

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO160048

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

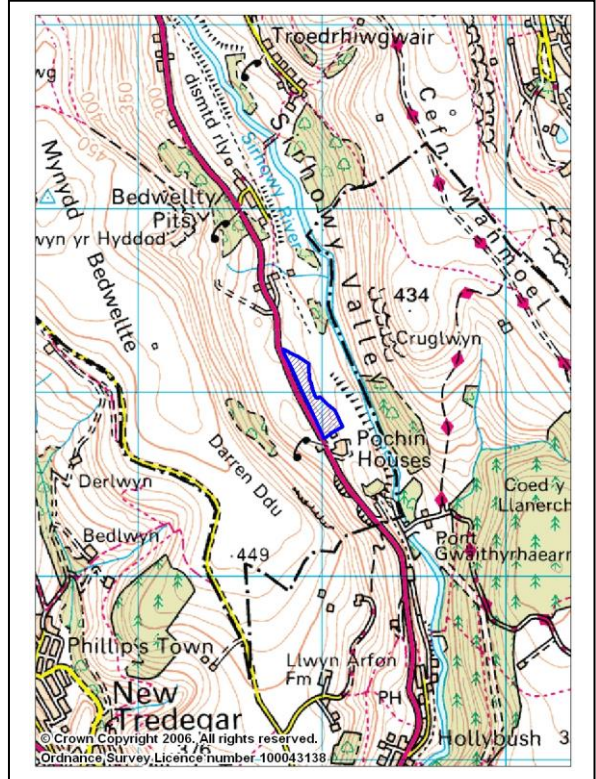
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:
 Tredegar

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi improved acid grassland	U4	
Semi improved neutral grassland	MG5	
Semi improved poor grassland	MG6	
Marshy grassland	M23	
Scattered scrub		
Broad leaved semi natural woodland		
Running water		

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

A long field to the eastern side of A4048, grazed by horses and fenced at all margins. The field has a moderate easterly slope and at its southern end is partially divided by a ditch, lined by scrub, trees and ferns. A large area of reclaimed spoil lies to the east of the site. The south of the site exhibits the greatest botanical interest. Here acid grassland resides on the steep bank and ground to either side of the ditch. Typical species include *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Veronica officinalis* (Heath speedwell), *Lotus corniculatus* (Common bird's-foot trefoil), *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw) and *Pilosella officinarum* (Mouse-ear hawkweed).

To the east of the ditch a flatter damper area supports a short, rather herb poor sward. Sedges and rushes are scattered and some drier patches support limited *Lotus corniculatus* (Common bird's-foot trefoil), *Prunella vulgaris* (Selfheal), *Stellaria graminea* (Lesser stitchwort) and *Plantago lanceolata* (Ribwort plantain). To the west of the ditch small areas of mature oak (*Quercus*) and hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) dominated woodland/scrub occur together with a shaded, species poor ground sward. In the vicinity of the ditch small damp areas support a limited number of marshy species that include *Juncus articulatus* (Jointed rush) and *Galium palustre* (Marsh bedstraw). Poaching occurs in places here.

Moving northwards the grassland vegetation becomes more neutral in character. Ant hills are scattered at the west with typical species including *Lotus corniculatus* (Common bird's-foot trefoil), *Centaurea nigra* (Common knapweed), *Plantago lanceolata* (Ribwort plantain), *Hypochoeris radicata* (Cat's-ear) and *Achillea millefolium* (Yarrow).

The northern most area of the field is more improved, thistles are frequent and grasses dominate. A wonderful veteran beech resides here. Reclaimed spoil lies to the east of the site and improved grassland to the north. Residential houses and the disused industrial buildings of Pochin Houses lie to the south.

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 grassland

H4) Neutral grassland

Qualifying Habitat types:

Acid grassland

Neutral grassland