

PEN YR ALLTWEN

Reference No: NPTSINC097

Ward: Allt-wen

Grid ref at centre: SN7322303590

Area (ha): 2.77

Reason for selection:

H5:1 Lowland meadows



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A group of three pastures to the east of Alltwen at an elevation of 130m to 140m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation. The primary habitat on site is semi-improved grassland with occasional patches of scrub and hedgerows with mature oak standards. Ownership is unknown and management is mostly through horse-grazing. Recorded taxa include 92 vascular plants, 12 bryophytes, 10 birds, 1 mammal, 1 lichen and 9 invertebrates

Qualifying features

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Important species

Species recorded: Linnet, Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Centaury, Common Knapweed, Eyebright, Field Wood-rush, Meadow Vetchling, Oxeye Daisy, Sheep's Fescue, Tufted Vetch.

Management Recommendations

Management through grazing should be continued, preferably at a less intensive level in order to deliver further biodiversity benefits.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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