tapering to 305m on the south: the camp appears to have faced north along its long axis: the ramparts are damaged by modern field walls and there are no traces of entrances. Source: RCAHMW 1976
49	Transport	ROMAN ROAD FROM NEATH TO COELBREN (RR622) SARN HELEN		SN85880107 20	Onllwyn		NPRN 304620	Road NAR RR622 Roman road from Neath - Nidum - (NPRN 301350) to Coelbren (NPRN 301348). Two minor Roman military enclosures have been identified beside the road, at Hirfynydd (NPRN 93165) & Rheola Forest (NPRN 301353). The route continues north past Coelbren towards Brecon Gaer (see NPRN 407112). Sources: RCAHMW Glamorgan Inventory Volume I.2 (1976), 109 No. 755 John Wiles 05.12.07
50	Agriculture	PIGSTY		SN814088	Seven Sisters		CADW listed buildings 82048	
51	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	GNOLL STONE and CELTIC CROSS STONE			Onllwyn			Two stones found near Clwdiau Banwen. Moved to Gnoll House in 1686. Stones can now be found in Swansea Museum.

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52	Transport	CLAYPON'S TRAMWAY EXTENSION			Seven Sisters		Notes from 'Glamorgan' by John Newman, 1995	Extending from 2m W to 1 1/2m NE. Early C19 'hybrid' railway, intermediate between the horse worked railway used from the C17 and the modern locomotive hauled railway of the C19. the line was constructed from Ystradgunlais to Onllwyn to take limestone to Ynysgedwyn Ironworks. Heavily engineered and impressive it includes as its major monuments an engine house and two bridges. It was constructed in 1832-4 by the nationally known engineers John & William Brunton.

Built Industrial Landscape

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1	Industrial	BLAENANT COLLIERY		SN79590495	Crynant		NPRN 85015	Coalmine
2	Industrial	CEFNOED COLLIERY, NO. 2 SHAFT HEADFRAME		SN78510322	Crynant		NPRN 310488 CADW listed building 11859	Shaft One of only two surviving pre-war headframes in the anthracite coalfields. Source; CADW list description 2004.2004.03.08/RCAHMW/SLE
3	Industrial	CEFNOED COLLIERY, NO.1 SHAFT HEADFRAME		SN78530332	Crynant		NPRN 310487 CADW listed building 11858	Shaft One of only two surviving pre-war headframes in the anthracite coalfield. Source; CADW list description 2004.2004.03.08/RCAHMW/SLE
4	Industrial	CEFNOED COLLIERY, CRYNANT		SN785033	Crynant		NPRN 33456	Coalmine 1. Pair of shafts; first sunk 1921; closed 1968, winding engines constructed 1907 and 1927. 2. Site is currently a museum, with the steel lattice headframes of nos.1 & 2 shafts (North shaft at SN 7853 0332; South at SN 7851 0322), the south shaft winding engine house (NPRN 33703) and the pumphouse (NPRN 33458), boilerhouse (NPRN 33459) and chimney (NPRN33457).
5	Industrial	CEFNOED COLLIERY, CRYNANT: BOILER HOUSE		SN785033	Crynant		NPRN 33458 CADW listed building 11861	Boiler House Part of Cefncoed Colliery (NPRN 33456).
6	Industrial	CEFNOED COLLIERY, CRYNANT: CHIMNEY		SN78550330	Crynant		NPRN 33457 CADW listed building 11860	Chimney Part of Cefncoed Colliery (NPRN 33456).

