

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

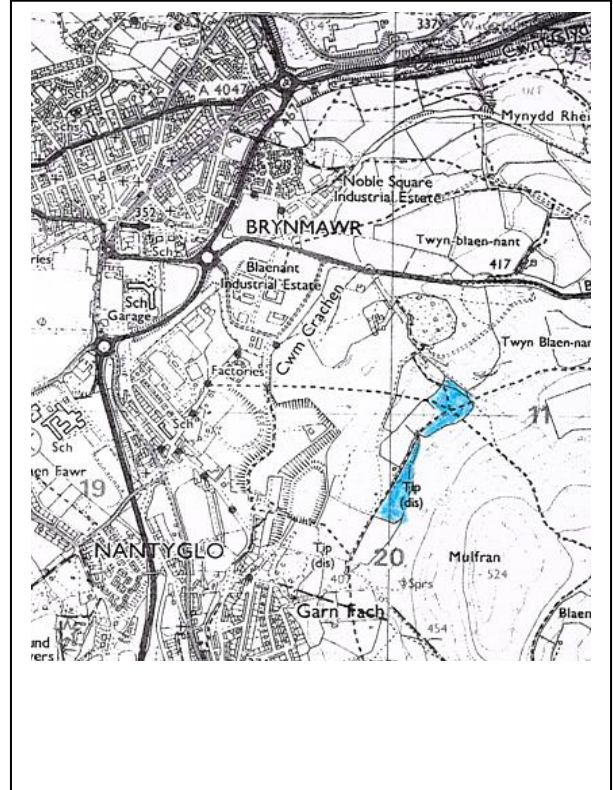
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid flush/marshy grassland	M6	
Semi improved acid grassland	U4	
Semi improved acid grassland/heathland	-	
Drain/stream	-	

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

Small enclosure lying next to the unenclosed land of the Mulfran. The field's eastern boundary is now derelict. A bank marks the former boundary. The site supports acid grassland/heathland comprising a mosaic of tall wet and dry vegetation. Drains intersect the slightly undulating field and are accompanied by wet flush vegetation. Dry acid grassland heathland community on higher ground includes occasional/frequent *Calluna vulgaris* (heather), *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor grass), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry), *Agrostis tenuis* (common bent), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (wavy hair grass), *Potentilla erecta* (tormentil). *Empetrum nigrum* (crowberry) was also recorded.

Wet vegetation near the drains/streams and within hollows in the north includes locally frequent *Polytrichum* and *Sphagnum* species (mosses), ferns, *Viola palustris* (marsh violet), *Carex echinata* (star sedge), *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor grass) and *Juncus effusus* (soft rush).

The site borders with a further enclosure at its southern tip. This elongated west facing field is enclosed by a fence and also supports a mosaic of dry acid grassland and heath, marshy grassland/wet flush. Some of the wetter regions are frequented by *Juncus effusus*, whilst at the north in particular open flush supports *Molinia caerulea*, *Polytrichum sp.* (moss) *Carex spp.* (sedge species) and herbs including *Viola palustris* (marsh violet), *Scutellaria minor* (lesser skullcap) and *Ranunculus flammula* (lesser spearwort).

The south of the site includes post industrial spoil with developing acid grassland/heath that includes *Vaccinium myrtillus*. Particularly dry, short sparse regions include *Nardus stricta* (mat grass), *Cladonia sp.* (lichen), *Rumex acetosella* (sheep's fescue), *Galium saxatile* and *Lotus corniculatus* (bird's foot trefoil) is developing in places.

Incidental Fauna: Common Frog

**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**  
**H10) Heathlands & Grass Heath Communities**  
**In addition the site supports *Empetrum nigrum* (crowberry), a contributory species within S7)**  
**Vascular Plants**  
**H12) Bog Habitats & Flushes**  
**H18) Mineral Spoil Tips & Other Post Industrial Land**

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Acid grassland/heathland	12