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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

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Site Area: 21.5 ha

Description:

This mixed deciduous woodland with sessile oak dominant has developed on predominantly well-drained Silurian (Wenlock and Ludlow) shales. It is on a moderately steep slope with a western aspect. Some of the oak trees are derived from secondary growth, but there is a good representation of large mature trees. There is a closed canopy and locally a well-developed understorey of birch, hazel and rowan. The ground layer is not very diverse except at the foot of the slope, where there is impeded drainage. The site includes the Bachell Brook with associated riparian marsh habitat. Locally uncommon species such as yellow loosestrife *Lysimachia vulgaris* and wood club-rush *Scirpus sylvaticus* occur here. In association with the nearby Tyfaenor Park woodlands, this area is of considerable ornithological importance, with good populations of typical western oakwood bird species, including woodpeckers, flycatchers and warblers. Birds of prey also breed in the woodland.

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