



## South Wales RIGS Group Site Record

### RIGS Description

**SECTION A**

General	South Wales
<b>Site Name:</b> Aneurin Bevan Memorial	<b>File Number:</b> AH_68
<b>RIGS Number:</b> 752	<b>Surveyed by:</b> AJ Humpage
<b>Grid Reference:</b> SO 15100 10580	<b>Date of Visit:</b> 1 September 2011
<b>RIGS Category:</b> Historical	<b>Date Registered:</b> Unknown
<b>Earth Science Category:</b> Building Stone	
<b>Site Nature:</b> Hilltop	<b>Documentation prepared by:</b> AJH
<b>Unitary Authority:</b> Blaenau Gwent	<b>Documentation last revised:</b> 3 October 2011
<b>OS 1:50,000</b> Sheet: 161	<b>Photographic Record:</b> See images attached to this report
<b>OS 1:25,000</b> Explorer Sheet: OL13	
<b>BGS 1:50,000</b> : Sheet 232 (Abergavenny)	
<p><b>RIGS Statement of Interest:</b> This site forms part of a network of significant monuments across the South Wales RIGS area.</p> <p>Aneurin "Nye" Bevan (15 November 1897 – 6 July 1960) was a British Labour Party politician who was the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party from 1959 until his death in 1960. Born in Tredegar, the son of a coal miner, Bevan was a lifelong champion of social justice and the rights of working people. He was a long-time Member of Parliament (MP), representing Ebbw Vale for 31 years from 1929, and became recognised as one of the leaders of the party's left wing, and of left-wing British thought generally. His most famous accomplishment came when, as Minister of Health in the post-war Attlee government, he spearheaded the establishment of the National Health Service in 1948, which provides free medical care to all Britons.</p> <p>The memorial stands at Bryn Serth, just off the A4047, at a site used by Nye Bevan where to open air public meetings to speak to his constituents. The memorial was unveiled on Saturday 14 October 1972 and symbolically, the central monolith represents Aneurin Bevan himself, whilst three satellite stones represents his constituents in the three major settlements in his Parliamentary constituency of Ebbw Vale, Tredegar and Rhymney. The inscription on the main stone reads "<i>It was here ANEURIN BEVAN spoke to the people of his constituency and the world</i>"</p>	

**Geological setting/context:**

The four monoliths which make up the memorial were donated by the British Steel Corporation and were sourced from the B.S.C. Hendre Quarry at Trefil. The three smaller “constituency” stones each weigh 15 tons.

The boulders are limestone of the Pembroke Limestone Group.

**References:**

Ebbw Vale Works Archival Trust (2009.) *The Works*. Ebbw Vale Works Archival Trust, Ebbw Vale. 44pp.

## SECTION B

### PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Please score Accessibility and Safety Red Amber or Green

<b>Accessibility:</b>	Red	Amber	X	Green
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Comment: Open access

<b>Safety:</b>	Red	Amber	X	Green
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Comment: Accessible track

### Conservation status:

There are no known designations of this location.

### OWNERSHIP/PLANNING CONTROL:

**Owner/tenant:** ?? Blaenau Gwent CBC

**Planning Authority:** Blaenau Gwent CBC

**Planning status/constraints/opportunities:** There are no known planning constraints or opportunities.

### CONDITION, USE & MANAGEMENT:

**Present use:** Memorial site

**Site condition:** Good

**Potential threats:** None known.

**Site Management:**

### SITE DEVELOPMENT:

**Potential use (general):**

**Potential use (educational):** an important memorial to a significant figure of 20<sup>th</sup> century politics in the UK.

**Other comments:**

## Photographic Record



The Aneurin Bevan Memorial, Bryn Serth Hill, Sirhowy



The main stone of the Aneurin Bevan Memorial



The four stones of the memorial ([www. thevalleys.co.uk](http://www.thevalleys.co.uk))