

CILFREW MEADOW

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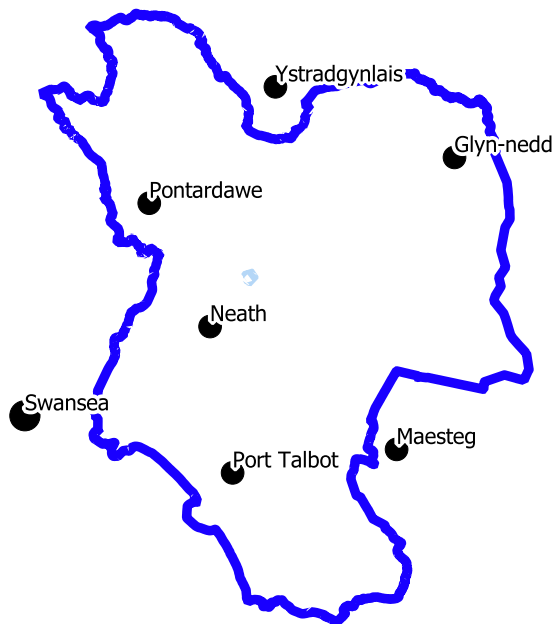
Ward: Aberdulais

Grid ref at centre: SN7743400279

Area (ha): 1.62

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:

The site is a semi-improved meadow in the Lower Dulais Valley near Cilfrew. The upper level of the meadow, which is adjacent to the mineral railway line, is largely mesotrophic grassland, but with significant amounts of Devil's-bit scabious and some Great burnet. The lower level of the meadow, adjacent to the River Dulais, is largely rush pasture dominated by Sharp-flowered rush. Notable species in the rush pasture include Marsh speedwell.

Qualifying features

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Important species

Species recorded: Great burnet, Devil's-bit scabious, Marsh speedwell, Meadowsweet, Southern marsh-orchid, Common valerian

Habitat suitable for: Bats, Herps, Song thrush, Spotted flycatcher, Mistle thrush, Marsh tit

Management Recommendations

The upper level is showing signs of successional changes towards scrub and the entire site would benefit from a regime of light pony grazing or annual cutting. Removal of Indian balsam is also recommended.

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

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