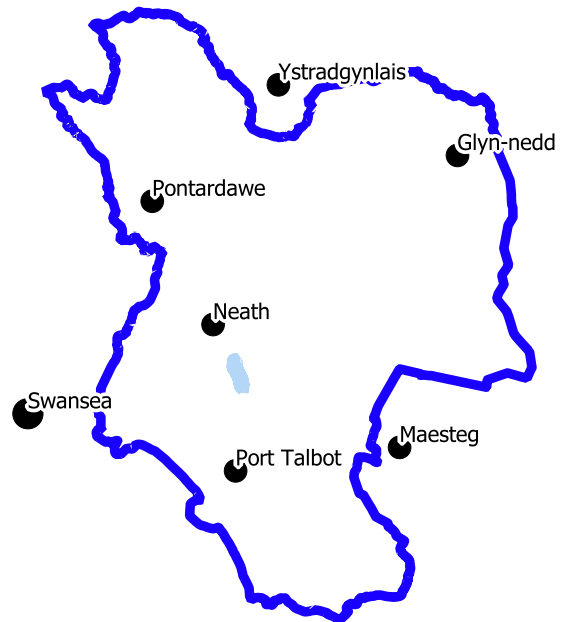


BWLCH ROAD HEDGES

Reference No: NPTSINC033
Ward: Briton Ferry East, Neath East,
Neath South, Cimla
Grid ref at centre: SS7672494982
Area (ha): 0.78

Reason for selection:
H2:1 Hedgerows



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

BWLCH ROAD HEDGES

Site Description:

The Bwlch Road Hedgerows are Ancient Hedgerows and hedgebanks along Bwlch Road from the top of Cimla, towards Cwmafan. Bwlch Road is present on the first edition Ordnance Survey map. The hedgerows are well connected along the east and west sides of the road, and provide connections between several woodland blocks. Eaglesbush Valley LNR is to the west of this SINC, and is ecologically connected to it via Y Waun, Cimla (NPTSINC031) which is a large multi-habitat SINC that stretches to the east and west of this SINC. Most of the adjacent land is privately owned and under agricultural management.

Qualifying features

H2:1 Hedgerows - A coherent site which supports a close networks of interlinked hedges of which the majority (i.e. >50%) score grade 2 or higher when evaluated using the HEGS methodology (Clements & Tofts 1992).

Important species

Species recorded: Hawthorn, Ivy, Hazel, Rowan, Bluebell, Wood avens
Habitat suitable for: Nesting birds, bats

Management Recommendations

Some small sections of the eastern hedgerow were classed as "Low" using the HEGS methodology; efforts should be made to bring these areas up to the same standard as the rest of the hedgerow (assessed as "Moderate" and "Moderate to high").

Last surveyed: 2012 Surveyor: Coed Cymru 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.