

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO154062

SURVEYOR(S):

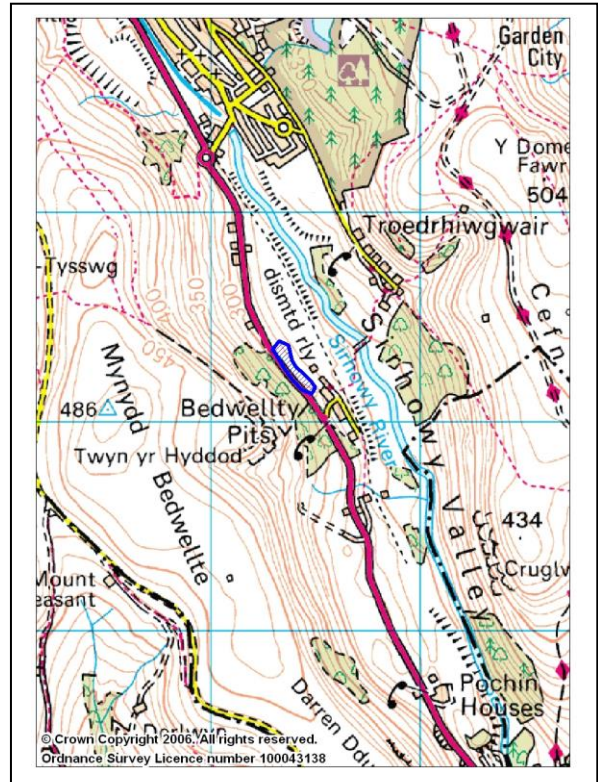
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi improved acid grassland Marshy grassland Scattered trees and scrub Standing water	U4 M23/M24	

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

Horse grazed field containing acid grassland over a moderate (in places steep) easterly slope down to a ditch at the eastern margin. The site contains manmade constructions that exist as a remnant of the site's past industrial use. These 'remnants' include two large rectangular pools at the eastern edge. These are frequented by *Equisetum sp.* (Horsetail) and *Iris pseudacorus* (Yellow iris).

Species include *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Pilosella officinarum* (Mouse-ear hawkweed), *Hypochoeris radicata* (Cat's ear) and *Plantago lanceolata* (Ribwort plantain) which are frequent over most of the site. Acid indicators are particularly frequent on the slope (especially on the steepest area at the north of the site). Here these include *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw), *Veronica officinalis* (Heath speedwell), *Danthonia decumbens* (Heath grass), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (Wavy hair-grass). *Vaccinium myrtillus* (Bilberry) and *Calluna vulgaris* (Heather) are also locally frequent. Trees and scrub are scattered in places on the slope along with ant hills.

On flatter ground at the east (in the vicinity of the pools and industrial remnants) the sward has a damper feel and acid indicators are fewer. Typical species here include *Ranunculus flammula* (Lesser spearwort), *Carex sp.* (Sedge), *Juncus sp.* (Rush) and *Succisa pratensis* (Devil's-bit scabious).

Disturbed grassland lies immediately to the east on reclaimed spoil. A bank supporting a rich acid community separates the two fields. A small heavily horse grazed rectangular field lies to the south, and semi improved poor pasture (on reclaimed spoil) lies at the north and east.

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

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

H6) Acid grassland

Qualifying Habitat types:

Acid grassland

Open water