

FLORISTICALLY DIVERSE FORESTRY VERGE

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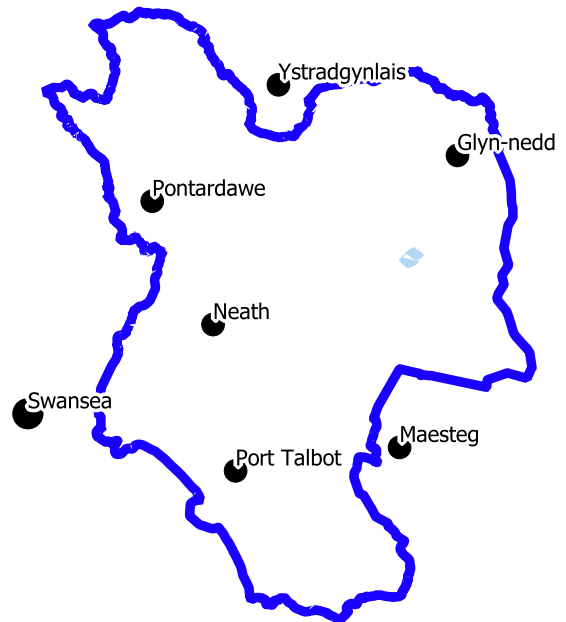
Ward: Resolven

Grid ref at centre: SN8573601190

Area (ha): 0.93

Reason for selection:

S6 Vascular plants



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

This is a remnant of heathland which has two clubmoss species in it, Fir clubmoss (*Huperzia selago*) which is a priority species in NPT and Stag's-horn clubmoss (*Lycopodium selago*), both very rare in NPT. In the same vicinity is a small population of Round-leaved wintergreen (*Pyrola rotundifolia*). Somehow this site has survived despite being bisected by a forestry road with Sitka Spruce plantation all around.

Qualifying features

S6 Vascular plants - (PS) Fir Clubmoss, Stag's-horn Clubmoss - not on list but *Lycopodium clavatum* is but with same common name (CS) - Round-leaved Wintergreen

Important species

Species recorded: Fir clubmoss, Stag's-horn clubmoss, *Lycopodium clavatum*, Round-leaved wintergreen.

Management Recommendations

Ensuring NRW are aware of this and similar sites and that they and their contractors give it due regard and protection during forestry operations.

Last surveyed: 2012 Surveyor: CH Author: WJL

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