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**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION**

**POWYS**

**CAEAU CWM-FFRWD**

**Date of Notification:** 1990

**National Grid Reference:** SO042877

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**Site Area:** 1.7 ha

**Description:**

This site comprises a series of small fields situated on gently sloping ground at the head of a west-facing valley near Llandinam. They support a type of species-rich plant community typical of traditionally managed hay meadows associated with the free draining neutral soils of the upland fringe. Such meadows are now rare in mid- Wales as a result of agricultural intensification.

Much of the sward is dominated by common bent *Agrostis Capillaris*, sweet vernal-grass *Anthoxanthum Odoratum*, crested dogs-tail *Cynosurus Cristatus* and red fescue *Festuca Rubra*, with frequent common knapweed *Centaurea Nigra*, eyebright *Euphrasia Officinalis*, autumn hawkbit *Leontodon Autumnalis*, common birds-foot-trefoil *Lotus Corniculatus*, ribwort plantain *Plantago Lanceolata*, meadow buttercup *Ranunculus Acris*, bulbous buttercup *Ranunculus Bulbosus*, common sorrel *Rumex Acetosa* and red clover *Trifolium Pratense*. Other associated species include perennial rye-grass *Lolium Perenne*, pignut *Conopodium Majus*, heath spotted-orchid *Dactylorhiza Maculata subsp. Ericetorum*, oxeye daisy *Leucanthemum Vulgare*, rough hawkbit *Leontodon Hispidus*, yellow-rattle *Rhinanthus Minor* and tufted vetch *Vicia Cracca*. Near the farm buildings nutrient enrichment and poaching has occurred. The sward here is characterised by an abundance of perennial rye-grass and crested dogs-tail, along with species such as creeping buttercup *Ranunculus Repens* and white clover *Trifolium Repens*.

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