

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

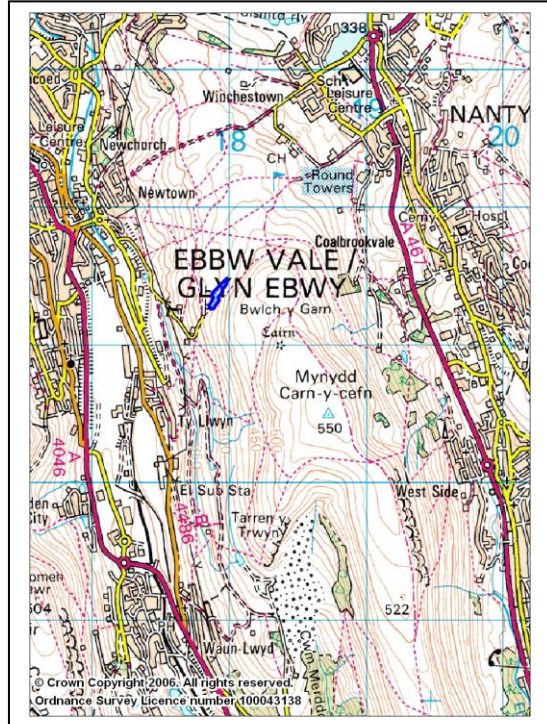
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi-improved acid grassland	U4	
Marshy grassland/flush	M23	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Large undulating field enclosed by drystone walls, with a moderate westerly aspect. The field has frequent scattered areas of loose stones/rocks and supports a dry grass dominated sward, with herbs and lichens scattered throughout. Herbs typically include *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw) and *Potentilla erecta* (tormentil).

Deschampsia flexuosa (wavy hair grass), *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (sweet vernal), *Festuca ovina* (sheep's fescue) are frequent. Other species include *Agrostis tenuis* (common bent), *Nardus stricta* (mat grass), *Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire fog), *Luzula campestris* (field wood rush) and *Hypochoeris radicata* (common catsear). *Danthonia decumbens* (heath grass) and *Rumex acetosella* (sheep's sorrel) are locally frequent on the scattered drier, stonier ground. Small marshy areas scattered within the field add to the site's diversity and include *Juncus effusus* (soft rush), *Deschampsia cespitosa* (tufted hair grass), *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor grass), *Carex flava* agg. (yellow sedge agg.), and *Juncus squarrosus* (heath rush).

The field has an open 'upland feel' and is currently unmanaged. Tightly horse cropped, semi-improved acid grassland is situated to the south of the site and further acid grassland lies to the north and west. 4 pylons are situated in the field.

N.B. The grassland enclosures to the south may offer an extension to the wildlife site boundary in the future.

Currently tightly horse grazed, these fields retain a reasonable diversity of acid indicators which under favourable management could meet WS standards or be of interest for grassland fungi.

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	
Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Semi improved acid grassland	10