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About this Booklet

The Welsh Government has asked the Mining Remediation Authority to regularly inspect disused coal tips in Wales. Inspections help monitor the status of disused tips and helps identify any maintenance works that may be needed. Occasionally, whilst visiting disused coal tips, inspectors will highlight factors that make it necessary to update the dataset. This helps ensure that the information is up to date and accurate.

This booklet summarises the changes that were reported by the Mining Remediation Authority since the last data update was published. It provides maps and information focusing on disused coal tips where:

- a tip has changed its category rating
- a revision to a tip's boundary was noted
- a disused coal tip was recorded and given a category rating for the first time
- a disused coal tip is no longer there or has been wrongly included in the dataset

The booklet is published at the same time as existing data and information about disused coal tips in Wales is updated by the Welsh Government on its [website](#).

A revised Update Booklet will be published twice a year to reflect the changes noted by inspectors at the end of the annual program of category C and D tip inspections that occur over Winter (published in the Spring Update) and at the end of annual program of category D inspections that take place over the Summer (published in the Autumn Update).

Category A Inspections

The booklet will also include changes resulting from an intensive programme of inspections of all tips currently rated as category A. This is the first time that most category A tips will have been inspected by the Mining Remediation Authority on behalf of the Welsh Government. On site inspections may reveal new information that could mean a tips rating or boundary is revised as a result. The programme of category A inspections commenced in April 2025 and will take approximately two years to complete. The large number of inspections taking place may result in higher than usual numbers of recorded changes in these updates. Any tips that receive a category C or above rating will move into the routine programme of inspections for tips with those ratings.

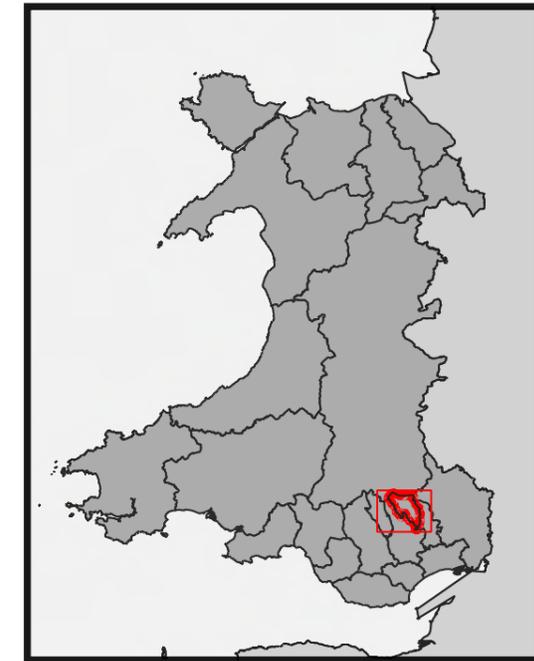
All category B tips were inspected in 2024.

Table of Changes

This table provides additional detail on the changes that have been included as part of the update to the National Disused Coal Tips Dataset. It shows the Unique Identification Reference for the tip; The Local Authority in which the tip is found; The nature of the change recorded; the tips current Category rating and the tips previous rating (newly discovered tips will not have a previous rating); and the grid reference of the centre of the tip based on the British National Grid reference system.

UID	Local Authority	Change Type	Category	Previous Category	X	Y
T86437	Blaenau Gwent	Category Change	B	A	319905	212886
T19074	Blaenau Gwent	Category Change	B	A	320001	212597
T60852	Caerphilly	Boundary Revision	A	A	316182	198774
T50660	Merthyr Tydfil	Boundary Revision	C	C	305001	204416
T34811	Merthyr Tydfil	Boundary Revision	C	C	304764	204268
T56945	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Tip Removed		B	299705	196458
T44524	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Boundary Revision	A	A	299944	199406
T13393	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Boundary Revision	C	C	299272	204394
T53566	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Category Change	B	A	304794	194635
T85546	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Category Change	B	A	306844	193041
T87630	Swansea	Category Change	B	A	255943	193563

Blaenau Gwent



Legend

Change Type

⊗	Tip Removed	(0)
+	New Tip	(0)
△	Category Change	(2)
□	Boundary Update	(0)
○	Category Change & Boundary Update	(0)

