

# LAND BEHIND MARIGOLD PLACE

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Ward: Seven Sisters

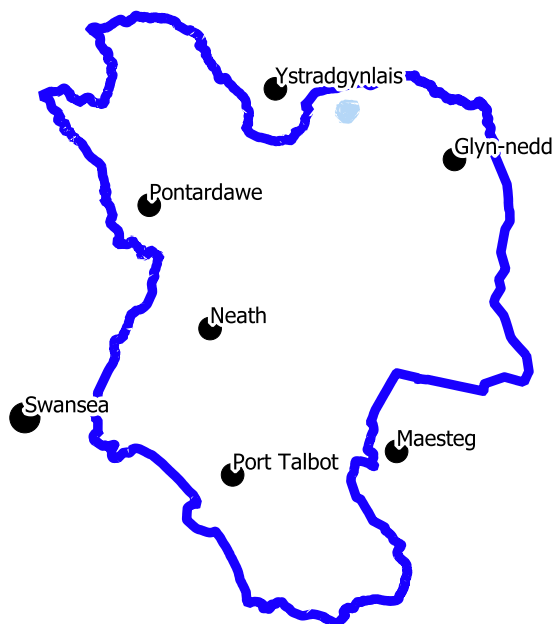
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Area (ha): 20.06

Reason for selection:

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures

S5 Invertebrates



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

An area of marshy grassland that is dominated by Purple Moor Grass with mosaics of wet heath and acid grassland. The former NRW plantation of Nant Melyn is to the south of the site, and the settlement of Blaendulais is at the northern boundary. The Dulais valley supports a number of important marshy grassland sites, several of which are designated as SINCS for example Treforgan (NPTSINC055), School Road (NPTSINC070) and Rhos Common (NPTSINC035) are located down the valley, whilst Adjacent to Gors Llwyn (NPTSINC075), Intervalley Road (NPTSINC076), and Banwen Pond (NPTSINC077) are up the valley to the east. In combination, these sites provide a stepping stone of important habitat for a number of species.

## Qualifying features

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 19/12  
H5:1 Lowland meadows 10/8  
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 13/7  
S5 Invertebrates - Dingy skipper, Marsh fritillary, Narrow-bordered bee hawkmoth

## Important species

Species recorded: Marsh fritillary, Dingy skipper, Narrow-bordered bee hawkmoth, Devil's-bit scabious

## Management Recommendations

This site should be grazed at a conservation grazing level; ideally a stocking density of approximately 0.2 livestock units/hectare/year to result in an average sward height with no more than 10% of the sward height under 12cm.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: HYDER Author: ER

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