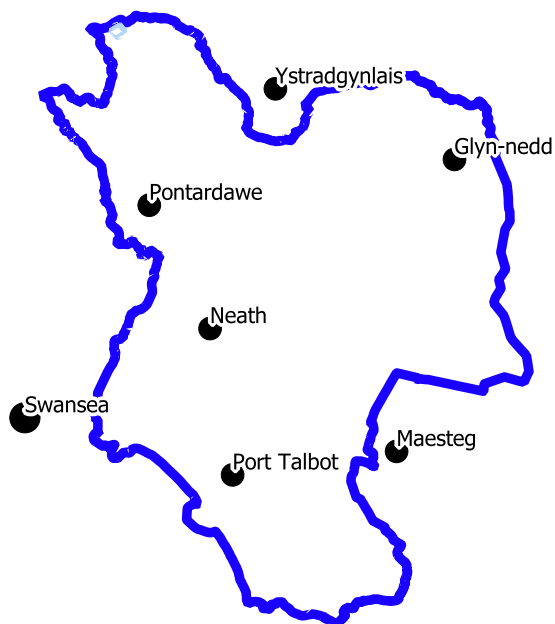


# BETONY FIELD

Reference No: NPTSINC049  
Ward: Gwaun Cae Gurwen  
Grid ref at centre: SN7053913251  
Area (ha): 1.93

Reason for selection:  
H5:1 Lowland meadows



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

# BETONY FIELD

## Site Description:

A small lowland meadow in the Amman Valley at Lower Brynamman. At least half of the site slopes away to the north. It supports a species rich neutral grassland with traditional meadow species including Yellow rattle, Greater burnet and Eyebrights. There is also a number of species associated with wetter grassland, including Lesser spearwort and Sneezewort. A large population of Betony and Greater burnet, together with Devil's bit Scabious makes a striking display in summer. Currently managed by horse grazing but Knotweed and Bramble are encroaching from the northern boundary.

## Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 8/8

## Important species

Species recorded: Greater burnet, Eyebrights, Betony and Devil's-bit scabious.

## Management Recommendations

Knotweed eradication, Bramble control and monitor grazing levels.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: WJL Author: WJL

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