Tip Category

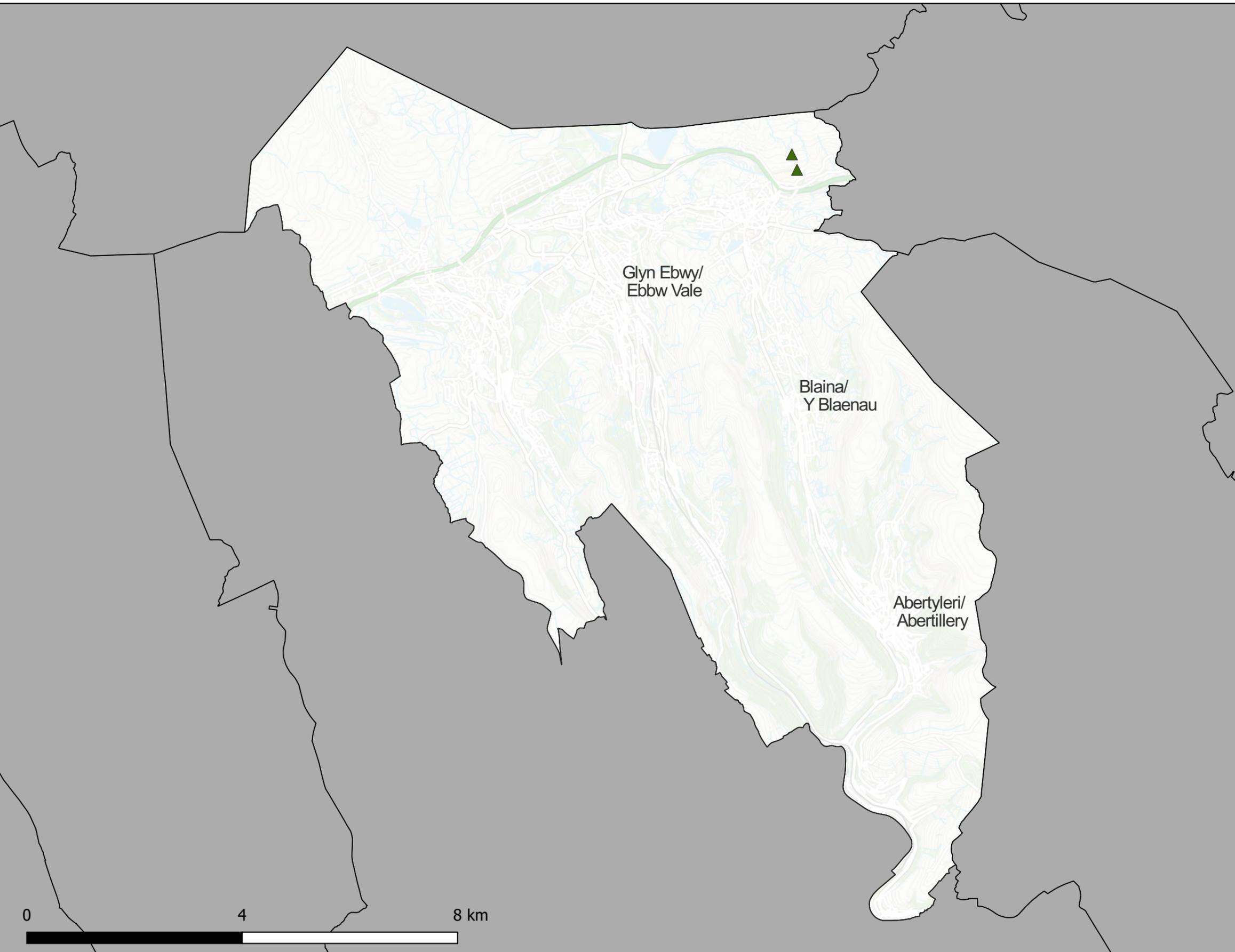
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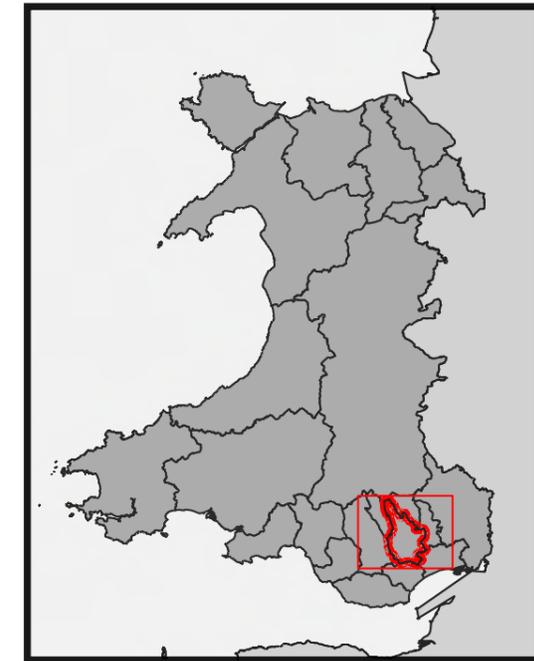
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Caerphilly



