

Reference No: NPTSINC106

Ward: Aberavon

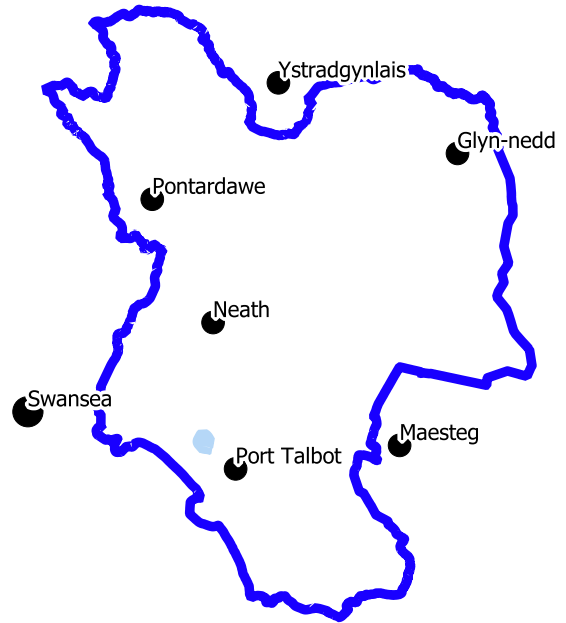
Grid ref at centre: SS7489791476

Area (ha): 14.5

Reason for selection:

H1:4 Scrub Communities

H14:3 Open Mosaic Habitats on
Previously Developed Land



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Site Description:

A considerable area of post-industrial land adjacent to and south of the M4 at Baglan. The site supports a mosaic of various habitats, including scrub communities, neutral grassland, fen, reedbed and ponds. The combination of habitats is unusually situated within a relative well built up area and is an important local habitat resource, especially in relation to providing a stepping stone for species, particularly invertebrates such as bees. The site previously supported breeding Lapwing and continues to support a variety of bird species.

Qualifying features

H1:4 scrub communities

H14:3 open mosaic habitats on previously developed land 36/20a +13b
with elements of H:5, H9:2, H9:4 & H13:2

(H5:1 Lowland meadow 23/8

H6 Calcareous 25/8

H9:3 PMGRP 30/12)

Contributory Species: Brown Sedge, Lesser Centaury & Pink Water-speedwell

Important species

Species recorded: S7 birds – Lapwing (former breeder which could return if conditions were made favourable)

Snipe, Song Thrush, Bullfinch, Linnets, Reed Bunting. Also, supports various invertebrates including Dragonflies/Damselflies.

Habitat suitable for: Reptiles, Shril Carder Bee

Management Recommendations

Scrub management over winter months on a rotational basis with only ¼ of the site undergoing management in any year.

Wetland management when necessary. Scrapes/ponds may need clearing out periodically when they have become silted up and no open water evident.

Last surveyed: 2012 Surveyor: BS Author: WJL

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