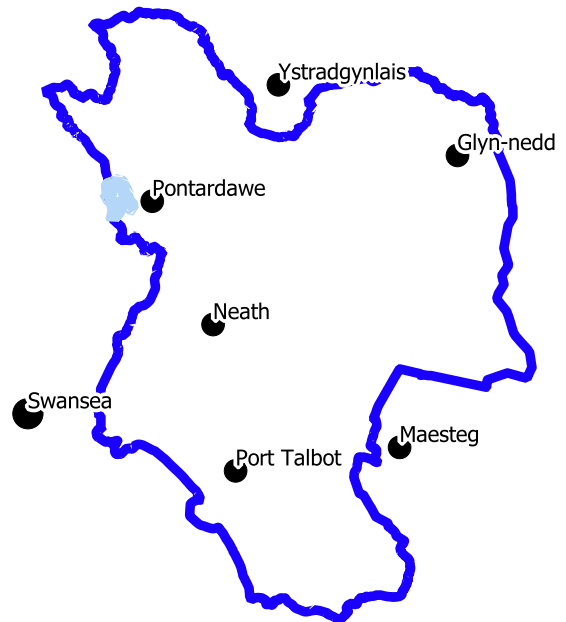


# MYNYDD GELLIONNEN

Reference No: NPTSINC043  
Ward: Pontardawe, Trebanos  
Grid ref at centre: SN7039004456  
Area (ha): 96.19

Reason for selection:  
H16 Mosaic habitats



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

# MYNYDD GELLIONNEN

## Site Description:

An upland area of Common land supporting numerous habitats including Purple Moor-grass & Rush pasture, Heathland and scrub. This SINC occupies the common land on top of Mynydd Gellionnen to the north of Pontardawe. The site's western boundary lies on the county border with Swansea and is surrounded by farmland whilst the eastern site boundary is adjacent to Cwm Du Glen & Glanrhyd Plantation (NPTSINC058). Several other areas of common land are present in the surrounding Swansea and Amman Valleys. All are designated as SINCS in recognition of their nature conservation interest as large areas of upland habitat.

## Qualifying features

H16 Mosaic habitats

## Important species

Species recorded: Skylark, Brown hare

Habitat suitable for: reptiles

## Management Recommendations

The site is subject to issues related to anti-social behaviour such as arson and fly-tipping. The invasive non-native species *Rhododendron ponticum* is present in abundance at the wooded edges. Work to control the *Rhododendron* has previously been carried out but plants still remain. The commons association have expressed an interest to enter the common's option of the new agri-environment scheme for Wales; Glastir. The scheme has two options; either a closed season, or a stocking density.

Last surveyed: Surveyor: Author: ER

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