

YNYSDAWLE

Reference No: NPTSINC071

Ward: Seven Sisters

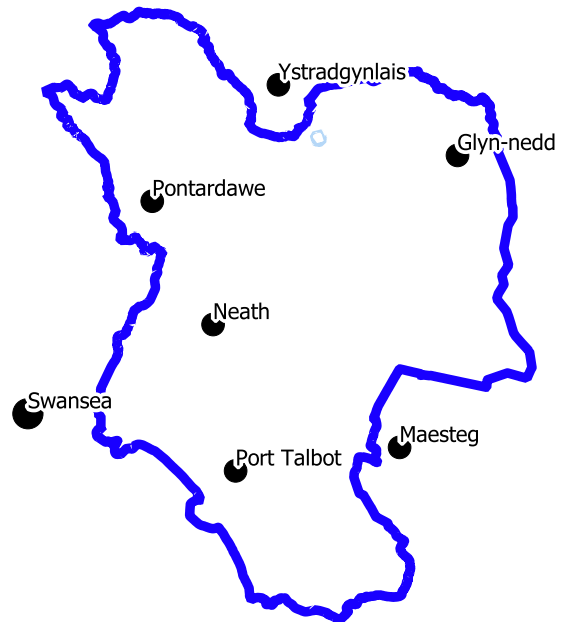
Grid ref at centre: SN8088407440

Area (ha): 1.11

Reason for selection:

H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

These fields support a mosaic of Wet heath/acid grassland, scrub and marshy grassland. The northern field is heavily grazed by horses but has a dense population of Devil's-bit Scabious. The southern field is dominated by Purple moor grass which is very tussocky and is becoming scrubbed-over. Both fields contain Devil's bit scabious and therefore have the potential to support Marsh Fritillary butterflies. Ynysdawle SINC is located in the Dulais Valley at the southern end of Seven Sisters. Several SINC's designated for their marshy grassland interest are located in the Dulais Valley. The closest of these is Nant y Cafn (NPTSINC072) approximately 300m along the A4109. The Dulais Valley supports a wealth of marshy grassland habitats in the wider countryside, however the SINC's designation process initially concentrated on areas close to settlements.

Qualifying features

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H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 12/12

Important species

Species recorded: Bilberry, Devil's-bit scabious, Greater bird's-foot trefoil, Saw-wort
Habitat suitable for: Marsh fritillary, reptiles

Management Recommendations

A lack of grazing in the lower fields is allowing scrub to encroach, whilst the most northern field is overgrazed; a first step would be to explore the possibility of extending the grazing area to include both fields.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: HYDER Author: ER

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