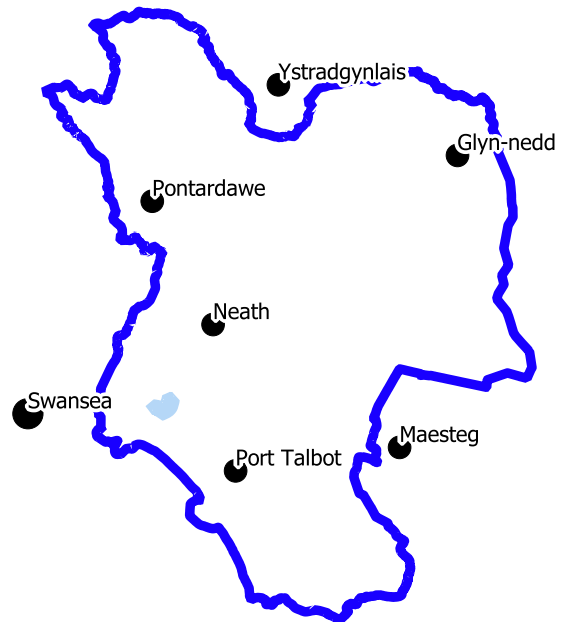


CRYMLYN BURROWS

Reference No: NPTSINC001
Ward: Coedffranc West
Grid ref at centre: SS7288093385
Area (ha): 18.77

Reason for selection:
H15:2 Coastal sand dune



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

CRYMLYN BURROWS

Site Description:

This site is located north of the River Neath and is a continuation of the habitats at Crymlyn Burrows SSSI. Predominantly sand dune it is fronted by saltmarsh and mudflats with an area of scrub at the north-eastern end. As mentioned above, the site is adjacent to Crymlyn Burrows SSSI which is also designated for its dune and saltmarsh habitats. The highly designated wetland sites of Pant-y-Sais fen and Crymlyn Bog are around 1.5km North West of this SINC (SSSI, SAC, Ramsar). Several other SINCs are in the vicinity, the most relevant are Earlswood (NPTSINC020) and Earlswood Grasslands (NPTSINC038) which both support elements of dune habitat. Earlswood Golf course occupies land within and adjacent to the site. This intensively managed area occupies what would naturally be part of the dune system. Some dune species persist in the golf course vegetation and small areas of scrub are likely to be of value to birds such as Stonechat and Linnet.

Qualifying features

H15:2 Coastal sand dune, together with associated slacks, seepages, grassland and scrub habitat

Important species

Species recorded: Sea stock, Merlin, Small blue, Linnet, Skylark, Common lizard

Management Recommendations

The site is a naturally forming dune system and requires little management. The removal of INNS is desirable.

Last surveyed: Surveyor: Author: ER

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.