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About me:

Caroline is a professional ecologist with 8 years' experience of habitat and protected species survey. She is a keen botanist and holds a Level 4 Field Identification Skills Certificate (FISC) from the BSBI.

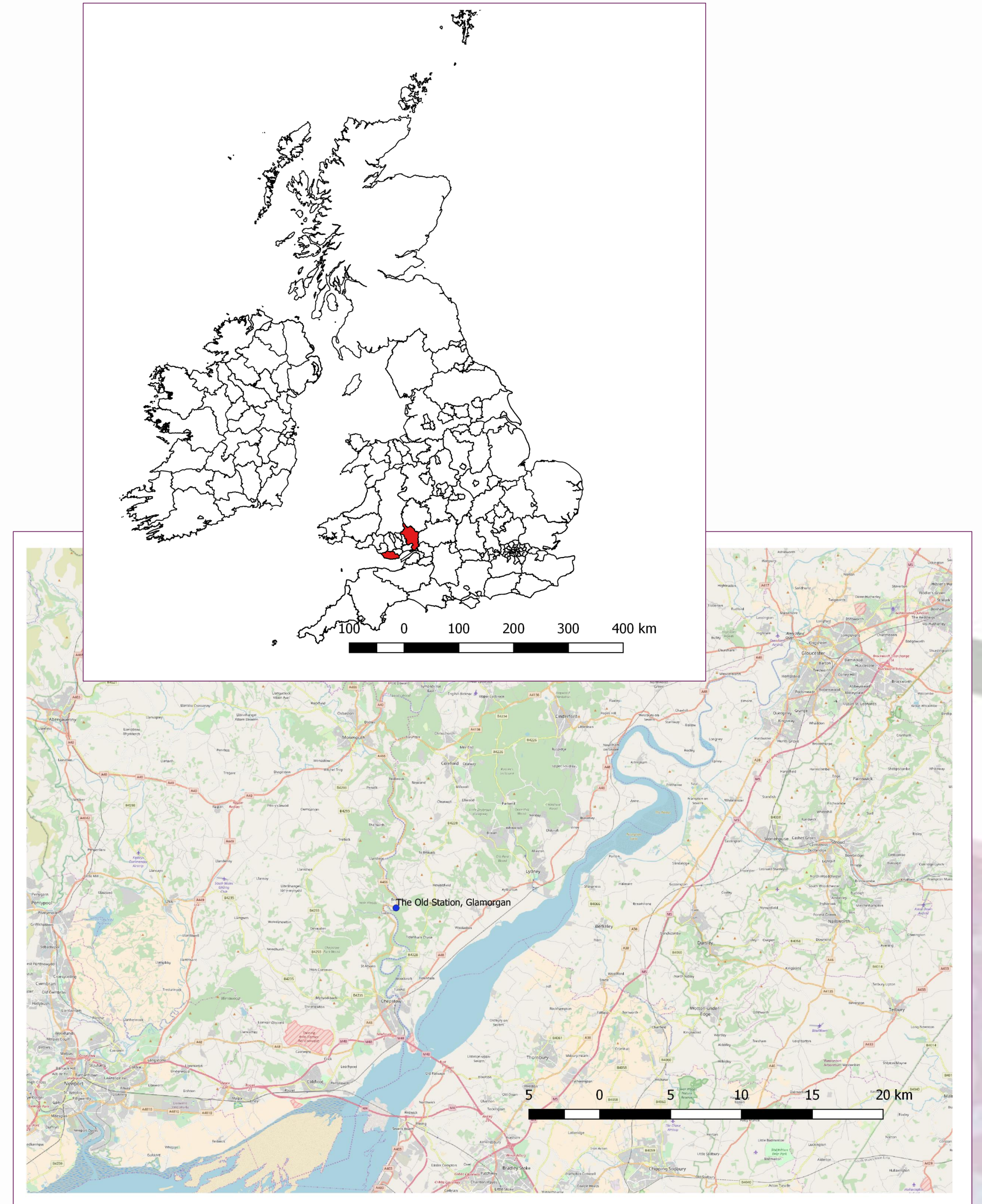


About the site:

The Old Station is a former railway station located in the Wye Valley which delivered visitors to nearby Tintern Abbey until 1959. The former station buildings have been restored and the site, including its two floodplain meadows bordering the River Wye, is owned and managed by Monmouthshire County Council as a popular visitor attraction.



Site location:



My ambassadorial role:

Given the rarity of MG4 & MG8 in Wales, Caroline plans to investigate opportunities for floodplain meadow restoration and creation using datasets from NRW, BSBI and FMP to identify areas with potential to support species rich floodplain meadow vegetation as well as providing information and support to local councils and community groups to encourage positive management of existing floodplain meadow sites.



Site monitoring:

Botanical, hydrological and soil surveys were undertaken at The Old Station between 2015 and 2016 as part of the FMP Ambassador Training Programme. The survey work was carried out to determine if the site could potentially support species rich floodplain meadow vegetation and to provide management recommendations which will hopefully be included in MCC's upcoming Green Infrastructure Management Plan.