

# CAROLINE STREET

Reference No: NPTSINC092

Ward: Gwynfi

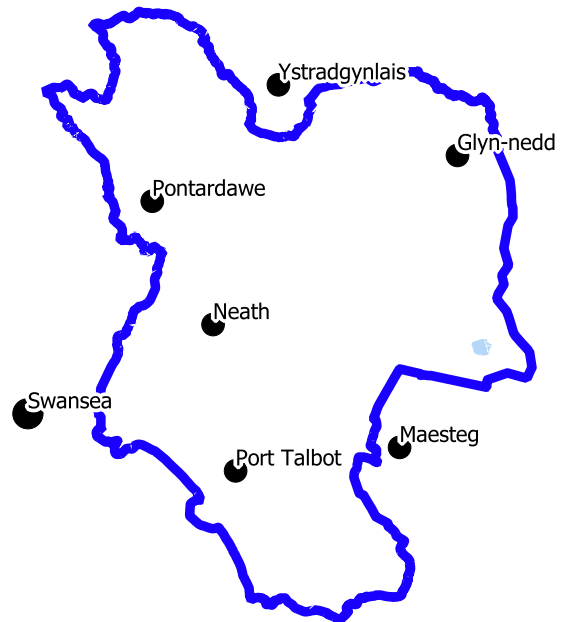
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Area (ha): 1.62

Reason for selection:

H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland

H8:1 Lowland heathland



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

A south-facing slope near the head of the Afan Valley immediately above Blaengwynfi and bordered above by coniferous plantation. The elevation ranges from 300m up to 330m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation. The habitats primarily comprise a mix of dry neutral/acid grassland and dry heath. Ownership is unknown, but management includes low-level sheep grazing. Recorded taxa include 65 vascular plants, 17 bryophytes & 3 birds

## Qualifying features

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## Important species

Species present: Bilberry, Heath Bedstraw, Heather, Purple Moor-grass & Wavy hair-grass

## Management Recommendations

Continuation of low level grazing by sheep will ensure the habitat is kept in favourable condition, though light pony or cattle grazing could be considered for use to help diversify the sward.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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