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+	New Tip	(0)
△	Category Change	(0)
□	Boundary Update	(1)
○	Category Change & Boundary Update	(0)

Tip Category

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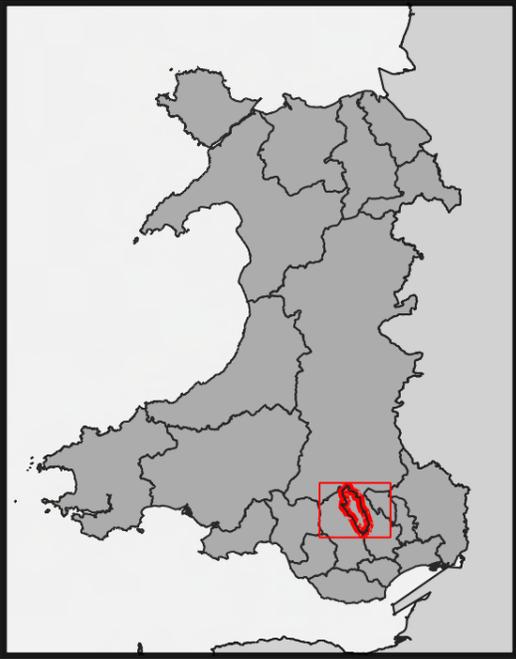
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Merthyr Tydfil



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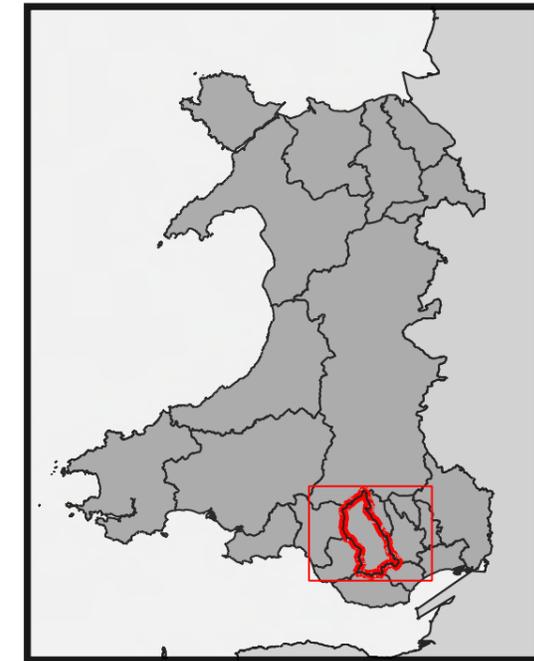
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Rhondda Cynon Taf



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- ⊗ Tip Removed (1)
- + New Tip (0)
- △ Category Change (2)
- Boundary Update (2)
- Category Change & Boundary Update (0)

