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Reference No: NPTSINC065

Ward: Glynneath

Grid ref at centre: SN8778606200

Area (ha): 13.2

Reason for selection:

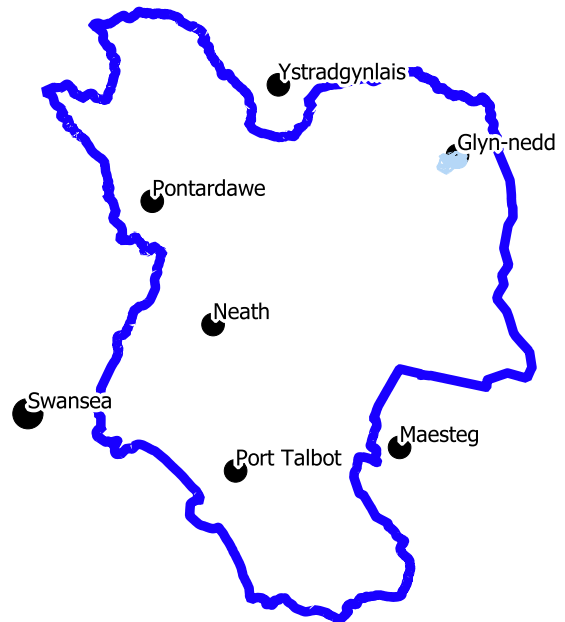
H1:4 Scrub communities

H2:1 Hedgerows

H5:1 Lowland meadows

H14:3 Open Mosaic on Previously
Developed Land

H16:2 Other bracken communities



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

An area of former flood plain in the upper section of the Neath Valley, now raised by the addition of levelled spoil, the site lying between the River Neath River and town of Glyn-neath. The soils are mostly dry and neutral, though there are heathy elements on the sides of the old valley road (now defunct) with some areas of ephemeral flooding. A series of footpaths and motorcycle tracks cover much of the site which is unmanaged and overgrown in patches with scrub, young woodland and stands of Japanese Knotweed .

Qualifying features

H1:4 Scrub communities
H2:1 Hedgerows
H5:1 Lowland meadows 26/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 7/7
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 24/12
H14:3 OMPDL 36/20

Important species

Species recorded: Kingfisher, Broad-leaved helleborine, Bullfinch, House sparrow, Hart's-tongue, Lady-fern, Wood small-reed, Heather, Pendulous sedge, Hornbeam, Common knapweed, Dogwood, Pale galingale, Broom, Bird's-foot-trefoil, Dog's mercury, Cowslip, Wild cherry, Great burnet, Wych elm and Common dog-violet.
Habitat suitable for: Otter

Management Recommendations

Other than some stands of Japanese Knotweed that require treatment to prevent further spread, the woodland habitat requires minimal intervention. Areas of open mosaic habitats on previously developed land are becoming heavily scrubbed in places with grassland areas becoming rank. Opportunities exist to improve and enhance these habitats by carrying out periodic scrub clearance / open land rejuvenation. The introduction of grazing would improve the structure of the vegetation. Those areas with limited interest could be enhanced by provision of pond(s) for amphibians and invertebrates and herpetile refugia. Suitable for Community Projects sites where full potential is achieved.

Last surveyed: 2012 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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