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SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST CITATION

CARMARTHNSHIRE

ALLT Y WERN

Date of Notification: 1973, 1983

National Grid Reference: SN 579216

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Site Area: 6 ha

Description:

A small oakwood which has apparently been managed as coppice-with-standards, an unusual silvicultural practice in this part of Wales. Many of the fine mature pedunculate oaks *Quercus robur* are at least 200 years old. Ash *Fraxinus excelsior* also occurs as a standard tree whilst hazel *Corylus avellana* forms the coppiced layer. The species-rich shrub layer includes holly *Ilex aquifolia*, elder *Sambucus niger*, hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*, roses *Rosa* spp., guelder rose *Viburnum opulus* and blackthorn *Prunus spinosa*. Dog's mercury *Mercurialis perennis*, wood sorrel *Oxalis acetosella*, creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens* and bramble *Rubus* spp. are the most abundant species in the equally species-rich ground layer.

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