

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO222084

SURVEYOR(S):

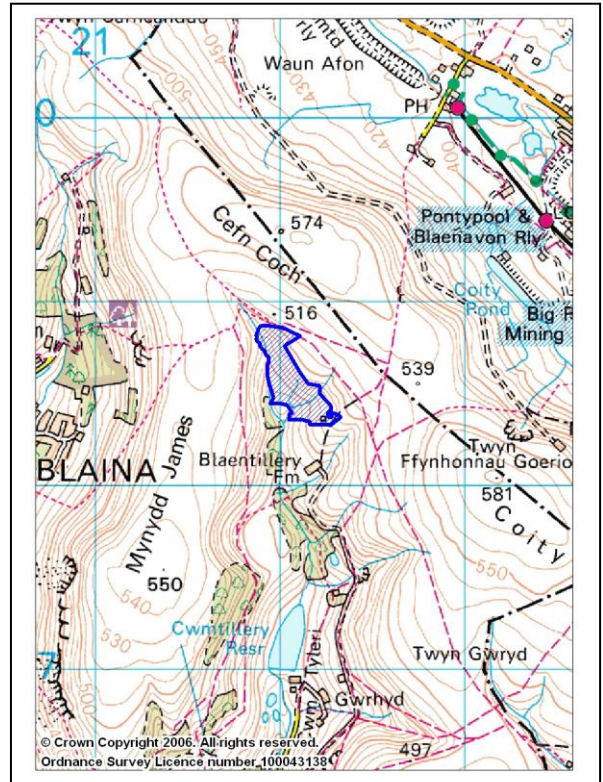
SIZE (approx.):

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	U4	
Acidic flush	M6	
Marshy grassland	M23	
Running water		
Scattered trees		
Bracken		
Semi improved poor grassland	MG6	

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

Lying to the north of Blaentillery Farm a mosaic of species rich acidic flush, marshy grassland and acid grassland is situated within a wider area of semi improved/improved vegetation, some of which is included within the cWS boundary which is delineated by physical boundaries. Towards the south of the site an area of species-rich acidic flush includes *Anagalis tenella* (Bog pimpernel), *Viola palustris* (Marsh violet) and locally frequent *Narthecium ossifragum* (Bog asphodel). This grades into marshy grassland with a *Juncus acutiflorus* (Sharp-flowered rush) - *Galium palustre* (Marsh-bedstraw) characterised sward which extends south into field 2. A steep bank of N/W facing acid grassland is located at the south side of field 2 with *Danthonia decumbens* (Heath-grass), *Nardus stricta* (Mat-grass), *Deschampsia caespitosa* (Tufted hair-grass), *Agrostis tenuis* (Common bent) and *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw). A similar slope and community is present to the east in field 3.

At the north of the site a steep S/W facing slope supports nice acid grassland of variable structure with areas characterized by frequent *Vaccinium myrtillus* (Bilberry) and *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw) and elsewhere a drier grass dominated sward. A small patch of acid flush at the west edge of the site is associated with the River Tyleri with *Cirsium dissectum* (Meadow thistle) and *Wahlenbergia hederacea* (Ivy-leaved bellflower).

A strip of moderate quality acid grassland links the north and south habitats described above. This strip is located on a moderate slope in the eastern half of field 4, the remainder of which is rather species poor. Field 4 in its entirety is included within the cWS boundary as an important linkage habitat. The whole site qualifies under the Mosaic Habitat Guidelines. The site is bordered by a mixture of unenclosed land, bracken slope and improved/semi improved poor pasture.

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:

H20) Mosaic Habitats

H6) Acid grasslands

H12) Acidic flush

Qualifying Habitat types:

Acid grasslands

Acidic flush