

HEOL HEDDWCH

Reference No: NPTSINC073

Ward: Seven Sisters

Grid ref at centre: SN8211608477

Area (ha): 2.28

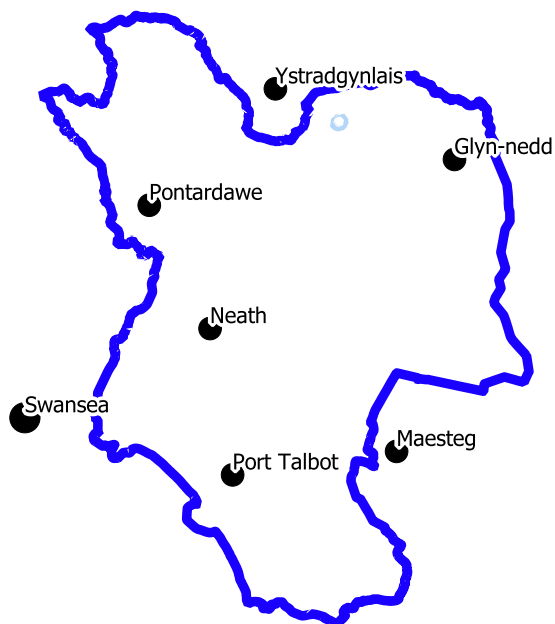
Reason for selection:

H5:1 Lowland meadows

H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland

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:

A mixed site of Purple moor-grass and rush pasture with species-rich semi improved grassland. A steep bank forms the eastern and southern boundary of the site supporting dense and scattered scrub, ruderal vegetation, continuous Bracken and small areas of acid grassland. In 2018 6 Marsh fritillary larval webs were found.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows MG5 15/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 13/7
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 17/12
S5 Invertebrates Marsh fritillary

Important species

Species recorded: Betony, Bog stitchwort, Common bird's-foot-trefoil, Common knapweed, Devil's-bit scabious, Greater bird's-foot trefoil, Salad burnet, Sheep's bit, Greater burnet, Marsh fritillary
Habitat suitable for: Reptiles

Management Recommendations

Marshy grassland sites should ideally be grazed by cattle at a low density. The aim is an uneven patchwork of relatively short and longer vegetation. The application of broad-spectrum anti-parasitic drugs should be avoided as they persist in the dung and will kill dung beetles and dung fly larvae.

Last surveyed: 2018 Surveyor: Butterfly Conservation Author: ER

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