

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO224081

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

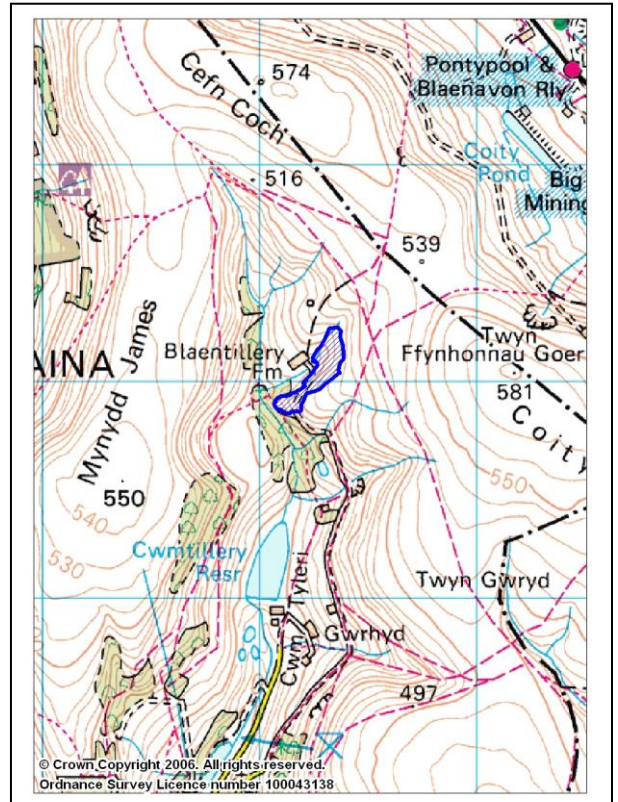
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

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### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

| Habitat types   | NVC type        | Area (ha) |
|---|-----------------|-----------|
| Semi improved acidic grassland<br>Acidic Flush<br>Marshy Grassland<br>Running Water | U4<br>M6<br>M23 |           |

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Nice species-rich site to the east of Blaentillery farm with a mosaic of semi improved acid grassland, marshy grassland and acidic flush at the north of the site and extensive acid grassland on a moderate west/southwest facing slope at the south of the site.

A stream system, small gully and non-natural pond lie at the heart of acidic flush with a species-rich community that includes *Anagalis tenella* (Bog pimpernel), *Scutellaria minor* (Lesser skullcap) and *Viola palustris* (Marsh violet). *Sphagnum* spp. and *Carex* (Sedge) spp. (including *Carex echinata* (Star sedge) and *C. pulicaris* (Flea sedge)) locally frequent. Taller swathes of *Juncus articulatus* (Jointed rush) and *J. acutiflorus* (Sharp-flowered rush) with *Galium palustre* (Marsh bedstraw) are also present and the flush grades into marshy grassland in places. Uneven, undulating ground at far north of site.

The slope supports relatively species-rich acid grassland with characteristic species including *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw), *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Nardus stricta* (Mat-grass), *Danthonia decumbens* (Heath grass) and *Deschampsia flexuosa* (Wavy-hair grass) (all frequent-occasional). However the slope is quite heavily sheep grazed and indicators are more patchily distributed at the base of the slope.

Beech woodland (candidate SINC) adjoins the site at its southern edge. Semi improved/improved sheep pasture and unenclosed grassland neighbours the site elsewhere. The boundaries are a mixture of fenced dry stone walls and fences.

**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 grasslands

H12) Acid flush

**Qualifying Habitat types:**

Acid grasslands

Acid flush