

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

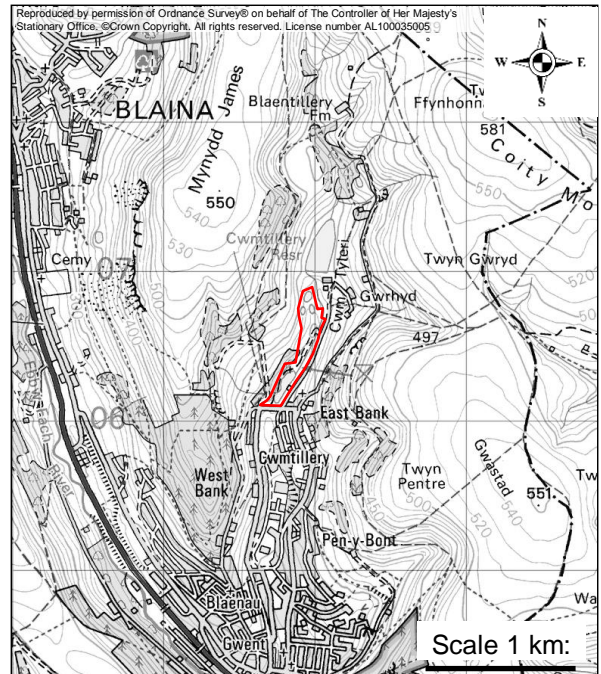
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

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MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Woodland and scrub	W6 (loosely) /W24	3.49
Open Water	-	1.50
Neutral Grassland	MG1a/MG6b/MG7/MG9b	1.93
Acid Grassland	U4a/U4b	0.77
Dwarf Shrub Heath	H1e	0.89
Swamp	S12	0.41

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Cwmtillery Lakes is a post-industrial colliery site located about 6 km south of the Brecon Beacons National Park and 3 km North of Abertillery. The surrounding countryside comprises scattered villages and agricultural land interspersed with many semi-natural habitats providing corridors and dispersal routes for plants and animals. The whole site is approximately 9.8 hectares (ha) and managed by a local group called CLEAN who are supported by Communities First.

Notable habitats present on the site include mesotrophic standing water (*i.e.* one lake and three settlement pools), species-rich acid grassland and dwarf shrub heath, all of these habitats appear on the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. In addition, there is woodland, scrub, rush pasture, mesotrophic grassland and water margin vegetation, which form a complex mosaic of habitats enhancing the overall ecological value of the site. Collectively these habitats contribute towards the UK Priority Biodiversity Action Plan - Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land. The lake and settlement pools are interconnected by a series of drainage channels and streams. The largest of these is approximately 1 ha in area and is situated to the south of the site. The three settlement pools are found to the north of the site, and cover approximately 0.5 ha.

A juvenile and adult common lizard was recorded on the site. No other protected vertebrates were recorded during the site visit, but the site supports habitat suitable for amphibians and possibly for Otter, as well as foraging habitat for Badger and bats. A total of 20 bird species were recorded during the site visit and include five Species of Conservation Concern (two Red List species and three Amber List species), two of which are subject of UK Biodiversity Action Plans.

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:

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Neutral Grassland	17
Acid Grassland	9
Fens, reedbeds and other swamps	(examples of tall swamp habitat)
Post-Industrial Land	36