

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO175120

SURVEYOR(S):

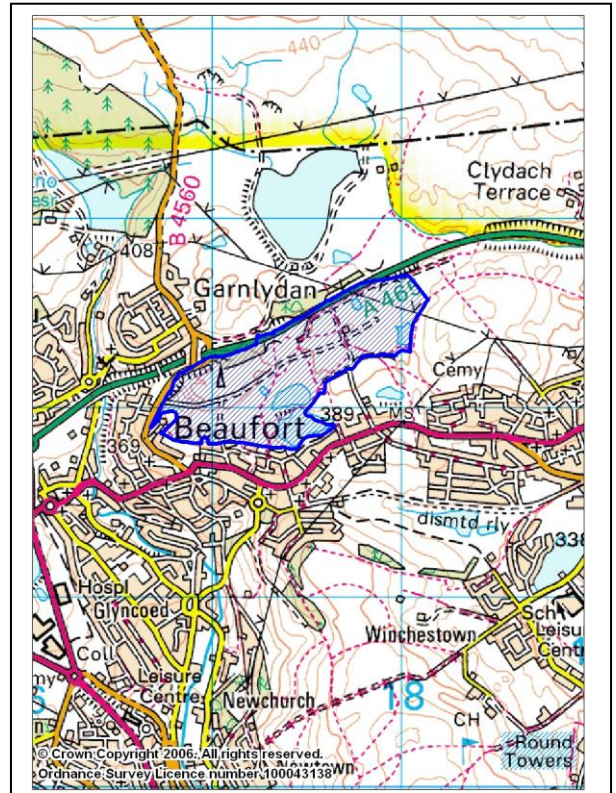
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U1/U4	
Neutral Grassland	MG1, MG5, MG6/MG9	
Marshy Grassland	M23b	
Heathland	H12/H15	
Swamp	S12,S14, S19,S22	
Mire	M6/M25	
Open Water	-	
Spoil	-	

FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):

This site is situated north of Beaufort and to the south of the A465. Previously an area of mining, more recently it has been landscaped under a land reclamation scheme. The habitats include acid grassland, wet heath, mire, swamp and open water with the greatest ecological interest being in the mire and swamp communities surrounding the reservoir. The wet heath community of Area 40 (see overleaf) is also of interest and includes *Erica tetralix* (Cross-leaved heath), *Nartheciun ossifragum* (Bog asphodel) and *Calluna vulgaris* (Ling). The mire communities include *Molinea caerulea* (Purple moor grass), *Carex echinata* (Star sedge) and *Vaccinium myrtillus* (Bilberry). The site as a whole is of great ecological value with a mosaic of habitats. It is also popular for fishing, birdwatching and other informal recreation. The only areas excluded from the Local Wildlife Site boundary due to poor wildlife value are Areas 6 and 9 which are areas of planted trees surrounded by species-poor neutral grassland.

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

Mosaic Habitats (H20)

Qualifying Habitat types

Neutral Grassland (H4), Acid Grassland (H6), Marshy Grassland (H7), Heathland & Grass-heath (H10), Fens, Reedbeds and other Swamps (H11), Bog Habitats & Flushes (H12), Standing Open Water (H16), Post-industrial Land (H18)

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES NO Date: