

# CARN LLECHART

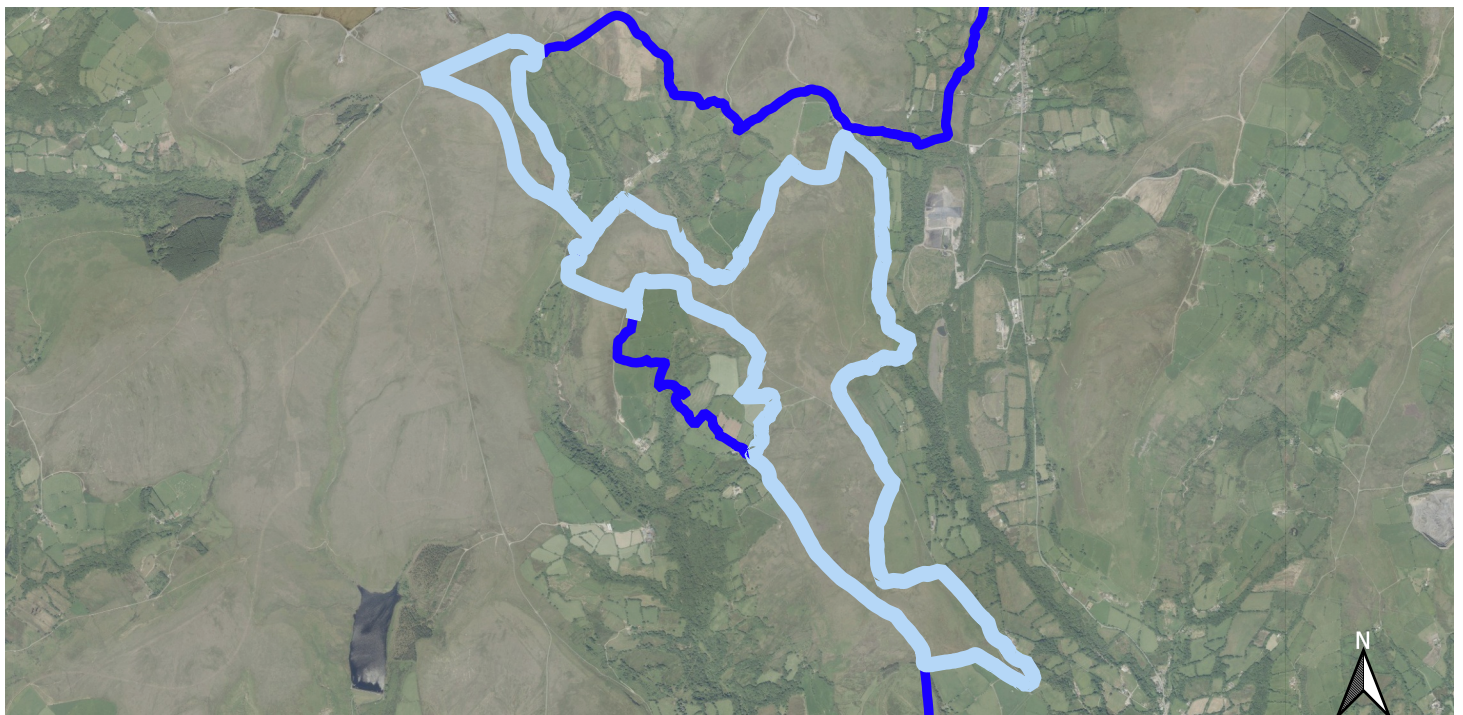
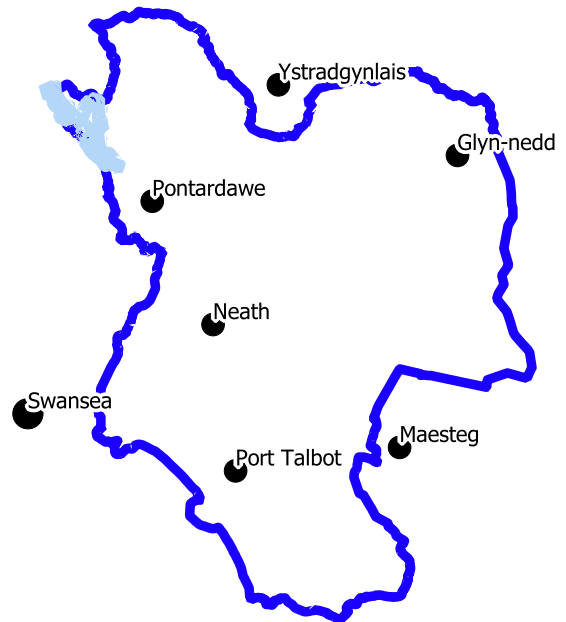
Reference No: NPTSINC061

Ward: Pontardawe

Grid ref at centre: SN6879108117

Area (ha): 295.86

Reason for selection:  
H16 Mosaic habitats



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

This site consists of areas of wet heath and acid flushes with *Sphagnum* spp. scattered throughout the common which is predominantly acid grassland. These grasslands are dominated by Mat grass as a result of historic and/or current overgrazing by sheep. Carn Llechart is an area of common land on the Neath Port Talbot - Swansea border in the north of the county. A Neolithic chambered tomb is located here, along with a Bronze Age ring cairn consisting of 25 stones leaning slightly outward around a central cist. Mynydd Gellionnen common (NPTSINC043) is approximately 1km to the south and Mynydd y Betws common is to the north in Carmarthenshire.

## Qualifying features

H16 Mosaic habitats - The 'block designation' of extensive areas of open countryside where semi-natural upland features predominate.

## Important species

Species recorded: Brown hare, Cuckoo, Skylark, Bilberry, Bog asphodel, Bog pimpernel, Bogbean, Common cottongrass, Cross-leaved heath, Heather, Purple moor-grass, Round-leaved sundew, Whorled caraway  
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles

## Management Recommendations

The site is dominated by mat grass brought about by historic and/or current overgrazing. Some grazing is necessary to maintain an open habitat and to prevent succession to scrub and then woodland. Grazing at a low stocking density would allow forbs to return. The addition of heather brash can introduce seeds into barren areas. West Glamorgan Commons Association represents those with rights to graze this common.

Last surveyed: 2019 Surveyor: LEP/MBP Author: ER

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