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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

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Date of Notification: 1980, 1983

National Grid Reference: SO 140715

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Site Area: 350 ha

Description:

This area of unimproved hill land, lying at 300-350 metres above sea level, is of botanical and ornithological interest.

The mixture of habitats of wet and freely drained acid grassland, small pools, gullies and gorse thickets enables this area to support a diverse range of breeding birds. Within Powys it is of particular significance for wader species, both as wintering and breeding habitat; species include lapwing, snipe, curlew and redshank.

Botanically, the area is most noted for the occurrence of populations of the scarce pillwort *Pilularia globulifera* in some of the pools.

Remarks:

Owned by the Crown Estate.
Registered as Common Land.

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