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Mynydd Twmbarlwm - Gwent's most iconic landmark*

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Twmbarlwm Adventure Triangle Projects

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1. Reseed and repair fire damage to steps and knee rail within the Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM).
2. Repair floating paths within the SAM.
3. Implement Trig Point project: construct 'dry' stone plinth at base of the trig point; interpretation on the trig point and on the knee rail around the motte. Consider interpretation at access points on edge of SAM to give an overview of the SAM possibly using annotated aerial photos from first drone survey.
4. Reinststate barriers on main access path to SAM from the common to prevent vehicle access.
5. Provide signs at all access points to SAM to indicate that legal access is on foot only.
6. Improve and waymark permissive path from car park on south (Risca) side of Twmbarlwm which provides easier access to SAM.
7. Identify, waymark and provide route information for self- guided walks linking SAM with Forest Drive Visitor Centre, Forest Drive, car park on south (Risca) side, Blaen Bran and settlements such as Henllys. Update existing self - guided walk information.
8. Check feasibility of using fire break on north eastern side of SAM to provide easier access from car park 7 of Forest Drive. If feasible undertake project to provide this access.
9. Investigate feasibility of improving access to the SAM and common for the less able. If feasible undertake project(s) to improve access
10. Maintain fencing and hedge on common boundary.
11. Repair erosion scars on southern side of Twmbarlwm.
12. Repair erosion created at 'bike track' on common to east of Twmbarlwm.
13. Restore existing pond and if feasible create new pond on southern side of Twmbarlwm and provide links to restored ponds on the common.
14. Undertake bracken control on the SAM and the land to the south of Twmbarlwm to protect the SAM and encourage a greater range of habitats inside and outside of the SAM. This will need to be undertaken in conjunction with the grazier and will link in with bracken management projects on the common.



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15. Improve the appearance of the car park on south side of Twmbarlwm and possibly provide interpretation about the SAM and self - guided walks.
 16. Progress the down grading of the ORPA.
 17. Undertake works on the ORPA to control surface water run off which is causing erosion and allowing excess surface water onto the public highway.
 18. Construct a double gate 'corral' system at the entrance to the ORPA to provide better livestock control and also control vehicular access.
 19. Provide signs on the gate at the entrance to the ORPA to explain that the gate is needed to control livestock and should be kept closed.

Further Notes:

- A. We need to know what plans are already in place as we don't want to duplicate work or preparations for work.
- B. Is there any "branding" work in progress - for the promotion of the area or for directional signs or interpretation boards or any architectural features

For instance, in further regard to point 6 - Waymarked Walks. One idea is to replicate the stone monument at the car park as waymark points along a variety of walks - there could be different sized replicas from simple boulders bearing arrows to larger replicas with interpretation panels on.
- C. QR codes could be used on any signage - a QR code is like a bar code that can be scanned with a smart phone to reveal information of the location - usually in the form of a web page. If we were to implement something like that could the resulting be a CCBC web page or what we set up and manage ourselves (funding?).
- D. Will the area have a corporate name (something mentioned in the scoping study)? - Should it be put out to public suggestions?
- E. The series of walks from the car park could be named.
- F. Brown tourism signs from the main roads are needed.
- G. We have often spoke of the need for CCTV in the area of the car park but have always ended up saying it would be too difficult - could we explore this again within this new budget?
- H. The path that we created that follows the fence from the car park up to the Tump can be treacherous when wet, and footfall is starting to erode the path quite badly - should we install steps where necessary (mainly above the kissing gate half way up the slope).
- I. Sturdy, stone constructed benches around the pond (mentioned at point 13) area at top of slope from the car park. Or simply boulders set in to the ground.



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- J. Members are always asking why there's no waste bins around the car park - I always explain that they would be a hazard and difficult to manage from a council's collection point of view but if we promote the area and get more traffic to the area, casual littering will become more of a problem.
 - K. The immediate area around our dry stone monument is nothing but thistles in the summer - these should be permanently got rid of somehow.

LONGER TERM IDEAS

- L. Look at the feasibility of improving the existing ORPA to a standard that could be utilised for off road wheelchairs - and offer franchise/license to businesses to operate such a service - maybe one of the local farmers would be willing to use land on or near their property to store equipment.
- M. The path from Car park 2 of the Scenic Drive up onto the ridgeway could also be used for wheelchair access.
- N. Establish a minibus service - like the Cwmdown service in Cwmcarn - that would either go along the scenic drive to Car park 2 (this idea has been mooted at NRW meetings). Or it could use the route from Risca Leisure Centre along Mountain road - I realise that at the moment the lane is too busy with traffic but I'm sure with today's technology an operator could communicate if the way is clear or not