

CWM DU GLEN & GLANRHYD PLANTATION

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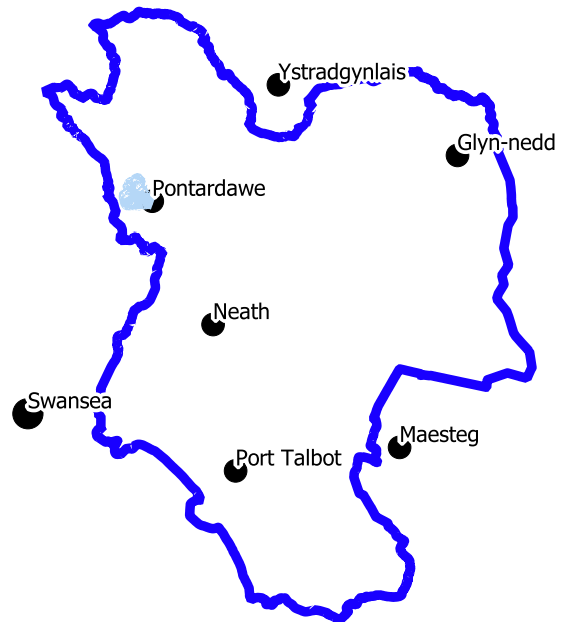
Ward: Pontardawe

Grid ref at centre: SN7130204489

Area (ha): 60.79

Reason for selection:

H1:3 Native woodland



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

Cwm Du Glen & Glanrhyd plantation is a site dominated by mature broadleaved woodland on either side of the 'Cwm' (valley). A large field of horse-grazed marshy grassland is at the centre of the site, and some additional wet grasslands are scattered throughout. A number of important lower plant species have been recorded on deadwood, and a number of Red and Amber and Section 7 listed bird species are present throughout the site. The Upper Clydach River flows south through the narrow valley and enters the River Tawe approximately 500m south-east of the site. The steep sided craggy gorge supports mature, semi-natural, deciduous woodland on both sides; this is bordered by the A474 and residential housing on the eastern side. Cwm Du Glen is located to the north west of the village of Pontardawe in the Swansea Valley. The woodland spreads up the side of the valley to the west bordering Mynydd Gellionnen common NPTSINC043.

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native woodland - An Ancient Woodland recorded in the Ancient Woodland Inventory, which retains characteristic ground flora

Important species

Species recorded: Otter, Tree pipit, Dunnock, Song thrush, Wood warbler, Spotted flycatcher, House sparrow, Lesser redpoll, Bullfinch, Double line moth.

Management Recommendations

The site is now an LNR and has a full management plan

Last surveyed: 2019 Surveyor: RSS 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.