

# HAFODHEULOG WOOD EAST MEADOW

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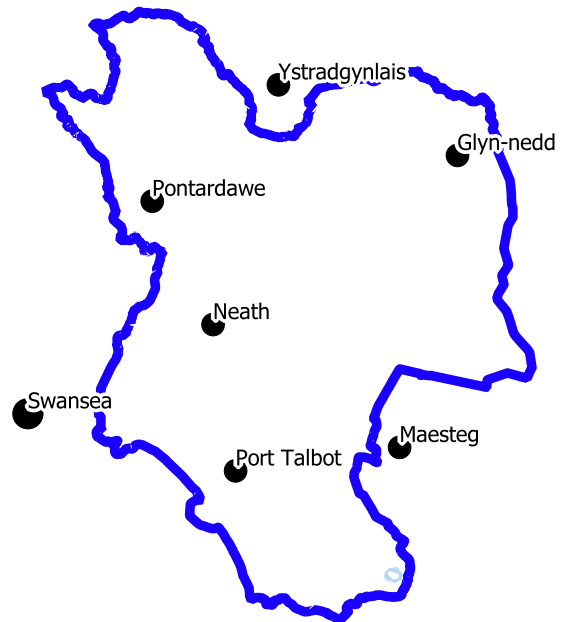
Ward: Margam

Grid ref at centre: SS8480384612

Area (ha): 1.5

Reason for selection:

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

Diverse and colourful M23 Rush Pasture managed by Aberbaiden Farm subject to moderate horse-grazing, flanked by woodland on north, east and west sides. Notable features include a population of Marsh Speedwell and significant amounts of Marsh Ragwort and Purple Loosestrife. Site is a good example of M23 Rush Pasture, a type of habitat that would have been more widespread in the local landscape prior to agricultural improvements and opencast mining.

## Qualifying features

H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 19/12

## Important species

Species recorded: Marsh speedwell, Marsh ragwort, Purple loosestrife, Meadowsweet, Ragged robin  
Habitat suitable for: Bats, Herps, Song thrush, Spotted flycatcher, Mistle thrush, Marsh tit

## Management Recommendations

The current management regime, i.e. moderate horse grazing, is adequate.

Last surveyed: 2016 Surveyor: MRH/CH Author: CH

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