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**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION**

**POWYS**

**GWAUN WERN-Y-WIG**

**Date of Notification:** 1990

**National Grid Reference:** SJ 075125

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**Site Area:** 2.1 ha

**Description:**

A good example of damp unimproved pasture on the upland fringe, supporting a wide variety of characteristic plants. The site comprises a single large and fairly level field with a series of old drainage channels and drier hummocks.

The drier ground supports a close-grazed sward dominated by bents *Agrostis spp.*, fescues *Festuca spp.* and sweet vernal-grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum*. Frequent associates include quaking-grass *Briza media*, heath-grass *Danthonia decumbens*, purple moor-grass *Molinia caerulea*, carnation sedge *Carex panicea*, cuckooflower *Cardamine pratensis*, lousewort *Pedicularis sylvatica*, tormentil *Potentilla erecta* and devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis*.

The wetter hollows and old drainage channels support communities dominated by bents and jointed rush *Juncus articulatus*. Characteristic associates include Yorkshire-fog *Holcus lanatus*, star sedge *Carex echinata*, common sedge *C. nigra*, marsh-marigold *Caltha palustris*, heath spotted-orchid *Dactylorhiza maculata*, common cottongrass *Eriophorum angustifolium*, marsh pennywort *Hydrocotyle vulgaris*, marsh St. John's-wort *Hypericum elodes*, water mint *Mentha aquatica*, bogbean *Menyanthes trifoliata*, marsh cinquefoil *Potentilla palustris* and lesser spearwort *Ranunculus flammula*.

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