

Hi, I spoke with someone at your office today who suggested I write to you to alert you of the environmentally damaging works that are being done by our new neighbour along the boundary of our farm and in surrounding fields.

The activities includes - major excavations of a new field boundary ditch with significant increase to depth and width over 5/6'

- altering the natural shape of an ancient bank making sections near vertical where they were originally contoured
- eradication of natural flora along the entire southern edge of the ancient bank
- undercutting and severing the roots of many trees including some ancient oaks
- entirely removing sections of the ancient bank and diverting ditches and
- a field drain into the brook (where they never previously existed)
- dumping large heaps of excavated soil directly into the brook (from
- their excavation works into the brook on our land) creating a dam
- felling/ pushing over numerous trees across the ancient bank/ brook
- spraying off grass and ploughing in permanent pasture

We informed NRW of the incidents above 20th April 2022, but they have not inspected for the above as yet NRW Emergency Incident ref - 2202896

The Powys Police Wildlife Crime unit were informed of Badger activity along that entire area (they use this area regularly) and they carried out an inspection for Badger sett and bird nest disturbances but found no evidence. Ref DP-20220420-255

Please can you inspect the impacts of the above and please advise what more we can do to prevent further damage as we do not believe any environmental impact assessment was done with regard the changes of land management measures to protect ancient trees have been taken and the fields to the west of our farm are being sprayed and cultivated to destroy permanent species rich pasture

The landowner in question in regards to the above is Mr Mike George

J.W.C George and Sons, Brynhyfryd Farm, Wolfscastle, SA62 5DT

We have photo evidence (approx 70 images) with geotags GPS date/ time stamp and can forward these if this is of help? A selection is enclosed here

The fields are:

SM9914 8817, SN0014 0918, SN0014 3619

pasture sprayed and ploughed - ancient ditch to north adjacent our smallholding The Woodland Farm damaged, trees grubbed out, ancient tree roots exposed and damaged, new ditches created and deepened and new earthworks formed

Off millin lane

SM9914 5158 pasture sprayed and ploughed

SM9914 4848 pasture sprayed and ploughed

SM9914 5670 permanent species rich habitat pasture pasture sprayed

SM9914 4373 permanent species rich habitat pasture pasture sprayed

Kind regards

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