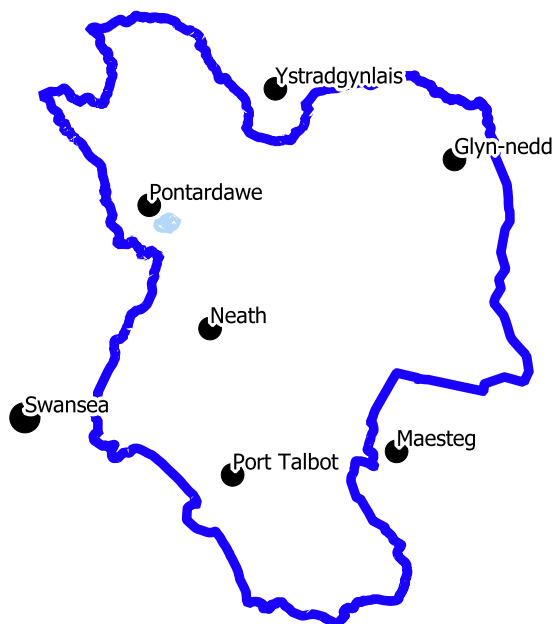


FFERM ALLTWENGANOL

Reference No: NPTSINC096
Ward: Allt-Wen/Rhos
Grid ref at centre: SN7316203206
Area (ha): 11.46

Reason for selection:
H2:1 Hedgerows ancient spp-rich
H5:1 Lowland Meadows



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A complex of pastures adjacent to Nant Llechou, a tributary of the Tawe, situated between Rhosand Alltwen. The elevation ranges from 80m to 120m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation, partly overlain with glacial till. The primary habitats on site are semi-improved grasslands and hedgerows. Ownership is unknown and management varies between tightly horse-grazed to non-intervention, the latter resulting in the development of scrub and Bramble thickets. Recorded taxa include 100 vascular plants, 11 bryophytes, 13 birds, 1 mammal, 2 fungi and 10 invertebrates

Qualifying features

H2:1 Hedgerows - 'close networks' average field size <4ha plus good species list
H5:1 Lowland meadows - MG5 MG5 13/8

Important species

S7: House Sparrow, Dunnock

Indicator species: Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Cat's-ear, Common Centaury, Common Dog-violet, Common Knapweed, Eyebright, Field Wood-rush, Greater Burnet, Lesser Stitchwort, Oxeye Daisy, Red Clover, Rough Hawkbit & Yellow Rattle.

Management Recommendations

In those areas where there appears to be no formal management, efforts should be aimed at; i) controlling scrub / bramble encroachment, ii) topping of areas dominated by rushes and/or coarse grasses and Bracken, iii) management agreement put in place that will deliver biodiversity benefits

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.