

# SARN HELEN

Reference No: NPTSINC034

Ward: Onllwyn, Seven Sisters,  
Glynneath, Resolven, Crynant,  
Aberdulais

Grid ref at centre: SN8128704386

Area (ha): 393.41

Reason for selection:

H1:3 Native woodland

H1:4 Scrub communities

H2 Boundaries and linear features

H2:1 Hedgerows

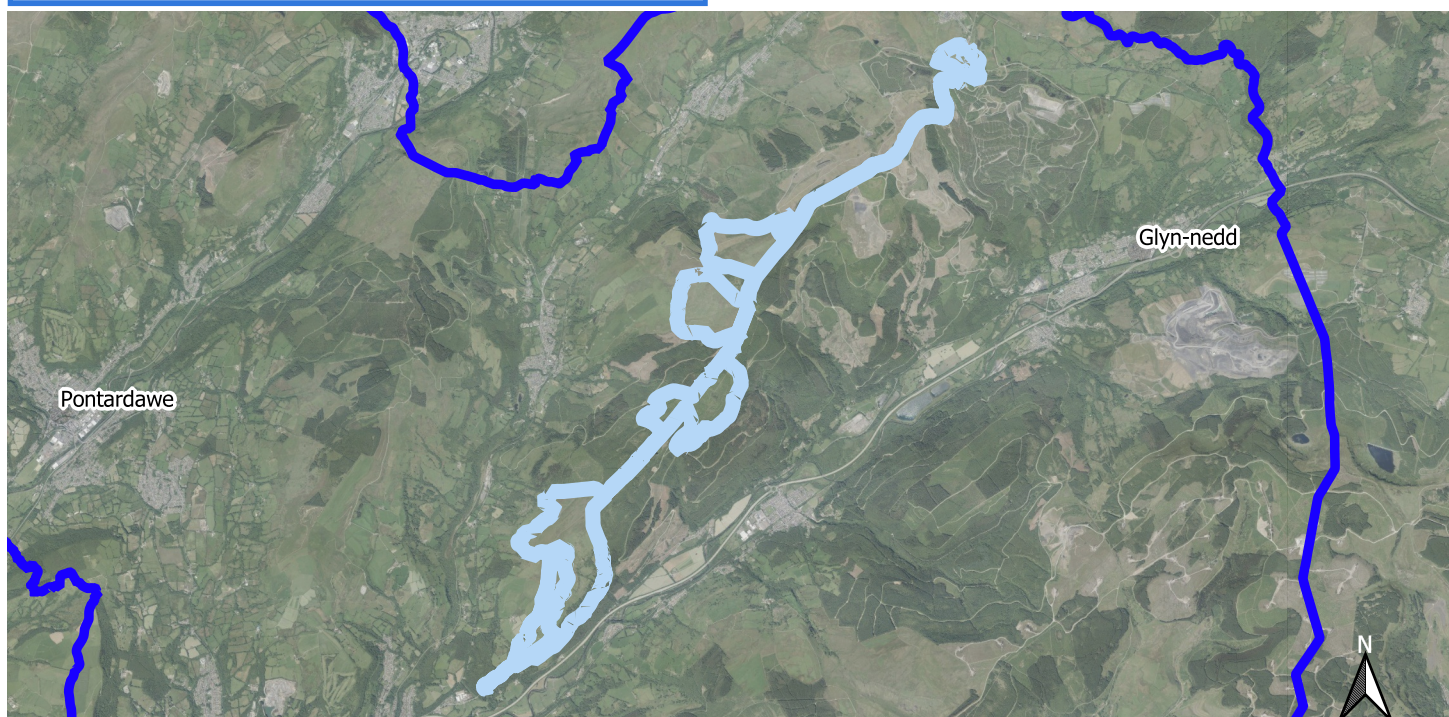
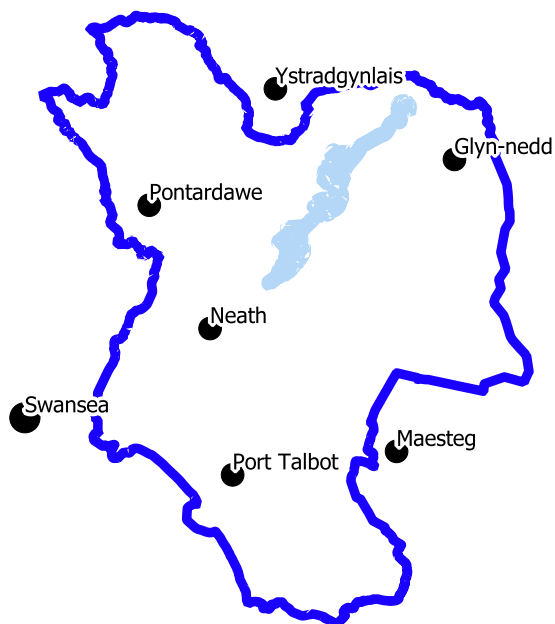
H7:2 Upland acid grasslands

H8:2 Upland heathland

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush  
pastures

H10:2 Blanket bog

H16:1 Ffridd



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

A cluster of 6 distinct areas spanning both sides of the Sarn Helen Roman Road, along an 8 mile stretch from Ynysygerwn in the centre of the county to Dyffryn Cellwen in the north east. As a group, the site consists of at least 10 distinctive habitats. Some of the areas support typical upland heath with characteristic mosaic of heath species including Ling and Bilberry, together with grasses such as Purple moor-grass and Tussock grass. Other areas support Blanket Bog and Upland Acid Grassland, with Cotton grass and numerous species of bog moss.

## Qualifying features

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## Important species

Species recorded: Marsh fritillary, Common lizard, Meadowsweet, Cotton grasses, Sphagnum.

## Management Recommendations

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: WJL

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