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7	Industrial	CEFNCOED COLLIERY, CRYNANT: PUMPHOUSE		SN785033	Crynant		NPRN 33459 CADW listed building 11862	Pump Part of Cefncoed Colliery (NPRN 33456).
8	Industrial	CEFNCOED COLLIERY, CRYNANT: WINDING ENGINE HOUSE		SN78550322	Crynant		NPRN 33703 CADW listed building 11863	Engine House 1. Engine house range. 2. Cefncoed Colliery is currently a museum, including the south winding engine house and steam engine, and its associated steel lattice headframe over the shaft at SN 7851 0322.
9	Industrial	DULAIS RESOLVEN COLLIERY		SN80050438	Crynant		NPRN 85016	Coal Mine
10	Transport	DULAIS TRAMROAD		SN80760659	Seven Sisters		NPRN 405177	Tramway A tramroad formation flanking the NW slopes of Hirfynydd, south of Seven Sisters, has a total length of some 820m and incorporates two distinct 'kinks'. Its route, from the south, follows the coordinates SN80760559 to SNSN80820677 to SN81000699 to SN81170731 at its N end. The line is still visible on modern maps as a path.
11	Industrial	MYNYDD-Y-DRUM CULVERT 1, BFT		SN81570990	Seven Sisters		NPRN 80130	Culvert Arches tramroad culvert Part of: Claypon's Tramroad (NPRN 34627).
12	Industrial	MYNYDD-Y-DRUM SANDSTONE QUARRY ;BFT 2.11		SN80420927	Seven Sisters		NPRN 80125	Quarry
13	Industrial	MYNYDD-Y-DRUM SANDSTONE QUARRY;BFT 2.12		SN80530924	Seven sisters		NPRN 80126	Quarry

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14	Industrial	BANWEN DISPOSAL POINT		SN85800955	Onllwyn		NPRN 33445	Loading Stage
15	Transport	ONLLWYN IRONWORKS BRANCH, BFT		SN84151043	Onllwyn		NPRN 80165	Railway Early nineteenth-century Brecon Forest Tramroad branch to the Onllwyn Ironworks, later buried by the Khartoum Tip from the later Onllwyn Colliery, itself now a reclaimed grassy mound.
16	Transport	ONLLWYN IRONWORKS, BFT 3.3A		SN84021035	Onllwyn		NPRN 80163	Ironworks The grid-reference given is for the former centre of the works and its mines. Any remains are buried under the later colliery tip which itself has been recently remodelled.
17	Industrial	ONLLWYN IRONWORKS, CALCINING KILN		SN84061027	Onllwyn		NPRN 80156	Kiln Probable iron-ore calcining kilns, shown as 'limekilns' on the first edition 1:2,500 Ordnance Survey Map.
18	Industrial	ONLLWYN STATION NEATH+BRECON RAILWAY		SN848105	Onllwyn		NPRN 343838	Railway
19	Industrial	RIVER DULAIS BRIDGE, BFT 3.2E		SN84161049	Onllwyn		NPRN 80160	Railway Bridge Railway underbridge on the eastern Brecon Forest Tramroad branch to Onllwyn Colliery, carrying the line over the River Dulais. There are no visible remains.
20	Industrial	RIVER DULAIS UNDERBRIDGE, BFT		SN83651027	Onllwyn		NPRN 80146	Railway Bridge
21	Industrial	DULAIS COLLIERY OR CWM MAWR COLLIERY		3.12	Onllwyn			

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22	Industrial	RIVER DULAIS BRIDGE, ONLLWYN, BF		SN84151048	Onllwyn		NPRN 80164	Railway Bridge Mid or early nineteenth-century bridge carrying the eastern Brecon Forest Tramroad branch to the Onllwyn Colliery. Under the line of the later road bridge, presumed largely destroyed as no surface remains are visible.
23	Industrial	ONLLWYN COAL WASHERY, ONLLWYN		SN84571053	Onllwyn		NPRN 30637	Washing plant
24	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY DRIFT, BFT 3.		SN84181037	Onllwyn		NPRN 80161	Tunnel This started as an early nineteenth-century colliery tunnel but by the 1980s all that was visible on site was encased in twentieth-century mine ventilation apparatus. The condition of the tunnel is unknown.
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25	Industrial	BANWEN IRONWORKS		SN86781042	Onllwyn		NPRN 34071	