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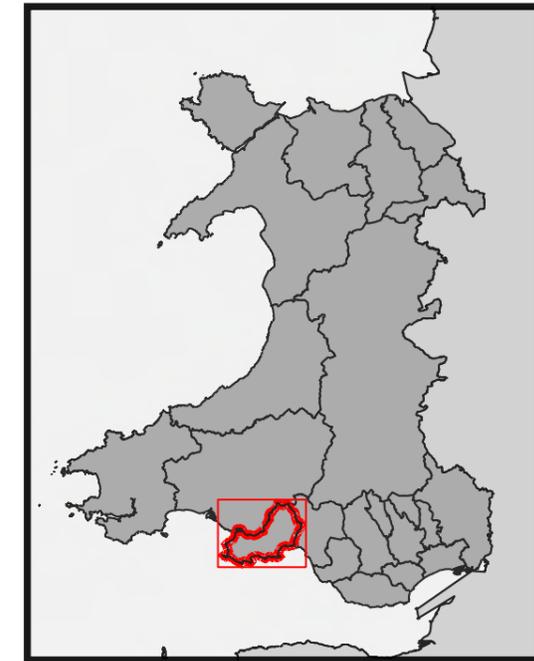
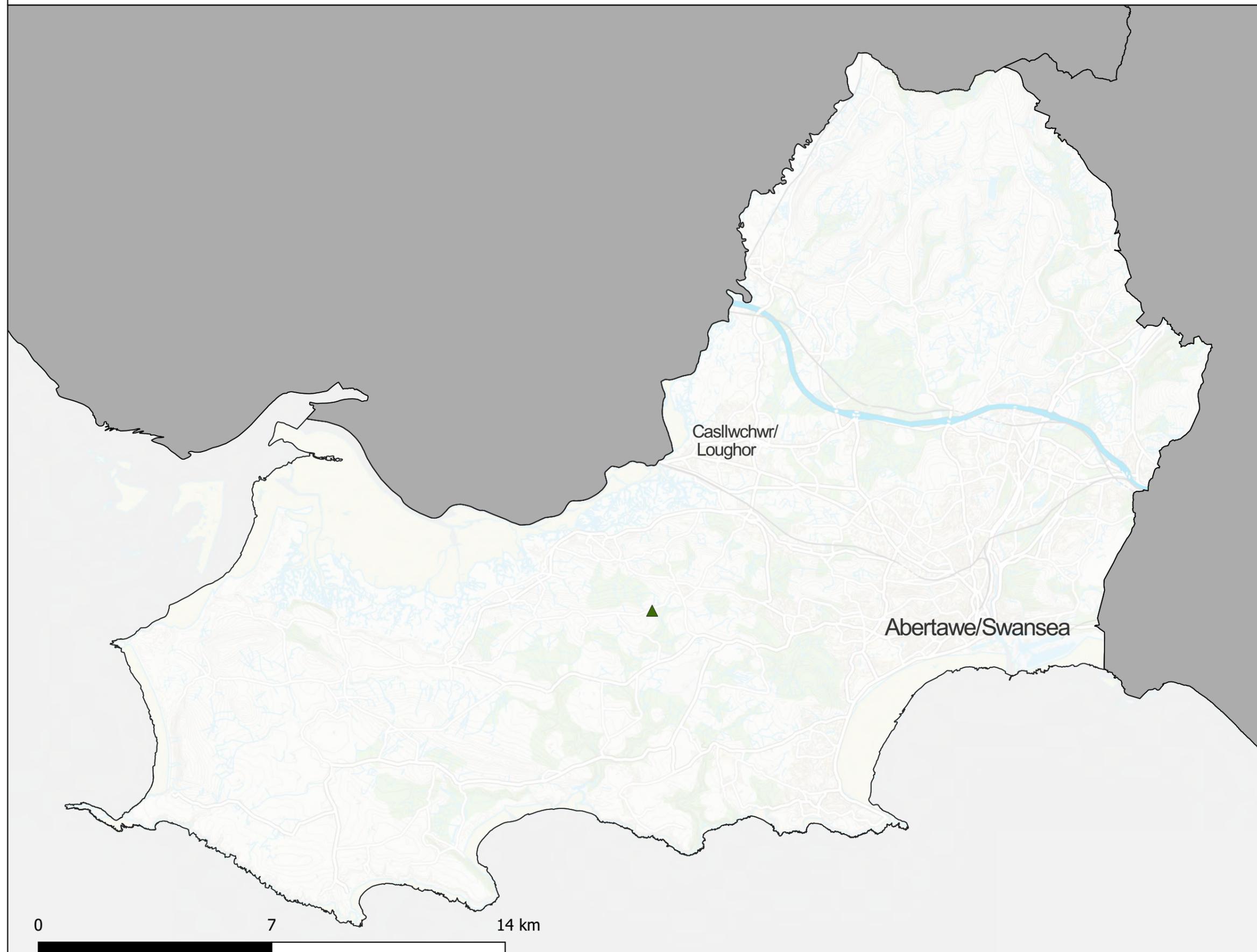
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Swansea



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