Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Bryn Farm, Brynmawr

GRID REF: SO183125

SURVEYOR(S): J.Winder

SIZE (approx.): 19.37ha

DATE OF SURVEY: March & June 1998

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

Blaenau Gwent

WARD: Brynmawr

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:
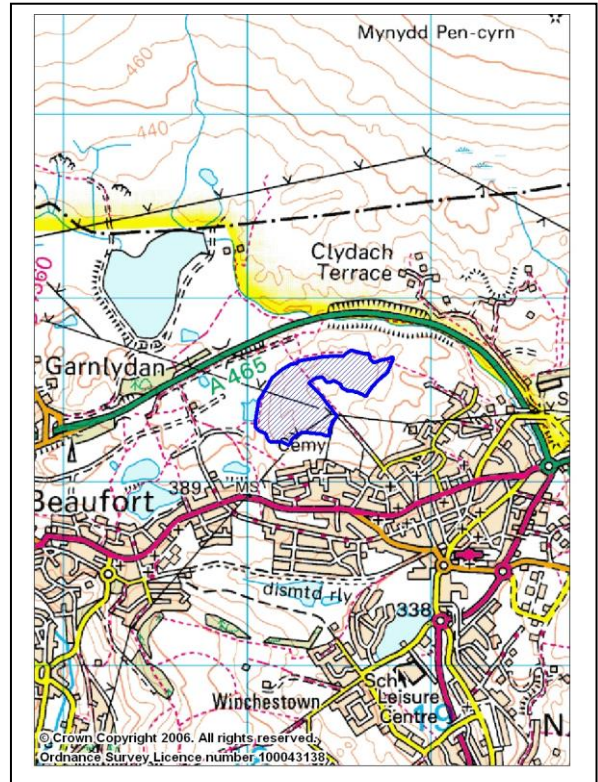
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Neutral Grassland	MG6/ MG8	
Acid Grassland	U1/U2/ U4	
Mire	M6c	
Marshy Grassland	M23b	
Open Water	-	
Heathland	H9	

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

This site includes hay meadows, heathland, acid grassland, mire and open water communities. It is located south of the A465 Heads of the Valleys road at Brynmawr. The area is botanically diverse with the greatest interest found in the heathland, mire and open water communitie,s which have minimal grazing and support a diverse flora particularly in Areas 11 and 25 (see detailed map overleaf).

Some areas that were surveyed are quite poor however (including Areas 1-3 and 6), and have therefore not been included in the Local Wildlife Site boundary. Similarly Areas 20 and 22 are botanically poor grassland and have not been included in the boundary.

The site has several different management regimes in operation including some grazed areas, some overgrazed areas and some grasslands cut for hay. Some areas of open water are found throughout and add to the site's value for wildlife.

The site is located adjacent to Beaufort Hill SINC.

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:
(H20) Mosaic Habitats
Qualifying Habitat types
Acid Grassland (H6), Acid Grassland (H6), Marshy Grassland (H7), Heathland & Grass-heath (H10), Standing Open Water (H16), Post-industrial Land (H18)

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