

# BRUNEL DOCK GRASSLAND

Reference No: NPTSINC007  
Ward: Briton Ferry West  
Grid ref at centre: SS7359093531  
Area (ha): 3.3

Reason for selection:  
H5:1 Lowland Meadows  
S5 Invertebrates  
S6 Vascular Plants



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

A linear area of relatively species rich neutral grassland which supports uncommon species including Wild liquorice. The grassland runs alongside the old dock at Britton Ferry, under the M4 fly-over to the Civic Amenity site. The grassland is partially natural, and partly seeded with wild flower seed as part of the landscaping scheme for the Local Authority Office building, The Quays, Baglan Energy Park. The grassland runs down to the estuary where saltmarsh communities containing Rock Sea Lavender and other significant saltmarsh plants. A small area of Reedbed (SINC Ref 0041) occupies the old dock basin which is adjacent to the grassland. A small swale area within The Quays is included due to the presence of Long-winged conehead.

## Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 9/8

S5 Invertebrates - Long-winged conehead *Conocephalus fuscus*, Small blue butterfly *Cupido minimus*

S6 Vascular plants - Wild liquorice *Astragalus glycyphyllos* PS

## Important species

Species recorded: Wild liquorice, Golden samphire, Long-stalked glasswort, Rock sea-lavender, Linnet, Common lizard, Small blue, Brown-banded carder bee, Ivy bee, Long-winged conehead, Brown hare

Habitat suitable for: Shril carder bee

## Management Recommendations

Follow existing management plan, review periodically and in line with any new survey data.

Last surveyed: 2018 Surveyor: LEP Author: LEP

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