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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

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Site Area: 2.8 ha

Description:

This site comprises a single large field lying on gently sloping ground at an altitude of 285 metres in the valley of the River Marteg. It is traditionally managed hay meadow of a most unusual vegetation type, in which bulky herbaceous plants are more prominent than grasses. Such meadows have a very restricted distribution in mid-Wales and show affinities with the hay meadows of the Pennine Dales.

Much of the sward is dominated by mixtures of common bent *Agrostis Capillaris*, sweet vernal-grass *Anthoxanthem Odoratum*, crested dog's-tail *Cynosurus Cristatus*, red fescue *Fescua Rubra*, eyebright *Euphrasia Officinalis*, yellow rattle *Rhinanthus Minor*, great burnet *Sanguisorba Officinalis* and red clover *Trifolium Pratense*. Other characteristic associates include smooth lady's-mantle *Alchemilla Glabra*, common knapweed *Centaurea Nigra*, pignut *Conopidium Majus*, rough hawkbit *Leontodon Hispidus*, ribwort plantain *Plantago Lanceolata*, meadow buttercup *Ranunculus Acris* and common sorrel *Rumex Acetosa*. Wet hollows and flushes within the field are dominated by sharp-flowered rush *Juncus Acutiflorus*, and support species such as sneezewort *Achillea Ptarmica*, marsh-marigold *Caltha Palustri*, meadowsweet *Filipendula Ulmaria*, ragged-robin *Lychnis Flos-Cuculi* and sedges *Carex spp.* The field edge supports good populations of the nationally scarce wood bitter-vetch *Vicia Orobus* which is suppressed by mowing the field proper.

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