

BANWEN POND

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Ward: Onllwyn

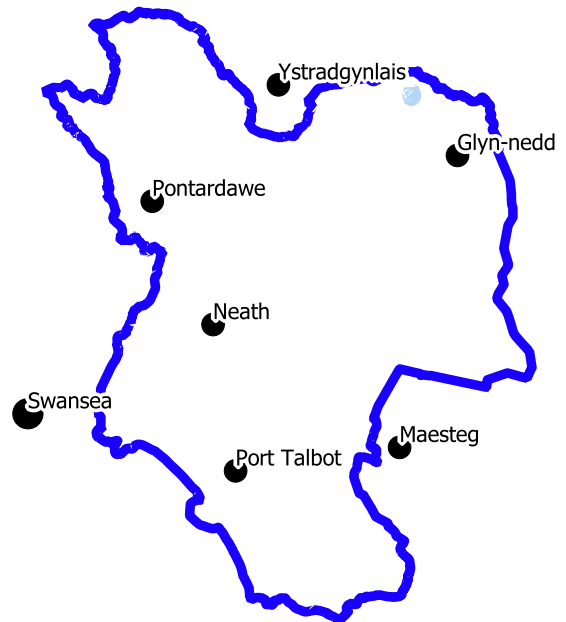
Grid ref at centre: SN8575009705

Area (ha): 6.12

Reason for selection:

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures

H14:3 Open Mosaic on Previously Developed Land



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

This former colliery site includes marshy, acid and neutral grasslands, heath and scrub along with a large fishing pond and smaller wildlife ponds

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadow 16/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 14/7
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 35/12
H14:3 OMPDL a26/20 b9

Important species

Species recorded: Common bird's-foot trefoil, Devil's-bit scabious, Eyebright, Greater bird's-foot trefoil, Heather, Ragged-robin, Southern marsh-orchid, Whorled caraway

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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