

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

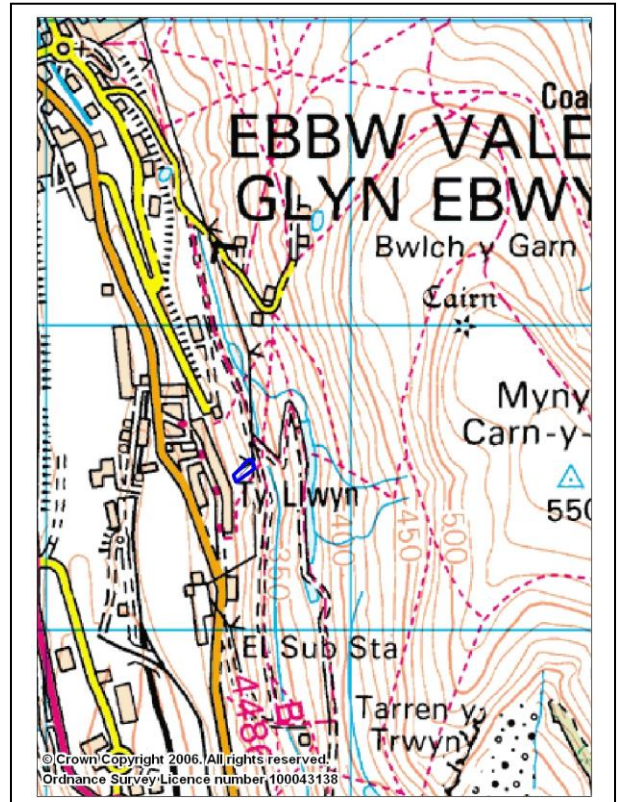
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid grassland, semi-improved	U4	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Species-rich acid grassland, with a strong neutral influence, on a moderate to gentle west-facing slope. The grassland is characterised by a high herb:grass ratio and frequent ant hills. Species present include frequent *Hypochoeris radicata* (common catsear) *Leontodon hispidus* (rough hawkbit), *Pilosella officinarum* (mouse ear hawkweed), *Danthonia decumbens* (heath grass), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (wavy hair grass), *Deschampsia cespitosa* (tufted hair grass), *Agrostis capillaris* (common bent), *Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire fog) and *Plantago lanceolata* (ribwort plantain), locally frequent *Rumex acetosella* (sheep's sorrel), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw), *Rumex acetosa* (common sorrel), *Holcus mollis* (creeping soft grass), occasional *Hieracium* sp. (hawkweed sp.), *Veronica officinalis* (heath speedwell), *Achillea millefolium* (yarrow) and *Stellaria graminea* (lesser stichwort)

There are three mature sessile oaks (*Quercus petraea*) at the top of the slope, in the north-east of the field. The original boundaries of the field are now severely encroached by bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) and a new post and wire fence boundary has been erected in the remaining part of the field.

The field is bordered to the north and west by a grass verge/bank comprising tussocky acidic grassland, including locally frequent *Deschampsia flexuosa*, *Galium saxatile*, *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry). The field can be accessed from a track adjacent to the backs of houses on Eastville Road.

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
Species-rich acid grassland	8