Notes/description

Iron Works The most complete example of an ironworks to survive on the anthracite coalfield. It was built in 1845-48 and may only have produced some 80 tons of pig iron. The cowhouse next to Tonypurddyn Farm was the carpenter's shop and smithy for the works, and a pond to supply condensing and boiler water to the blast engine remains to the rear. A small stone hut in a nearby field was a railway weighbridge house and the weighbridge itself survives intact although buried. To the south are the foundations and ruins of Tai-Garreg, stone houses which housed the workers. Between the farm and the River Pyrrdinis a huge masonry chrging bank with two substantially intact furnaces and acrumbling blast-engine house. (Site entry from "A Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of the Swansea Region", Association for Industrial Archaeology, 2nd Edition, 1989) J Hill 24.10.2003 Connected by an edge-railway to the Brecon Forest Tramroad which ran from the Swansea Canal at Cae'r-lan over the uplands of the newly enclosed Fforest Fawr to the Tramroad Wharf near Sennybridge. Published as part of Stephen Hughes, 'The Archaeology of an Early Railway System: The Brecon Forest Tramroads' (RCAHMW, Aberystwyth, 1990), Fig. 13, page 27. Stephen R. Hughes, 08.09.2007.

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26	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY LEVEL 6, BFT		SN84311013	Onllwyn		NPRN 80166	Level Nineteenth-century coal-level whose opening now lies under the upper, hillside, bank of Onllwyn Football Club.
27	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY LEVEL 7, BFT		SN84091024	Onllwyn		NPRN 80167	Tunnel A nineteenth-century colliery tunnel entrance later overlain by a public road and houses.
28	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY LEVEL 8, BFT		SN840099	Onllwyn		NPRN 80168	Tunnel Nineteenth-century colliery tunnel whose site has been obscured by later tipping.
29	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY SHAFT 2, BFT		SN84261020	Onllwyn		NPRN 80169	Shaft Nineteenth-century coal shaft later built over by gardens of an adjoining terrace.
30	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY SHAFT, BFT 3.		SN84261042	Onllwyn		NPRN 80162	Shaft Nineteenth-century shaft site, now under part of the Onllwyn Washery apron.
31	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY, COAL LEVEL 2		SN83841021	Onllwyn		NPRN 80154	Coal mine Nineteenth-century coal level shown on the first edition 1:2,500 Ordnance Survey Map.
32	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY, COAL LEVEL 3		SN83881003	Onllwyn		NPRN 80155	Coal mine Nineteenth-century coal mining tunnel shown on the first edition 1:2,500 Ordnance Survey map.
33	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY, COAL LEVEL 4		SN84031019	Onllwyn		NPRN 80157	Coal mine Nineteenth-century coal mining tunnel or adit, marked on the first edition 1:2,500 Ordnance Survey Map.
34	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY, COAL LEVEL 5		SN84081018	Onllwyn		NPRN 80158	Tunnel Nineteenth-century colliery tunnel shown on the first 1:2,500 Ordnance Survey map. Surface indications of the site have disappeared although the colliery tunnel may survive underground.

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35	Industrial	ONLLWYN COLLIERY, LEVEL 1, BFT;RHONLLWYN LEVEL		SN83751022	Onllwyn		NPRN 80147	Coal mine.
36	Industrial	SEVEN SISTERS COAL MINE	1872	SN822092	Seven Sisters			The first sod of this colliery was cut on Monday, March 11th 1872, by Miss Isobella Bevan the daughter of David Bevan of Evans and Bevan the mine owning partners. Also present at the ceremony were David Bevan's other six sisters, hence the name of the colliery and the village. During the second World War this colliery featured in an anti Nazi film called "The Silent Village". It was made with the cooperation of the South Wales Miners Federation. Seven Sisters closed in 1963/4.

