

ONLLWYN COAL WASHERY

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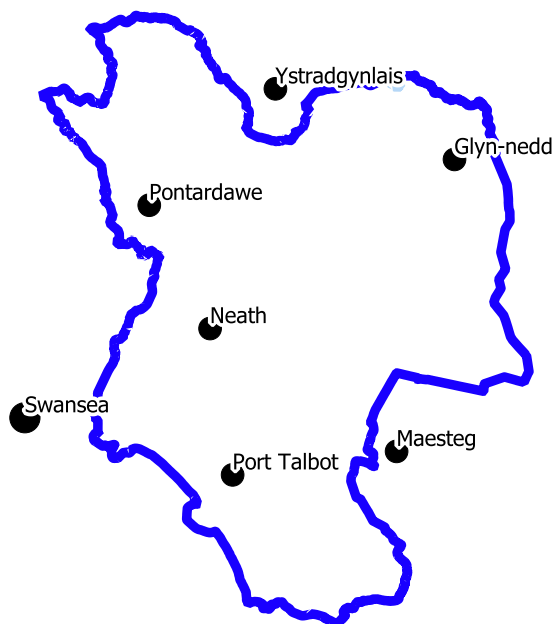
Ward: Onllwyn

Grid ref at centre: SN8505010618

Area (ha): 6.27

Reason for selection:

H14:3 Open Mosaic Habitats on
Previously Developed Land



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A site of open mosaic on previously developed land adjacent to the Onllwyn Washery, near Dyffryn Cellwen in the intervalley area of the Upper Vale of Neath, which is largely made up of a raised area of reclaimed coal tip. The site also includes a small area of Marshy Grassland. Due to problems of access only part of the site has been surveyed, although this resulted in a list of over 82 plant species. Notable species include Sand Sedge (*Carex arenaria*), a significant indicator species of Open Mosaic Coal Tip Habitats.

Qualifying features

H14:3 OMPDL 26/20

Important species

Species recorded: Sand Sedge

Habitat suitable for : Bats, Herps, Lapwing, Cuckoo, Sky Lark, Starling, Linnet, Lesser Redpoll

Other species of note: Marsh Pennywort, Marsh Orchids

Management Recommendations

Periodic removal of willow scrub may be necessary in the wet, north-east corner of the site in order to preserve its H9:3 status. Otherwise, a non-interventional management program is recommended. Further survey of the entire site for plants and invertebrates is recommended

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

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