# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Bwlch y Garn North

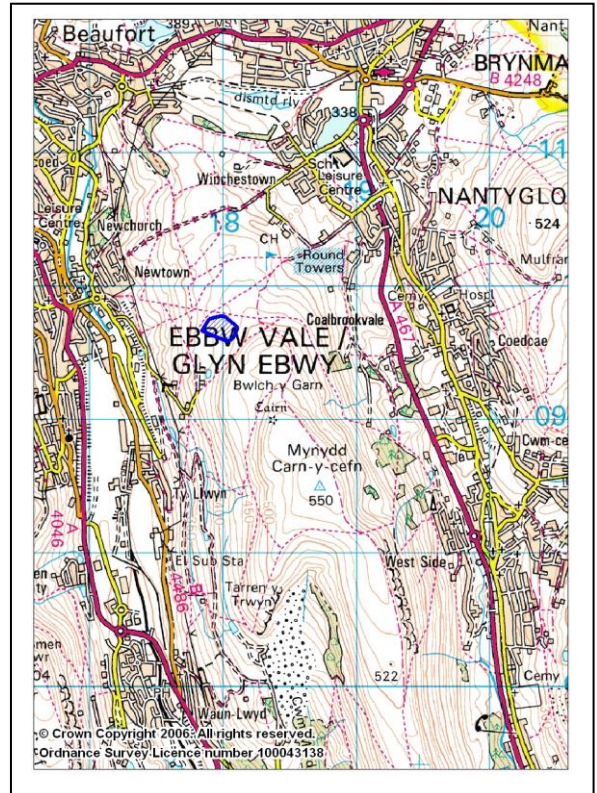GRID REF: | S | O | 1 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 7 |

SURVEYOR(S): Camilla Smith

SIZE (approx.): 3.16 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 11-07-07

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

Blaenau Gwent

WARD: Ebbw Vale

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

| Habitat types | NVC type | Area (ha) |
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| Acid grassland, semi-improved | U4, U1 | c. 2 ha |
| Marshy grassland | M25 | c. 1 ha |

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

Large, flat to moderately sloping field with a westerly aspect. The majority of the field comprises damp rush pasture. Species present include locally frequent/abundant *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor grass) locally frequent *Juncus effusus* (soft rush)*, Nardus stricta* (mat grass), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (wavy hair grass), *Agrostis capillaris* (common bent)*, Agrostis stolonifera* (creeping bent)*, Poa trivialis* (rough meadow grass), *Polygala serpyllifolia* (heath milkwort), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry) and rarely occurring *Serratula tinctoria* (saw-wort).

In the north-east corner of the field there is an area of boulders and a raised rocky bank, comprising locally frequent *Rumex acetosella* (sheep's sorrel), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw)*, Nardus stricta, Festuca ovina* (sheep's fescue)*, Deschampsia flexuosa* and locally occasional *Juncus squarrosus* (heath rush) and *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry).

The field boundaries comprise stone walls to the north, east and west, post and wire fencing to the south. The surrounding land use is open hill/rough grazing to north and east which forms part of West Monmouth Golf Course, improved grassland to south and a disused quarry to the east. Fauna recorded includes meadow pipit (Anthus pratensis) and stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*).

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

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

| H6) Acid grasslands | |
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| Qualifying Habitat types | Number of indicator species present |
| Species-rich acid grassland | 11 |
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