

BAGLAN BROWNFIELD SLACK

Reference No: NPTSINC132

Ward: BAGLAN

Grid ref at centre: SS7400492084

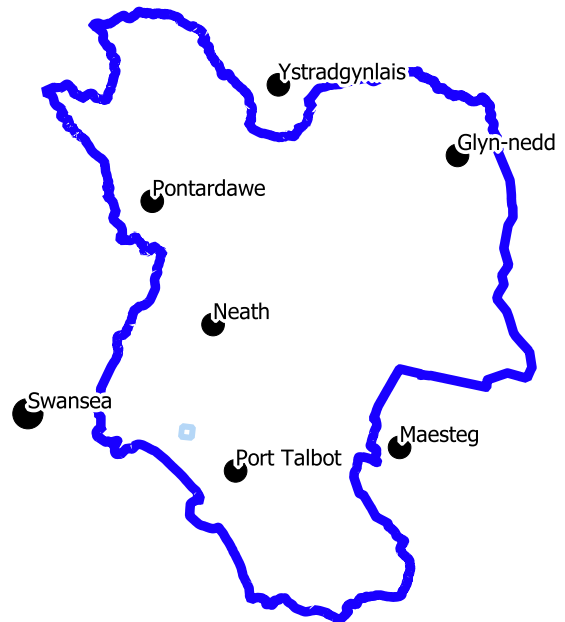
Area (ha): 4.85

Reason for selection:

H15:2 Coastal sand dune

H14:3 Open Mosaic on Previously
Developed Land

S6 Vascular plants



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SITE OF IMPORTANCE FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

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Site Description:

An area of former sand fields overlain by crushed industrial base-rich slag, parts of which are subject to winter flooding. The vegetation is very diverse and includes a rich suite of sand dune species with several rare and scarce taxa. The site supports the county's only extant colony of Hook-beak Tufa-moss, which is abundant over approximately 1500 square m. Distant sedge is present which is a primary species. Recorded taxa include 76 vascular plants, 13 bryophytes, 20 birds and 3 invertebrates.

Qualifying features

H15:2 Coastal sand dune
H14:3 OMPDL
S7 Vascular plants PS Distant sedge

Important species

Species recorded: Linnet, Song thrush, Dunnock, Distant Sedge, Sharp Rush, Brookweed, Wild Pansy, Curly crisp-moss, Fairy flax, Glaucous sedge, Hairy rock-cress, Heath dog-violet, Kidney vetch, Knotted pearlwort, Lesser hawkbit, Oxeye daisy, Perforate St John's-wort, Rue-leaved saxifrage, Marsh-orchids, Wall speedwell, Wild parsnip, Common fleabane, Common reed, Creeping willow, Hemp agrimony, Square-stalked St John's-wort, Water mint, Wood small-reed.

Management Recommendations

Scrub removal of all scrub species >50cm should be undertaken to preserve the open nature of the slack vegetation and to help reduce the impact of leaf litter.

Last surveyed: 2017 Surveyor: BS Author: BS

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