

# INTERVALLEY ROAD, BANWEN

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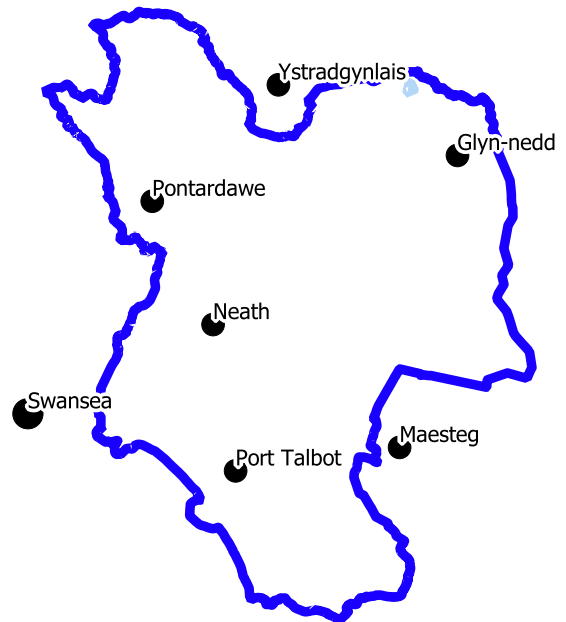
Ward: Onllwyn

Grid ref at centre: SN8564210077

Area (ha): 2.67

Reason for selection:

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

This site contains a marshy grassland field, crossed by a small ditch, an abandoned railway line supporting sparse species-rich neutral grassland and adjacent areas of marshy and species-poor semi-improved grassland with small areas of dense and scattered scrub and planted trees. The site is bordered to the east and north by roads and to the west by a line of trees and rugby ground.

## Qualifying features

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## Important species

Species recorded: Sharp-flowered rush, Greater bird's-foot trefoil

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: 2011 Surveyor: HYDER Author: ER

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