

PANDY FARM

Reference No: NPTSINC053

Ward: Allt-Wen

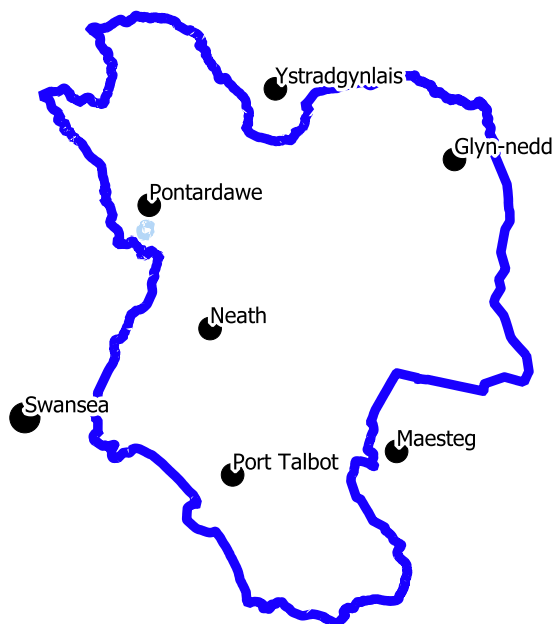
Grid ref at centre: SN7200702858

Area (ha): 3.87

Reason for selection:

H5:1 Lowland meadows

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A cohesive network of fields supporting a variety of grassland habitats bounded by hedgerows with good connectivity to the surrounding countryside. The site is located on the southern outskirts of Alltwen in the Swansea Valley. Habitats for which the site is specifically important for include lowland meadow, Purple moor-grass and rush pasture. The hedges on site are also significant connectivity features, linking to the network of hedges and woodlands within the surrounding countryside, including ancient woodland SINCs to the South East and South West. A number of SINC streams also flow through the site, of particular note along the Northern boundary.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 11/8
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 24/12

Important species

Species recorded: Double line moth
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles, Bats, Dormice, Invertebrates, breeding birds

Management Recommendations

Achieving a good balance of grazing is likely to be the key element of the management of the site. Grazing cattle would be the preference here.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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