

BRYN GOYTRE CYCLEWAY

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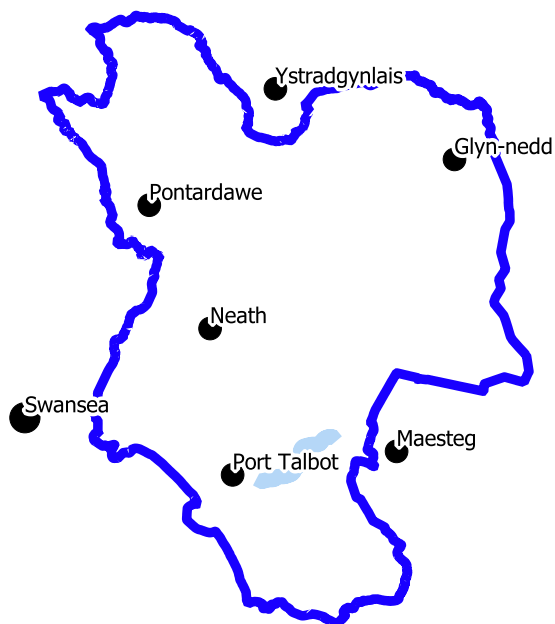
Ward: Bryn & Cwmavon, Tai-bach, Port Talbot

Grid ref at centre: SS7993890845

Area (ha): 8.81

Reason for selection:

H2 Boundaries and linear features



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

A 2.5 mile linear section of disused railway line and currently a designated cycle track which follows the Cwm Dyffryn Valley between Bryn and Goytre. Near Bryn and Goytre there are verges of low diversity mesotrophic grassland (largely MG1), but much of the track is flanked by ancient Sessile-oak/Birch woodland with abundant ferns plus a suite of Ancient Woodland Indicators including Hairy wood-rush, Bluebell, Wood sorrel and Opposite-leaved golden-saxifrage. Other features include an area of Sessile-oak/Birch woodland with a field layer dominated by Purple moor-grass (a community variant uncommon in NPT), a Sweet hestnut copse which has some large, mature trees and Small-leaved limes. INNS include Indian balsam, Japanese knotweed and Rhododendron.

Qualifying features

H2 Boundaries and linear features

Continuous linear feature which has a variety of semi-natural woodland and grassland boundary

Important species

Species recorded: Sessile-oak, Small-leaved lime, Bluebell, Hairy wood-rush, Common agrimony

Habitat suitable for: Bats, Badger, Hazel dormouse, Song thrush, Marsh tit, Mistle thrush, Spotted flycatcher, Grey wagtail, Lesser redpoll

Management Recommendations

Removal of Indian balsam, Japanese knotweed and Rhododendron. Verge cutting in summer.

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

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