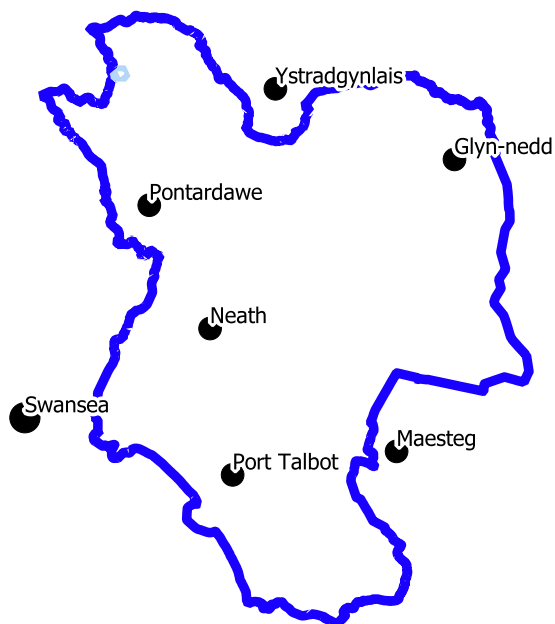


ABERNANT ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Reference No: NPTSINC129
Ward: Gwaun Cae Gurwen
Grid ref at centre: SN7067010984
Area (ha): 3.36

Reason for selection:
H5:1 Lowland meadow
S5 Invertebrates



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

ABERNANT ROAD PLAYING FIELD

Site Description:

Neutral grassland with possible areas of acid, forming a mosaic, area of rush pasture in NE corner. Planted woodland and field boundary - mix of you an semi-mature native trees including oak, sycamore, ash, hazel, hawthorn. Poor nutrient/acid grassland with Bilberry and cladonia lichen and large anthills. The rare bug *Drymys pumilio* is found in mossy areas. 101 terrestrial invertebrates recorded including 8 of conservation interest.

Qualifying features

H5:1 Lowland Meadow 12/8
H7:1 Lowland dry acid grassland 11/7
S5 Invertebrates

Important species

Species recorded: Eyebright, Heather, Bilberry, *Adelphocoris seticornis* (a myriad bug), *Drymus pumilio* (a ground bug), *Holomachus thunbergii* (a plant bug), *Pseudogonolus hahnii* (a hyper-parasitoid wasp)
Habitat suitable for: reptiles, nesting birds, badgers

Management Recommendations

Neutral grassland (with play area) – becoming rank, needs cut and collect (some evidence of cattle passing through!)
Woodland – remove any Ash suffering from Ash die back disease, thinning; selectively remove self-set saplings
Acid grassland - selectively remove self-set saplings to keep sward open and create bare areas. Grass needs cutting (sensitively) to provide variety of sward height
INNS: large patch of Michaelmas Daisy adjacent to rear gardens at 10-12 Llwyn Road

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

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