

# RESOLVEN ALLUVIAL MEADOWS

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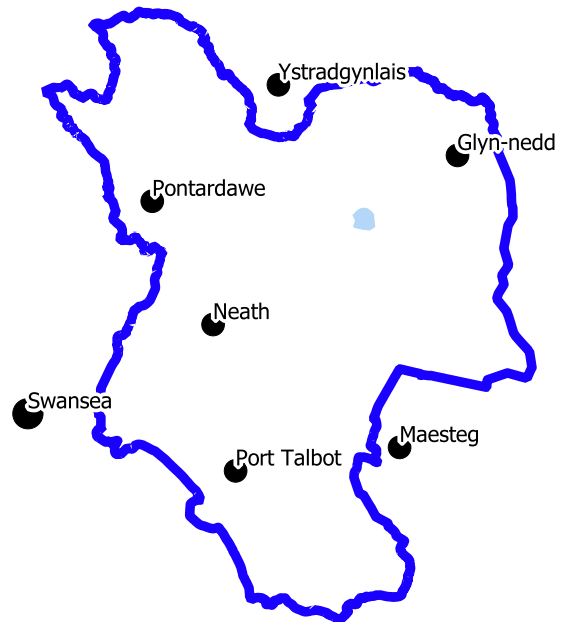
Ward: Resolven

Grid ref at centre: SN8326803172

Area (ha): 14.88

Reason for selection:

H5:1 Lowland meadows



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**SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION**

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## Site Description:

Lowland grasslands either side of the A465 with hydrological connections. The River Neath runs to the north of the sites. The northern site is currently managed by NRW who have started conservation grazing here. It supports a suite of alluvial meadow species such as Meadow saxifrage, Water avens, Meadow foxtail and Great burnet. A wet ditch which drains water from the A465 supports a large population of Wood club-rush. The southern site is less species rich but still has significant populations of Great burnet and Devil's-bit scabious, plus small amounts of Sneezewort and Purple Loosestrife. A significant area of woodland/scrub occupies the middle portion of the site.

## Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 17/8  
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 34/12

## Important species

Species recorded: Meadow saxifrage, Wood club-rush, Water avens, Great burnet, Beautiful Demoiselle, Short-winged conehead, Devel's-bit Scabious

Habitat suitable for: Bats, Otter, Song thrush, Mistle thrush, Spotted flycatcher, Grey wagtail

## Management Recommendations

Grazing by ponies/cattle between September and February. Removal of Japanese knotweed

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

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