

# SCOTCH STREET

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Ward: Gwynfi

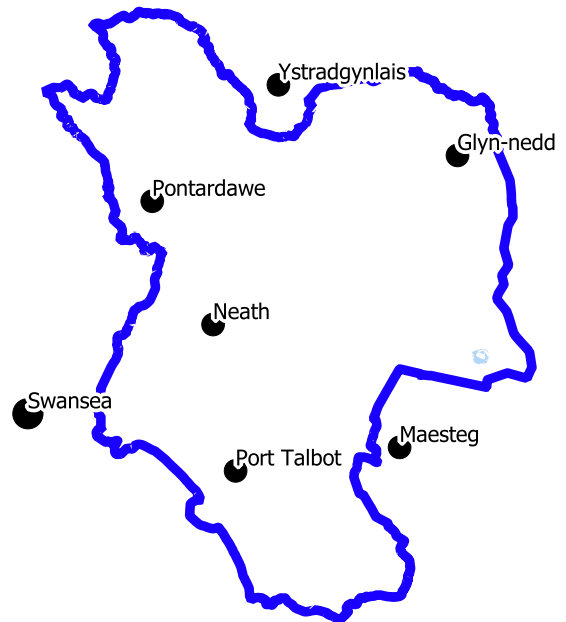
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Area (ha): 0.51

Reason for selection:

H8:1 Lowland Heathland

H14:3 Open Mosaic Habitats on  
Previously Developed Land



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

Situated on the southern edge of Abergwynfi, this hillside site has superficial soils over Upper Coal Measures Sandstone with impeded drainage with drier hummocks. The site is small but supports a mosaic of upland fringe habitats on previously disturbed land with key elements including boggy ground and a stand of mature Heather (NVC:H12). The site was extended in 2019 to the East to include a nice area of heathland with Heather and Bilberry. The Western end of the site appears to be mown but may still have interest.

## Qualifying features

H8:1 Lowland heathland (NVC: ~H12)  
H14:3 OMPDL - a 20/20

## Important species

Species recorded: Lemon-scented Fern, Bilberry, Heather  
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles

## Management Recommendations

Its position on the fringe of the village lends itself to being flagged as a small local nature reserve. The acid/wet grassland/rush pasture element could be improved by reducing the dominance of Soft Rush. Those areas with limited interest could be enhanced by provision of pond(s) for amphibians and invertebrates and herpetile refugia. Consideration should be given to provision of some basic interpretation.

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

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