Cultural and Social

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1	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	BETHANIA BAPTIST CHAPEL, WOODLAND ROAD, CREUNANT; CRYNANT	1907	SN79320491	Crynant		NPRN 9492	Chapel A chapel built in 1907 in the simple Gothic style, as a gable entry type. It has Gothic arch window and door openings with yellow brick dressings, main body of the building is built of stone.
2	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	BETHEL WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL, SCHOOL ROAD, CREUNANT; CRYNANT	1921 and 1933	SN79500513	Crynant		NPRN 9497	Chapel A chapel built in the simple round-headed style, with Art Nouveau style stained glass in the windows of the main facade. A date stone capping the gable of the facade simply carries the dates 1921 and 1933, but does not explain what these dates refer to. The exterior is covered with render except for dressings to the facade windows and brick pilasters to the side elevations.
3	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	CRYNANT CHAPEL OF EASE, CREUNANT		SN79420477	Crynant		NPRN 13421 CADW listed building 82547	Church 1. Parts of the chapel date to the 13th c, modified, altered or rebuilt 1809. Built in the Vernacular style, changed from long-wall entry type to gable entry type. Present status [1994] : other ; awaiting conversion to a funeral chapel of rest. 2. Anglican chapel of ease of medieval origin rebuilt in late C18 to early C19, and functioning as the parish church for Crynant until the building of the adjacent church in 1908-1910. Source: CADW list description 2004.

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4	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	GODRE'RHOS INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, TRE-FORGAN, CRYNANT	Built in 1753, and then modified, altered or rebuilt in 1846 and in 1856	SN79120654	Crynant		NPRN 9487 CADW listed building 23080	Chapel 1. A chapel first built in 1753, and then modified, altered or rebuilt in 1846 and in 1856. It is built in the Vernacular style, with round-headed windows with small paned glazing an Y-glazing to the heads. It is built of rustcated stonework with a fully hipped roof, and is of a long-wall entry type with two doorways. The date of the current building is 1855. Present status [2002]: unknown. 2. Well-preserved chapel of 1856 with an unusual, almost square plan form. Source: CADW list description 2004
5	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	SALEM CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHAPEL, CREUNANT; CRYNANT, DULAIS UCHAF; DYLAIS HIGHER	Built in 1769, and modified, altered or rebuilt in 1867 and again in 1937	SN79560481	Crynant		NPRN 9494	Chapel A chapel built in 1769, and modified, altered or rebuilt in 1867 and again in 1937. It is built in the Arts and Crafts style with a mixture of round-headed and segmentally-arched windows and door openings, leaded glazing, and pronounced, steeped dressings in pecked stonework. Gable entry type. Present status [2002]: unknown
6	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	SARON INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, CREUNANT; CRYNANT, DULAIS UCHAF; DYLAIS HIGHER	Built in 1904	SN79410510	Crynant		NPRN 9489	Chapel A chapel built in 1904 of stone with polychrome brick dressings, in a simple round-headed style and as a gable entry type.

