

FABIAN WAY WILDFLOWER VERGE

Reference No: NPTSINC002
Ward: Coedffranc West
Grid ref at centre: SS7121293268
Area (ha): 6.31

Reason for selection:
H2 Boundaries and Linear Features
H5:1 Lowland Meadows



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

Fabian way is the main dual carriage way between junction 42 and Swansea city (A483). When the new road way was built, the existing grassland was destroyed but as part of the scheme, flower rich grassland was planted, and over a number of years has become established as a meadow type grassland verge which runs along the central reservation and, in some parts, along the sides adjacent to pedestrian walkways. The resulting habitat now supports a diverse mix of flora and likely associated invertebrates and small mammals. The verge is adjacent to Crymlyn Burrows SSSI and several SINCS. The verge is currently managed as an NPT Nature Conservation Site where it is cut annually between end August and end of March.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 16/8
Species-rich neutral grasslands (which could include MG1, MG6 & MG10)

Important species

Species recorded: Common bird's-foot trefoil, Kidney vetch, Oxeye daisy, Pyramidal orchid, Viper's-buglos
Habitat suitable for: Small mammals, Kestrel, Small blue

Management Recommendations

Ensure mowing regime is adhered to, as set out under the council's adopted Conservation Verge Scheme.

Last surveyed: 2019 Surveyor: LEP/MBP Author: WJL

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