

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Coalbrookvale & north of Trevor Rowson

GRID REF: SO193098

SURVEYOR(S): Adrian Wood (1999/2000)  
Claire Pooley & Katie Partington (2010)

SIZE (approx.): 15.24 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: Oct 1999/June 2000 & July 2010

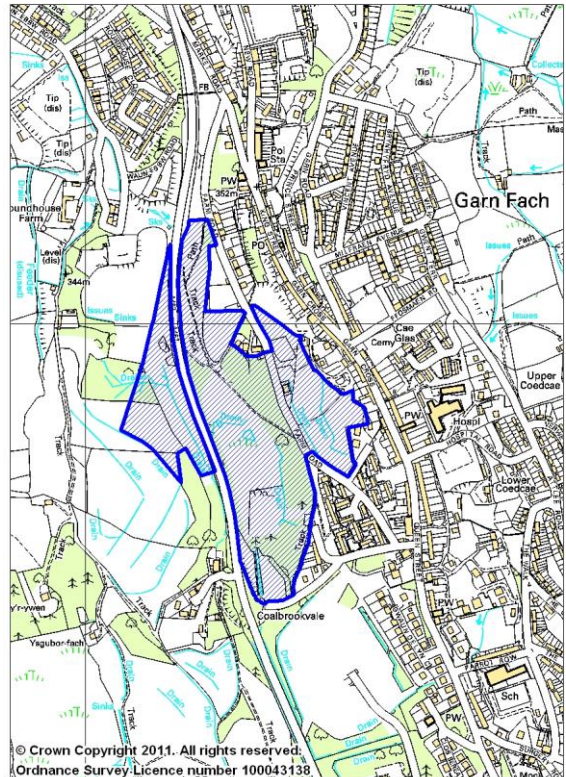
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:  
Blaenau Gwent

WARD:  
Nantyglo and Blaina

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U1/U4/ U6	
Neutral Grasland	MG1/ MG6	
Marshy Grassland	M23	
Mire community	-	
Plantation	-	
Scrub	-	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

The site consists of valley floor reclamation areas bisected by the A467 road, with steeper valley sides towards the west of the site. Almost the whole area has been worked for coal and much of it is mining spoil that has since been landscaped. The site is a mosaic of habitats with some areas of particular interest such as the mire and grassland communities. Area 8 and the northern part of Area 9 comprises U4 grassland with stands rich in lichens and bryophytes and including *Calluna vulgaris* (ling). Areas of M23 mire are also present.

Other wetland communities can be found in Area 1 with species such as *Veronica beccabunga* (brooklime), *Carex echinata* (star sedge) and *Stellaria alsine* (bog stitchwort) present. Surrounding areas of grassland have patches of native and non-native tree species present, including some mature individuals.

The whole site is used by local people for recreation such as walking. The Trevor Rowson site has been actively managed by Nantyglo Action Group who have enhanced the area through creations of 2 ponds, hedgerow planting, boardwalk and interpretation. Enclosed grassland areas within this site are managed by other leaseholders, one being grazed and the other is cut annually with all arising removed.

Much of the site is unmanaged but some paddocks such as in Area 1 are pony grazed. Area 10 urgently need grazing before the grassland develops into a ranker, species-poor one.

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES  NO  Date: 15 January 2008

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

Mosaic Habitats (H20)	
Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Acid grassland	N/A
Neutral grassland	
Marshy grassland	
Mire	
Standing open water	
Mineral spoil tips and other post industrial land	