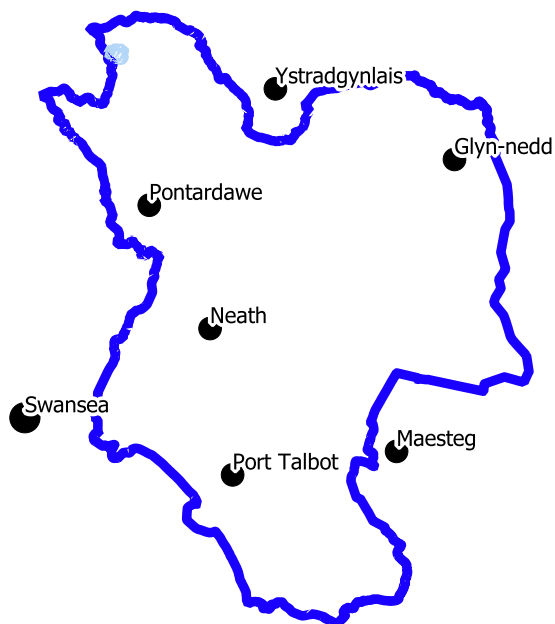


GCG COMMON

Reference No: NPTSINC048
Ward: Gwaun Cae Gurwen
Grid ref at centre: SN7050212065
Area (ha): 11.4

Reason for selection:
H16 Mosaic habitats



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

GCG COMMON

Site Description:

A small area of Common land in the north of the Amman valley. The site is bisected E-W by the old mineral railway and N-S by a Clwyd Road and a short section of tarmacked cycle/pedestrian path. The SSSI to the SE of the common is traditional hay meadow.

The Common consists of a species rich mosaic of wet and dry meadow, with Purple Moor-grass and heath elements. Parts of the site are grazed by ponies but scrub is becoming invasive.

Qualifying features

H16 Mosaic habitats

Lowland meadow 9/8 plus areas of scrub and marshy grassland

Important species

Species recorded: Whorled caraway

Habitat suitable for: Marsh fritillary

Management Recommendations

A programme of light scrub management would prevent degradation of wet grassland. A lighter grazing regime is required in drier areas (mostly to the West side of the site).

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: WJL ER Author: WJL

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