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7	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	ZION CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHAPEL, NEATH ROAD, CREUNANT; CRYNANT, DULAIS UCHAF; DYLAI HIGHER	Built in 1821, modified, altered or rebuilt 1868	SN79370525	Crynant		NPRN 9496	Chapel Built in 1821, builder W.A.D.Rees, modified, altered or rebuilt 1868, architect W.Herbert and builder J.Michael. Present status [2002]: unknown
8	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	EBENEZER INDEPENDENT CHAPEL (EBENEZER VESTRY), NANT-Y-CAFN, BLAENDULAI, SEVEN SISTERS, DULAI UCHAF		SN80890765	Seven Sisters		NPRN 9486	Chapel. No evidence remaining.
9	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	OLIVET PENTECOSTAL CHAPEL, HEOL-Y-FELIN, SEVEN SISTERS,		SN82310914	Seven Sisters		NPRN 13349	Chapel
10	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	SALEM BAPTIST CHAPEL, PEN-Y-BANC, SEVEN SISTERS, DULAI UCHAF; DYLAI HIGHER	Built in 1899, and modified, altered or rebuilt 1911	SN81470847	Seven Sisters		NPRN 9493	Chapel A chapel first built in 1899, and modified, altered or rebuilt 1911. It is built in a very plain style with modern windows and render, and is a gable entry type. The date of the current chapel is 1911. Present status [2002]: unknown
11	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	SEION CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHAPEL, PEN-Y-BANC, BLAENDULAI, SEVEN SISTERS, DULAI UCHAF	Built in 1890, and modified, altered or rebuilt 1905	SN82080897	Seven Sisters		NPRN 9495	Chapel A chapel first built in 1890, and modified, altered or rebuilt 1905. It is built in the Romanesque style, as a gable entry type. Present status [1998]: disused. Recently demolished.
12	Civil	SEVEN SISTERS		SN8108	Seven Sisters		NPRN 268094	Village

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13	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	SOAR CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, PEN-Y-BANC, BLAENDULAIS, SEVEN SISTERS, DULAIS UCHAF; DYLAIS HIGHER	Built in 1878, and modified, altered or rebuilt in 1901	SN81960878	Seven Sisters		NPRN 9490	Chapel A chapel first built in 1878, and modified, altered or rebuilt in 1901. It is built in a sub-Classical style, as a gable entry type. Date of the present building:1901. Present status [2002]: unknown
14	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	YSGOLDY SOAR, BLAENDULAIS, SEVEN SISTERS, DULAIS UCHAF; DYLAIS HIGHER		SN8108	Seven Sisters		NPRN 9491	Chapel
15	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	BRYN SEION INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, ONLLWYN,		SN84811014	Onllwyn		NPRN 13352	Chapel
16	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	CALFARIA BAPTIST CHAPEL, MAIN ROAD, DYFFRYN CELLWEN		SN85341002	Onllwyn		NPRN 97304	Chapel
17	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	NODDFA WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL, MAIN ROAD, DYFFRYN CELLWEN,		SN85191009	Onllwyn		NPRN 13456	Chapel Built in the Simple Round-Headed style, gable entry type. Present status [2002]: disused
18	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	ONLLWYN INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, ONLLWYN,		SN83961011	Onllwyn		NPRN 13351	Chapel
19	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	ONLLWYN INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, ONLLWYN, DULAIS UCHAF; DYLAIS HIGHER	Built in 1848, modified, altered or rebuilt 1859	SN83971016	Onllwyn		NPRN 9488	Chapel Built in 1848, modified, altered or rebuilt 1859. Present status [2000]: demolished

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20	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	SILOH CALVINISTIC METHODIST CHAPEL, ONLLWYN ROAD, ONLLWYN,		SN82940983	Onllwyn		NPRN 97303	Chapel The Chapel is now demolished.
21	Religious, Ritual and Funerary	ST DAVID'S CHURCH, MAIN ROAD, DYFFRYN CELLWEN,		SN85450992	Onllwyn		NPRN 13435	Church
22	Dwelling	TAFARN Y BANWEN		SN857099	Onllwyn			Dwelling
23	Notable person	HOME OF BERT COOMBES		4.9	Onllwyn			Dwelling
24	Notable person	F. HENTY FATHER OF G.H. HENTY, NOVELIST		4.9	Onllwyn			C1850 F. Henty father of famous novelist G.H. Henty started mining coal. Also had an interest in Banwen Ironworks
25	Notable person	GRIFFITH JOHN			Seven Sisters			Missionary to China. Taught in the first school at Cwm-nant-hir.
26	Notable person	EVAN BEVAN'S SISTERS HOUSE		9.10	Crynant			
27	Sports	OPEN AIR BATHS		SN815085	Seven Sisters			Not there anymore
28	Dwelling	LONDON HOUSE AND DULAIS HOUSE		9.10	Crynant			Two houses joined together?
29	Sports	SPORTS GROUND		3.12	Onllwyn			
30	Dwelling	FRONT AND BACK ROW (YELLOW HOUSES)		3.12	Onllwyn			
31	Dwelling	DULAIS GARDENS (TINTOWN)		3.12	Onllwyn			Houses built with tin roofs
32	School	SCHOOL NEAR PANT-Y-GARDDAU		3.12 SN821084	Seven Sisters			Not there anymore
33	School	SCHOOL SEE C EVANS BOOK		3.15 SN817085	Seven Sisters			Not there anymore

