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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

POWYS

PEN-YR-HEN-ALLT

Date of Notification: 1972, 1982

National Grid Reference: SO 229397

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Site Area: 5 ha

Description:

The site contains important examples of unimproved meadowland and pasture, and is one of a series of grassland sites considered to be of national significance for nature conservation.

The two fields south of the minor road are traditional upland hay meadows with a flora typical of that which was once common in meadows in northern Britain. Here the sward contains such notable plants as globeflower *Trollius europaeus*, greater butterfly-orchid *Platanthera chlorantha*, fragrant orchid *Gymnadenia conopsea*, bitter-vetch *Lathyrus montanus* and adder's-tongue *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, together with a variety of characteristic grasses and other herbs.

North of the road is an areas of sloping pasture, noted chiefly for its meadow saffron *Colchicum autumnale*, a plant which was once locally widespread in parts of Britain, but is now very uncommon and confined mainly to the southern part of the country.

Remarks:

Within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

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