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INSCRIPTION and NOTES

This linear route starts from the 'Track and Path' intersection, which leads to or from 'CRAIG LLYWARCH FARM'. Whilst ascending in a due North direction and following the unfenced track and 'Civil Parish' boundary line, a series of 'MP' and 'M' boundary stones can be found. At the top of hill ridge, continue in a North Easterly direction to join another unfenced track. Continue to the 'hairpin' end of the track located near to a stream and the route finish's when you find the 'CHL' and 'BH' Act of Parliament 1836 boundary stone.

It is believed the inscriptions on the boundary stones stand for the following: 'MP' = 'Magna Porta'; 'M' = 'Monmouthshire'; 'CHL' = 'Capel Hanbury Leigh'; 'BH' = 'Benjamin Hall'

GRID REFERENCE	BOUNDARY STONE INFORMATION
ST 26129 94964	<u>'CRAIG LLYWARCH FARM'</u> Further Investigation Needed
ST 26101 94935	Further Investigation Needed
TRACK JUNCTION	

ST 26123 95998	'MP' + 'M' + 'BM1182'
ST 26114 95038	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26103 95174	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26103 95165	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26103 95063	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26099 95115	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26097 95072	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26094 95187	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26094 95084	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26093 95309	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26091 95274	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26088 95331	'MP' + 'M' + 'BM1270'
ST 26088 95207	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26085 95247	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26085 95230	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26080 95362	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26074 95383	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26063 95393	'MP' + 'M'
TRACK / PATH	
ST 26052 95452	'MP' + 'M'
ST 26050 95425	'MP' + 'M' + 'BM1325.4'
ST 26032 95489	Further Investigation Needed
ST 26014 95541	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25998 95577	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25978 95605	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25951 95655	Further Investigation Needed
ST 25929 95689	Further Investigation Needed
TRACK	
ST 25913 95721	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25860 95823	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25809 95896	Further Investigation Needed
ST 25773 95942	Further Investigation Needed
ST 25724 96012	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25680 96067	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25618 96130	Further Investigation Needed
ST 25580 96171	Further Investigation Needed
ST 25547 96205	Further Investigation Needed

ST 25534 96229	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25518 96252	'MP' + 'M'
ST 25504 96251	Further Investigation Needed
ST 25501 96185	'CHL' + 'BH' + 'Act of Parliament 1839'

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'MP' – 'MAGNA PORTA' and REGINALD JAMES BLEWITT 1799-1878

'Magna Porta'

'Magna Porta' can be translated as follows:

Latin into English - 'Great Gate'

Latin into Welsh - 'Porth Mawr'

Welsh into English – 'Porth' = Gate, 'Mawr' = Great or **'Great Gate'**

Reginald James Blewitt (1799-1878)

In regard to a local connection and found boundary stones on 'Twmbarlwm' hill range, Magna Porta has a strong link with Reginald James Blewitt (1799-1878) who had a connection with both 'Porthmawr Colliery' at Upper Cwmbran and 'Llantarnam Abbey'. Magna Porta covered part one of the local parishes that being Mynydd Maen.

Porthmawr Colliery – 'Great Gate'

Reginald James Blewitt was an iron work industrialist and owner of the 'Porthmawr' Colliery at Upper Cwmbran. Although, in the 1830's, two mining levels were sunk into the ground it wasn't until 1854 that the 'Main Slope' was opened. Throughout its duration the mine produced coal and clay for the nearby brickworks until it ceased production in 1927. If visited now, very little remains of this once prosperous mining operation, although photographs still exist.

The growth of the iron works at Cwmbran in the middle of the nineteenth century was due to Blewitt's ownership. In 1847 he was establishing a patent for a method of creating malleable iron; indeed, this iron works continued as a major employer in the area until 1970.

Llantarnam Abbey

The original abbey was founded in 1175 by Lord Howel ap Iorwerth of Caerleon. Although, nothing visible is left of the medieval buildings, it had historically been a Catholic home for centuries, before it was completely rebuilt by Reginald James Blewitt between 1834-36 who then made it his home. 'Magna Porta' has a Tudor style main gateway and lodge to 'Llantarnam Abbey' which has a date of 1836 and was built by T.H. Wyatt, for R.J. Blewitt. The Magna Porta is a Bath stone ashlar large square battlemented gate tower with a low single-storey lodge to the left. The gate tower has an asymmetrical front with a big segmental-pointed carriage arch to the right and a lower narrow pedestrian entry to the left. The Abbey is presently occupied by the Sisters of St Joseph of Annecy.

THE FAMILY LINKS OF 'REGINALD JAMES BLEWITT (b.1799 – d.1878)

FAMILY 'REGINALD JAMES BLEWITT'			
FAMILY LINK	REGINALD JAMES BLEWITT (1799 – 1878)	MARRIED	Matilda Medex (1800-1882)
PARENTS	EDWARD BLEWITT (1765-1883)	MARRIED	Amelia Durberly (1774-1808)
GRAND PARENTS	EDWARD BLEWITT (1741-1766)	MARRIED	Mary de Courcy (1742-1891)

THE LIFE OF 'REGINALD JAMES BLEWITT' (b.1799 – d.1878)

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YEAR	INFORMATION
1799 BIRTH	On the 26th May 1799, Reginald James Blewitt was born in Marylebone, London, England to Edward Blewitt, (Age 33) and Amelia Duberly, (Age 25).
Baptism 1799	On the 23rd June 1799, Reginald was Baptised at Saint Mary St, Marylebone Road, St Marylebone, London, England, Middlesex, England.
1821 Marriage	On the 30th April 1821, Reginald (Aged 21) married Matilda Medex (1800-1882) (Aged 21) in Middlesex, England.
1830	Reginald James Blewitt lived in Monmouthshire Wales.
Between 1836 & 1843	Between 1836 & 1843 Reginald was a Member of Parliament representing the constituency of Monmouthshire and lived in London, England
1839	Reginald lived in London, England.
1845	Reginald lived in London, England.
1851 Census	Reginald (Aged 53) was 'Head' of the household living at Llantarnam Abbey, Monmouthshire, Wales with his Brother EJ Blewitt (Aged 60). Reginald was a Magistrate in London.
1952	Reginald lived in Ireland.
1875	On the 11th November 1875, Reginald was admitted into 'The Priory', Wandsworth, London Source: (UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912).
1878 DEATH	On 11th September 1878, Reginald died aged 79 in 'The Priory', Wandsworth, London (UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912). Reginald was buried in Kensington and Chelsea, London, England. Source: (UK, Lunacy Patients Admission Registers, 1846-1912).
1882 DEATH	On 9 th June 1882, Reginald's wife Matilda died aged 82 in Brussels, Belgium.

SOURCE:	
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