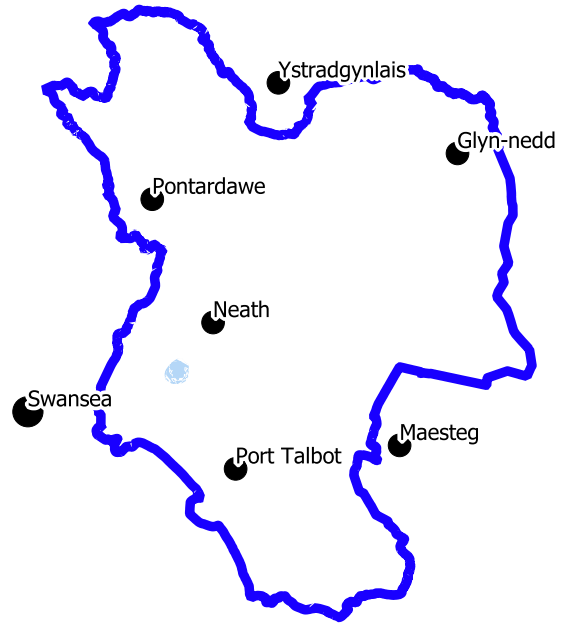


# GIANT'S GRAVE

Reference No: NPTSINC023  
Ward: Briton Ferry West  
Grid ref at centre: SS7350695117  
Area (ha): 16.9

Reason for selection:  
H16 Mosaic habitats  
S5 Invertebrates



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

A site made up of several complementary habitats including areas of scrub, acid grassland, dry heathland and bare ground. Together they form a distinct area suitable for invertebrates and reptiles. In 2017 a report was commissioned on using the site as a receptor for reptile translocations in future development schemes. A survey was undertaken by the Colliery Spoil Biodiversity initiative which found a diverse invertebrate fauna with a total of 206 terrestrial invertebrate species with 12 of conservation importance.

## Qualifying features

H16 Mosaic habitats - acid grassland, scrub and heathland  
S5 Invertebrates - Long-horned bee *Eucera longicornis*

## Important species

Species recorded: Long-fringed mining bee, Perkin's mining bee, Brown-banded carder bee, Saxon wasp, the digger wasp *Ectemnius sexcinctus*, Long-horned bee, Lathbury's nomad bee, Broad-banded nomad bee, the wasp *Tiphia minuta*, the weevils: *Caenopsis waltoni*; *Curculio glandium*. Cinnabar Moth, Grayling, Grass snake, Adder, Slow-worm  
Habitat suitable for: Hymenoptera spp

## Management Recommendations

The 2017 report for reptile translocation suggests retaining the non-woodland habitats and managing the woodland by felling and stump treatment the season prior to it being needed as a receptor site. The invertebrate report identifies the scrub and open habitats as important, including bare ground. The management for reptiles and invertebrates can be the same.

Last surveyed: 2017 Surveyor: CSBI Author: LEP

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