

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO205071

SURVEYOR(S):

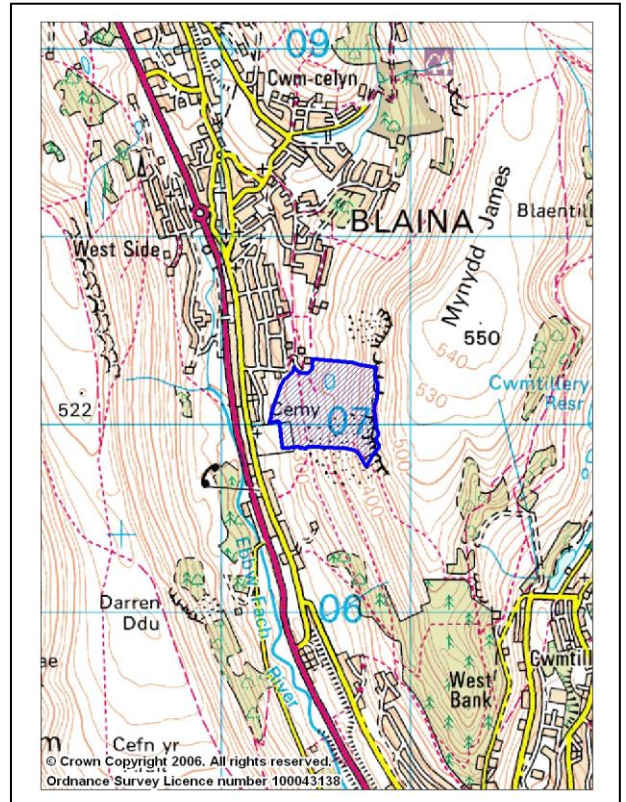
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

| Habitat types | NVC type | Area (ha) |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Neutral Grassland | MG5/ MG6/ MG10 | |
| Acid Grassland | U1/U4/ U5 U20 | |
| Mire | M6/M15/ M35 | |
| Open Water | - | |
| Wet Heath | M15 | |
| Planted Trees | - | |

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

The site is situated to the south-east of Blaina, following a west-facing slope. Most of the site is unenclosed and includes an area of rock fall. The lower slopes contain areas of reclaimed colliery spoil, where trees have been planted. The site contains a rich mosaic of habitats including neutral grassland, acid grassland and mire communities. The mire communities are scattered throughout the site and include species such as *Scutellaria minor* (lesser skullcap) and *Narthecium ossifragum* (bog asphodel). An area of boulder scree and rocks is present with fern species including *Dryopteris filix-mas* (common male-fern) and *Blechnum spicant* (hard fern).

Small areas of wet heath are dominated by *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor-grass) with *Erica tetralix* (cross-leaved heath), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry) and *Sphagnum sp* (peat moss sp.). The western side of Area 1 is excluded from the Local Wildlife Site boundary as it contains poor-quality grassland with tree planting.

Wahlenbergia hederacea (ivy-leaved bellflower) is also present on the site.

Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

H20) Mosaic Habitats

Qualifying Habitat types:

Neutral grasslands, Acid grassland, Mire, Open water, Wet heath

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