

FIELDS BEHIND HEOL Y COEDCAU

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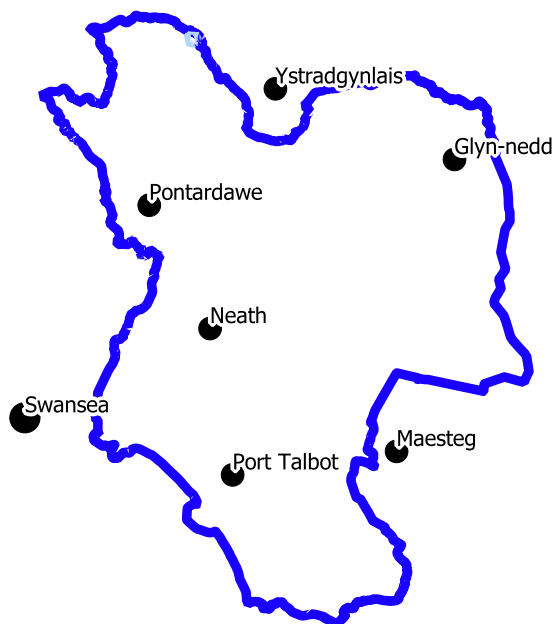
Ward: Cwmllynfell

Grid ref at centre: SN7446812838

Area (ha): 1.95

Reason for selection:

H10:2 Blanket Bog



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

This grassland site is situated in Cwmllynfell in the north of the county and is almost completely surrounded by residential buildings, their gardens backing onto the site. The site consists of an area divided into 4 fields; 1 large triangular shape field which is owned by NPT, adjacent 3 oblong fields of similar size. No access was gained to the rectangular fields but the vegetation appears to be very similar to that of the Triangular field which supports Purple moor-grass pasture with extensive areas of bog/deep peat. The site also has a number of large anthills, together with cotton grass and heathland species including Cross-leaved heath and Ling. The grassland is currently unmanaged and as a result has some large tussocks. Scrub is encroaching into the 3 rectangular fields.

Qualifying features

H10:2 Blanket Bog. Peat depth measured as in excess of 1m

Important species

Species recorded: Whorled caraway, Spike Rush, Cross-leaved Heath, Common cottongrass, Hare's-tail cottongrass, Marsh Bedstraw, Purple Moor-grass, Sphagnum spp. Bog Moss spp.

Management Recommendations

The scrub should be removed and a program of light grazing should be introduced. This would improve sward structure, without damaging features such as ant hills. The triangular field is likely to be too wet/boggy to be grazed except for the driest summer months.

Last surveyed: 2010 Surveyor: WJL ER Author: WJL

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