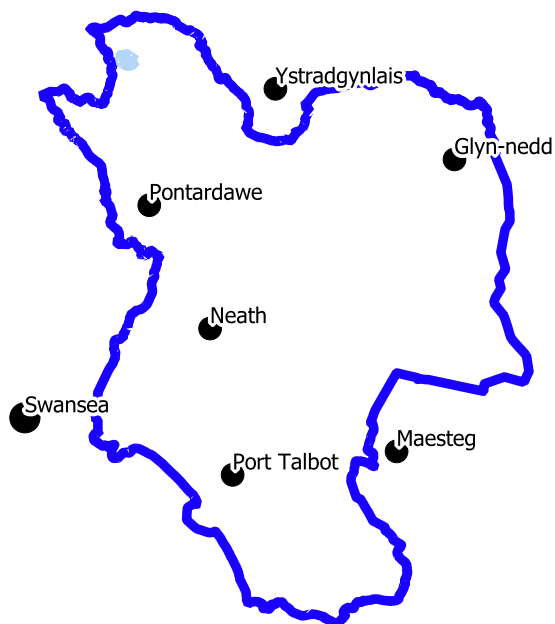


MAERDY PLAYING FIELDS

Reference No: NPTSINC127
Ward: Lower Brynamman
Grid ref at centre: SN7103011714
Area (ha): 10.15

Reason for selection:
H5:1 Lowland meadows
S5 Invertebrates



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

MAERDY PLAYING FIELDS

Site Description:

A species rich area of lowland meadow in Tairgwaith, including on reclaimed colliery spoil. An invertebrate survey in 2018 positively identified 143 species of terrestrial invertebrates.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland meadows 21/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 7/7
H9:3 Purple moor-grass and rush pastures 20/12
H14:3 OMPDL a 24/20 (b7/9)
S5 Invertebrates 12 sp of conservation interest

Important species

Species recorded: Devil's-bit scabious, Eyebrights, Southern marsh orchid, Great burnet, Broom moth, Small heath, a weevil *Tachyerges pseudostigma*, a shore bug *Chartoscirta cocksii*, a plant bug *Hoplomachus thunbergii*
Habitat suitable for: Bats

Management Recommendations

Cut and collect, scrub cut and stump treatment

Last surveyed: 2018 Surveyor: WJL/CSBI Author: LEP

To be read in conjunction with Wildlife Sites Guidance Wales (WBP 2008) and the NPT amendments. This area has been designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. This does not formally protect the site or place any restrictions upon the landowner. Neath Port Talbot Council's Countryside & Wildlife Team will endeavour to support and encourage activities that maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the land; where funding is available, funds may be provided to facilitate these activities. The information given is used to ensure that nature conservation is taken into account in planning decisions. The designation itself does not confer any rights of access to the site and places no restriction on the management of the land.