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34	Public House	SITE OF OLDEST PUB IN SEVEN SISTERS, YSTICLAU ROAD?		3.19 SN819092	Seven Sisters			Not there anymore?
35	School	CRYNANT PRIMARY SCHOOL	1912	SN794053	Crynant			
36		SEVEN SISTERS HOARD	Found 1875	SN815074	Seven Sisters			Found by William Davies near Llwyngola Farmh. Now in Cardiff Museum. Collection of metal horse trappings, tankard handles and bell.
37		BANDSTAND		SN817086	Seven Sisters			
38		WAR MEMORIAL		SN818090	Seven Sisters		CADW listed building 82050	
39	Church	ST MARGARET	1909-1910		Crynant		Notes from 'Glamorgan' by John Newman, 1995.	By J. Cook Rees of Neath. E.E. nave with S aisle and lower chancel. Bell gable. Stained Glass in all N, S and E windows, 1951-1966 by Celtic Studios. In the E window dated 1952 credit is given to Howard Martin, designer and Hubert Thomas and BT Evans, painters. Christ between SS Margaret and James intended as a war memorial on the theme of sacrifice. For more information see Maurice Boady's article 'the Secret of the Dulais Valley. The Stained Glass Windows in St Margaret's, Crynant', Morgannwg, 1993

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40	Church	ST MARY	1910-1911		Seven Sisters		Notes from 'Glamorgan' by John Newman, 1995	By J. cook Rees of Neath. Clerestoried nave with aisles and lower chancel E.E. with some Perpstyle sculpture. Stained glass E window adoration of the Shepherds and Magi, and angelic choir above, 1921 by Clayton & Bell, early C16 style. In the S aisle several by Celtic Studios.
41	Dwelling	BRICK ROW	1871	SN81770900	Seven Sisters		Notes from 'Industrial Archaeology of the Swansea Region' by Stephen Hughes and Paul Reynolds. Additional notes from Norman Burns.	Built in 1871. The first to be built in brick hence the name. Built to house the sinkers who started work on Seven sisters pit in March 1872.

Natural Landscape

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1a-c		Caeau Ton-y-Fildre		SN865107, SN867105, SN863107			CCW SSSI	Located 2 km south of-east of Coelbren. Site covers an area of 7.4ha. Is of special interest for its extensive areas of fen-meadow and variety of closely associated damp and dry grassland and related communities that merge along gradients of soil moisture and nutrient conditions.
2		Khartoum Tip		SN 840103	Onllwyn			Recently reinstated by the DVP and Cydcoed.
3		River Dulais			The Dulais Valley			Source of the River Dulais is at Seven Sisters (Blaendulais)
4		Mynydd y Drum			The Dulais Valley			To the north east of the River Dulais
5		Hirfynydd			The Dulais Valley			To the east of the River Dulais
6		Fossil trees			Seven Sisters			Found at Nant-y-Cafn. Moulds made of the fossil trees. Where are the originals now?
7		Gors LLwyn		SN854108	Onllwyn		CCW SSSI	Site contains a range of peat depositing vegetation communities, developed on a col between the Pyrddin and Dulais Valleys. Formed a feature called a mire. Very few examples of this formation known in mid and south Wales.