

FFYNNON DAWEL

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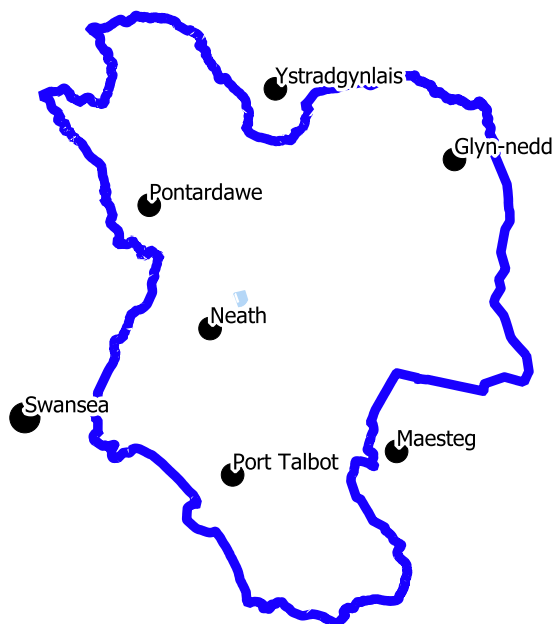
Ward: Aberdulais

Grid ref at centre: SS7691099275

Area (ha): 0.82

Reason for selection:

H5:1 Lowland meadows



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A south-facing grassy slope with scrub in the Neath Valley immediately west of Aberdulais. The elevation ranges from 31m to 34m asl, the underlying geology comprising of the South Wales Upper Coal Measures Formation in parts overlain by glacial till and glaciofluvial sheet deposits. The primary habitat is semi-improved neutral grassland, with a scrub and young woodland component. Ownership is unknown, but management includes a regular cutting regime that keeps the vegetation in favourable condition. Recorded taxa include 81 vascular plants, 9 bryophytes, 4 birds, 2 lichens and 5 invertebrates

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows - MG5 - 16/8

Important species

Species recorded: House Sparrow, Common Bird's-foot-trefoil, Common Centaury, Common Knapweed, Field Wood-rush, Heath Grass, Heath Speedwell, Lesser Hawkbit, Meadow Vetchling, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Oxeye Daisy, Perforate St John's-wort, Red Clover, Slender Trefoil & Tufted Vetch.

Management Recommendations

An annual cut of the grassy slopes will ensure the habitat is kept in favourable condition, ideally all arising should be removed.

Last surveyed: 2011 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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