

Heather & Grass etc. Burning (Wales) Regulations 2008

LICENCE



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Licence Ref:

H&G/WHF/2021

This licence permits: [Redacted: Agent], C/o The Wynnstay Home Farm Office, Unit 1, Rosehill, Erbistock, Wrexham, LL13 0DE

To burn the following vegetation: Upland heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) moorland

On the following soil types: The main part of the hill on the eastern side is predominantly Wilcocks 1 - seasonally waterlogged gley with a peaty topsoil; the Fron flats area is Hafren - iron-rich podzol; and there are smaller areas of Crowdy 2 – peat over bedrock (limestone in this case) and Anglezarke – also iron-rich podzol.

On the land indicated below:

Location: Ruabon Mountain

OS Grid Ref: SJ240470

Total area (hectares): up to 400 acres (160ha) within the areas marked blue on the application map (in accordance with your Burning Management Plan and as agreed with Natural Resources Wales).

On the following dates: from 2 September 2021 to 30 September 2021 (inclusive)

For the following purpose: To control an infestation of Heather Beetle (*Lochmaea suturalis*) and to manage heather to benefit populations of grouse (black and red) and ground-nesting bird species listed at Section 42 of the Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006.

Using the following methodology: You will have four to five people in place and firebreaks will have been cut on at least three sides of each area to be burned. The areas to be burned will vary from 30m by 50-100m. You should also have a vehicle mounted water tank and/or pressure washer present.

This licence is granted subject to the following conditions:

- You must have a valid [Burning Management Plan](#) in place and this should be available for inspection by Welsh Government officials on request.

- Burning should be carried out in line with [The Heather and Grass Burning Code for Wales 2008](#)
- On the morning of the day of burning, you must telephone your local fire and rescue service and provide details of the location (including OS grid reference) and extent of intended burning. At the end of the day let them know when all fires have been extinguished.
- Burning on Ruabon Mountain must not take place before **2 September 2021**.
- Peat is vulnerable to damage from intensive management, including burning. Where there is peat, avoid back-fires, or only use with extreme caution, to reduce the risk of irreversible damage to the vegetation and underlying peat.
- The following sensitive habitats and areas should be included in no-burn areas unless burning of them is part of an agreed restoration or other environmental management programme:
 - Peat bog and wet heath including raised, blanket and valley bogs and mires in upland and lowland situations.
 - Peat hags and other areas with exposed peat, and erosion gullies.
- Definitions of these habitats and areas are given in Annex 1 of [The Heather and Grass Burning Code for Wales 2008](#)

This licence authorises acts that would otherwise be offences under the Hill Farming Act 1946 (as amended). Any departure from the terms or conditions of the licence may be an offence against that Act. This licence does not authorise any actions which are prohibited by or under any other legislation.

Name: [Redacted: WG Official 2] (Biodiversity & Nature Conservation Policy Officer)

Date: 2 September 2021