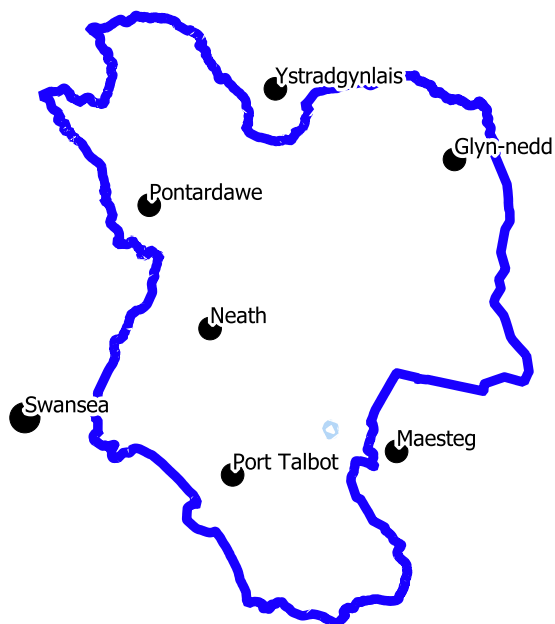


MEADOW ROW, BRYN

Reference No: NPTSINC088
Ward: Bryn and Cwmavon
Grid ref at centre: SS8166292394
Area (ha): 1.75

Reason for selection:
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland
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

MEADOW ROW, BRYN

Site Description:

A colliery spoil site with remnants of semi-natural grasslands situated in a small south-facing cwm immediately east of the small village of Bryn. The elevation ranges between 130m to 150m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Middle Coal Measures Formation in parts overlain by glacial till and/or colliery spoil. The habitats primarily comprise a mosaic of colliery spoil vegetation, with dry acid grassland scrub and rush-pasture. Ownership is unknown and there appears to be little or no habitat management. Recorded taxa include 101 vascular plants, 31 bryophytes, 9 birds, 6 lichens, 1 invertebrate and 1 fungus

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 13/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 14/7
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 15/12
H14:3 OMPDL a25/20 b 10 with heathland components

Important species

Species recorded: House Sparrow, Dunnock, Bullfinch, Starling, Bell-heather, Black Medick, Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Cat's-ear, Common Figwort, Common Marsh-bedstraw, Eyebright, Field Wood-rush, Glaucous Sedge, Greater Bird's-foot-trefoil, Heath Milkwort, Heath Speedwell, Heather, Jointed Rush, Lesser Hawkbit, Lesser Spearwort, Mat Grass, Meadow Vetchling, Purple Moor-grass, Sheep's Fescue, Sheeps Sorrel, Trailing Tormentil, Tufted Forget-me-not, Velvet Bent, Water Mint

Management Recommendations

There appears to be no formal management at the site. Periodic inspections should be undertaken to inform management aimed at; i) controlling scrub / bramble encroachment, ii) topping of areas dominated by rushes and or coarse grasses, including *Molinia*.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.