

CAEAU YNYSGEINON

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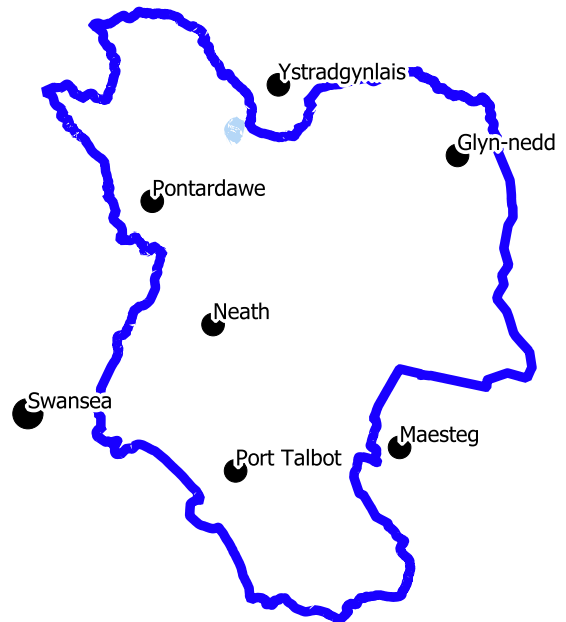
Ward: Rhos

Grid ref at centre: SN7647607835

Area (ha): 10.75

Reason for selection:

H14:3 Open Mosaic on Previously Developed Land



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

Area of diverse flora on an old tip. Parts of the site are dry where the ground has been built up, whilst the hollows are wet and rushy. There are also small patches of standing water and bare ground. The River Tawe follows the western boundary with the associated riparian woodland also included within the designation. The site is located near the village of Ystalyfera at the top of the Swansea Valley. NPTSINC044 Glan-yr-Afon lies on the opposite side of the A4067 and is also designated for being a floristically diverse area of previously developed land. The Caeau Ynysgeinon SINC is part of Ynysgeinon Farm.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 15/8
H14:3 OMPDL 18 + 5/20

Important species

Species recorded: Fragrant agrimony, Wormwood, Cuckoo flower, Common sedge, Common knapweed, Hemp agrimony, Tall fescue, Common marsh-bedstraw, Heath bedstraw, Meadow vetchling, Rough hawkbit, Common bird's-foot trefoil, Field, wood-rush, Mouse-ear hawkweed, Barren strawberry, Yellow rattle, Common sorrel, Knotted pearlwort, Great burnet, Great mullein, Tufted vetch, Common dog-violet
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles, birds, bats

Management Recommendations

The site was ungrazed for a number of years but cattle have very recently been introduced to the site (Summer 2012). The invasive non-native species *Impatiens glandulifera* (Himalayan Balsam), and *Fallopia japonica* (Japanese Knotweed) have both been recorded on the site. At the time of survey, willow scrub was threatening the grassland however it is likely that the cattle will be keeping on top of this now.

Last surveyed: 2012 Surveyor: CH Author: ER

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.

