

## **PROFILE OF LLYNCLYS QUARRY, NEAR OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE**

Llynclys Quarry is located 3.5 miles south-west of Oswestry (OS NGR 326802 324430). The quarry is owned and operated by Tarmac Roadstone Ltd and works Lower Carboniferous limestone which is crushed to produce roadstone. Some of the limestone is also rich in magnesium and is used as an agricultural magnesium lime for spreading on pasture fields.

The quarry received planning permission for an extension in 1997 and the workings are proceeding in an easterly direction into the new extension area. The northern and western edges of the quarry are being progressively restored to a range of limestone grassland, shrub and woodland habitats which are rich in biodiversity. Lafarge has won national awards for the quality of the restoration being carried out at Llynclys.



**View north east from the plant area towards the extension**



**View north east from plant area showing new restoration of quarry upper benches in the distance.**



**Disused silt lagoons to north of plant site.**



**View south from area undergoing restoration towards plant site.**



**View north towards quarry face undergoing restoration.**



**View south east from restored area towards current working area.**



**Biodiversity at Llyncllys**

The limestone grasslands which have been established on restored areas at Llyncllys quarry support a wide range of flora and fauna and the quarry is an important refuge for some nationally rare plant species.