

ST DAVID'S GRAVEYARD

Reference No: NPTSINC098

Ward: Resolven

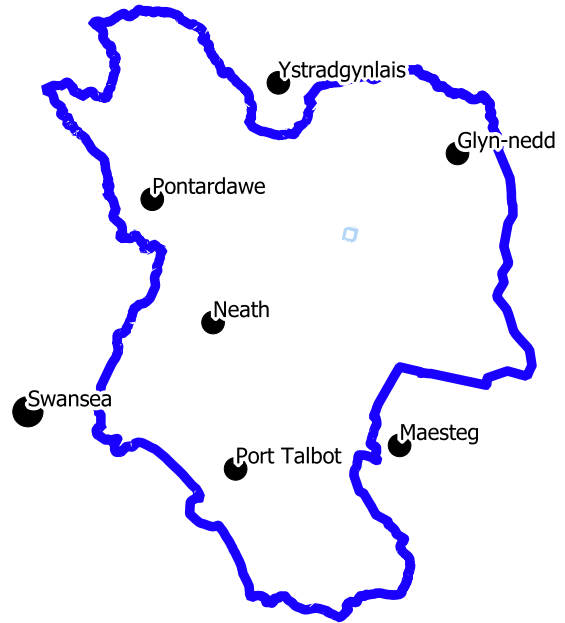
Grid ref at centre: SN8253102306

Area (ha): 0.78

Reason for selection:

H1:3 Native Woodlands

H5:1 Lowland Meadows



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A churchyard site to the south-west of Resolven in the Neath Valley at an elevation of 30m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation, overlain with glaciofluvial deposits of Devensian sand and gravel and subsequently alluvium. The primary habitats on site are semi-natural woodland elements and semi-improved grassland. Ownership is unknown and management is through occasional cutting/strimming. Recorded taxa include 144 vascular plants, 28 bryophytes, 18 birds, 1 fungus, 1 lichen and 8 invertebrates

Qualifying features

H1:3 Native woodland - mix of native tree species inc 5 indicators
H5:1 lowland meadows 10/8

Important species

S7: Bullfinch, House Sparrow

Woodland Indicators: Barren Strawberry, Broad-leaved Helleborine, Remote Sedge, Common Figwort, Hard Fern, Opposite-leaved Golden-saxifrage, Pignut, Soft Shield-fern, Yew

Grassland Indicators: Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Cat's-ear, Common Knapweed, Cuckoo-flower, Imperforate St John's-wort, Pignut, Red Clover, Squirreltail Fescue, Tufted Vetch, Wild Angelica

Management Recommendations

Non-intervention of the larger trees and associated field layer will ensure the natural development of woodland, though periodic checks should be made to assess over-dominance by non-natives and or bramble. An annual cut of the grassy areas will ensure the habitat is kept in favourable condition, ideally all arising should be removed.

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.