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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

MONMOUTHSHIRE/TORFAEN

BLORENGE

Date of Notification: 1971, 1985

National Grid Reference: SO 265105

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Site Area: 997 Ha

Description:

The southern part of this extensive upland site is comprised of sub-montane heath with large areas of *Calluna - Empetrum - Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, a community which is of local distribution in South Wales. In the north there are exposures of Carboniferous Limestone bearing a grassland rich in calcicole species including hairy violet *Viola hirta*, lesser wild thyme *Thymus drucei*, purging flax *Linum catharticum* and salad burnet *Poterium sanguisorba*. Additional habitats include acidic and basic scree and oligotrophic and dystrophic open water bodies.

Remarks:

Most of the site lies within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

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