

K40 - Tolgus



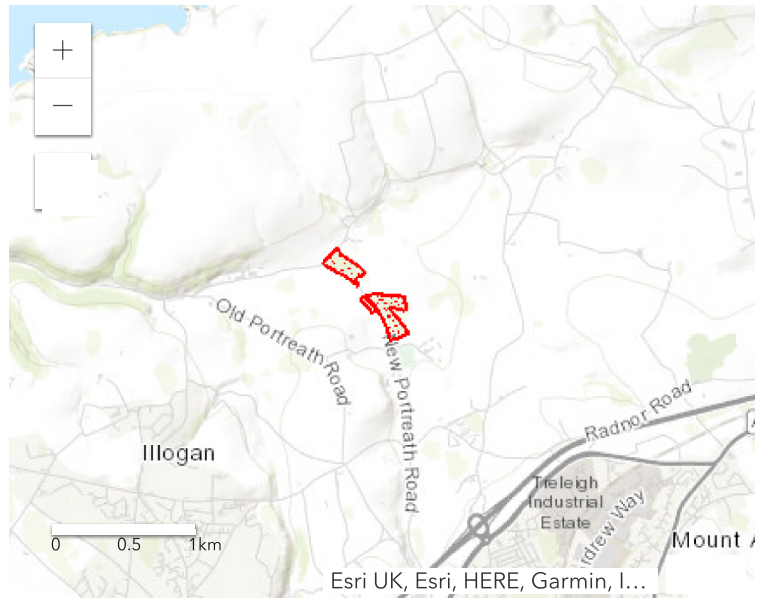
SITE INFORMATION

Location:
1 mile north east of Camborne

Grid Reference:
SW688448

Parish:
REDRUTH CP

Area:
8.3 Ha



Important note about access to CWS

The County Wildlife Site designation does not confer public access.

What does the designation County Wildlife Site mean?

County Wildlife Sites (CWS) are the most significant areas for wildlife in Cornwall outside Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). County Wildlife Sites contain features that are of substantive nature conservation value at a county level of significance. There are over 490 sites in Cornwall under both public and private ownership and they range from small ponds, copses and linear features, such as river valleys, to wetlands, ancient woodlands and large moors. They make up approximately 10% of the county's land area.

CWS were identified and selected in the 1980s and 1990s using a combination of aerial photograph data, local knowledge and, where possible, ground based surveys. CWS are selected through the application of a set of criteria agreed by Cornwall's Local Sites Partnership.

The benefits and implications of owning a County Wildlife Site

Owning a CWS brings both implications and benefits to the landowner:

- CWS can attract grant aid through Defra's Environmental Stewardship schemes
- Cornwall Wildlife Trust can provide free management advice for landowners
- As the CWS designation is non-statutory, there are no restrictions placed on agricultural operations
- Landowners/Managers remain in control of all land management decisions
- Access is by landowner permission, no rights of access are created.
- Where substantial land use changes are proposed on a CWS, the Local Authority will take wildlife into account along with all other planning considerations

Progress towards achieving National Indicator NII97 Improved Local Biodiversity

Active conservation management is being achieved on this site

Activity

Site Description

This site is situated in a broad, shallow valley and includes a mosaic of habitats developed on a disused tin streaming works. The larger sections to the east of the road include areas of purple moor grass and rush pasture, fen, grassland, mixed scrub and unmanaged wet meadows which have reverted to willow scrub. There are small areas of wet woodland to the north and south of the site.

The small section to west of the road includes part of a key bryophyte site which supports three Nationally Rare mosses: *Pohlia andalusica*, *Cephaloziella massalongi* and *C. nicholsonii*. It is also one of Cornwall's key Odonata sites, particularly important for breeding small red damselfly *Ceriatagion tenellum* and scarce blue-tailed damselfly *Ischnura pumilio* (both Nationally Scarce); however, the pools have become silted up and overgrown with only small areas of open water remaining.

BAP Priority Habitats: [Lowland Fens](#), [Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pastures](#), [Wet Woodland](#)

BAP Priority Species: Otter *Lutra lutra* recorded just outside the site along the stream running from the east.

Management

Further Information

This summary sheet was produced using information held by the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS). For further details or a comprehensive/notable species search please contact the Wildlife Information Service, email: wis@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk.

For further information regarding Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) Priority Habitats and Species refer to UKBAP. Note that species listed may be subject to more than one conservation status and may also be protected under legislation such as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Refer to JNCC for full current taxon designations.

Contact Us

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