Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Coed y Gilfach			
GRID REF: SO231035			Adrian & Elsa Wood
SIZE (approx.): 9.57 ha			
DATE OF SURVEY: September	: 2003		SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:			Bank A The Pentre Se 551. Twyn Du
BGCBC			Peny-Bon
WARD: Six Bells			Waun Wen
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRES	ENT:		Penthiwgarren
Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)	ABERTILLERY ABERTYLERI 407 ABERTYLERI 489 ABByrgwm
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Acid grassland	U4, U4/U20		Remark Str. Liltyd p. 500
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FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):

In Cwm Nant y Groes and on steep NW facing ground, open to and heavily grazed by sheep and horses.

Primarily a beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) wood, (with some signs of old pollarding and charcoal platforms) and oak (*Quercus*), birch (*Betula* spp.) and rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) also present.

Ground flora sparse, but with typical range of acid loving forbs and bryophytes. Tree regeneration minimal. SW area is essentially acidic grassland (and bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*)) with limited species diversity.

A PROW runs diagonally NE-SW and can take small 4x4 vehicles. Adjacent ground also grazed – open grassland/bilberry heath below, pastures above and moorland to NE. Altitude is c290-360m. No surface water present except seasonal rills.

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under: H1) Woodlands (*Beech wood*)

Qualifying Habitat types: Beech wood

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

Date:

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