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## SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS BRYNGWYN HALL STABLES AND COACH HOUSE

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Site Area: 0.1 ha

## **Description:**

The site comprises a disused stable block adjacent to Bryngwyn Hall, Bwlch-y-cibau. Part of the roof and upper floor of the stable block form an important breeding site for lesser horseshoe bats *Rhinolophus Hipposideros*.

The lesser horseshoe bat is one of Britain's most threatened bat species and has declined in both range and numbers in Britain and western Europe this century. All known breeding sites in Britain are in old buildings and the species appears unwilling or unable to colonise modern buildings. With around 200 bats breeding here, the site is one of the most important known for this species in Britain.

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