

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Fairview Field

GRID REF: SO130113

SURVEYOR(S): Rebecca Price
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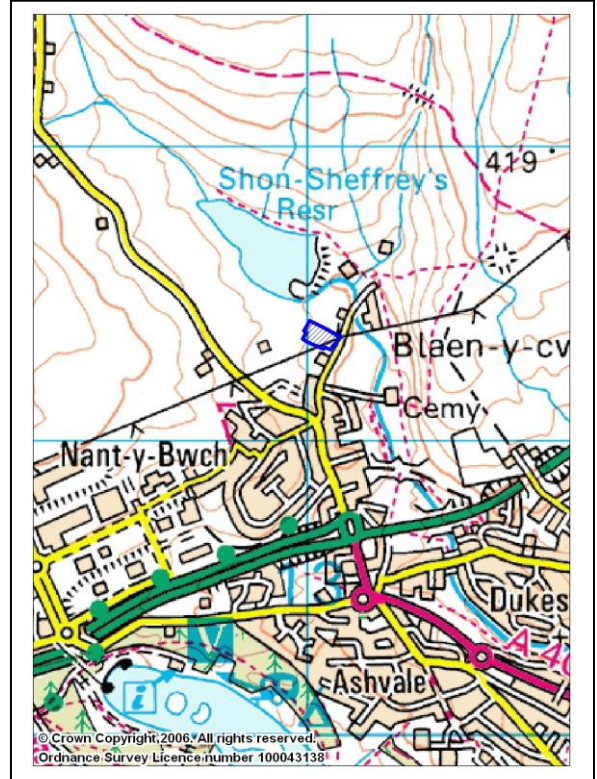
SIZE (approx.): 0.72 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 28/6/06

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Blaenau Gwent

WARD: Tredegar

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Marshy grassland Semi improved poor grassland	M23/M25 MG6	

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

A large damp meadow with a topography that gives a somewhat 3 terraced appearance and with a net decrease in height moving west to east. The site supports a mix of neutral and marshy grassland communities and is fenced on all boundaries with a broken hedgerow at the southern most boundary.

The lower wetter ground at the east holds the most botanical interest, supporting a mosaic of *Juncus effusus* (Soft rush), *Juncus articulatus/acutiflorus* (Jointed rush/ Sharp-flowered rush) and *Carex* (Sedge) spp. (inc frequent *Carex ovalis* (Oval sedge) and locally frequent *Carex echinata* (Star sedge) and *Carex nigra* (Common sedge)). Frequent herbs include *Lotus uliginosus* (Greater bird's-foot trefoil), *Ranunculus flammula* (Lesser spearwort), *Ranunculus acris* (Meadow buttercup) and locally frequent species include *Galium palustre* (March bedstraw), *Lychnis flos-cuculi* (Ragged robin), *Cardamine pratensis* (Cuckoo flower) and *Senecio aquaticus* (Marsh ragwort). Shorter patches of vegetation are characterized by frequent *Carex* (Sedge), *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), mosses and *Juncus squarrosus* (Heath rush) together with locally occasional *Succisa pratensis* (Devil's-bit scabious) and *Pedicularis sylvatica* (Lousewort). Moving west a strip of *Molinia caerulea* (Purple moor-grass) and *Deshcampsia caespitosa* (Tufted hair grass) with locally frequent *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil) and *Lotus uliginosus* (Greater bird's-foot trefoil) is located on a bank separating a similar community to that described above but on on slightly higher ground.

Further west on the highest ground on the site scattered *Juncus effusus* (Soft rush) and *Juncus articulatus/acutiflorus* (Jointed rush/ Sharp-flowered rush) is infiltrated by a grassier sward in places. The south of the site supports a grass dominated, more improved drier sward. Semi improved poor/improved grassland surrounds the site.

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

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

H7) Marshy grassland

Qualifying Habitat types:

Marshy grassland