

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO175130

SURVEYOR(S):

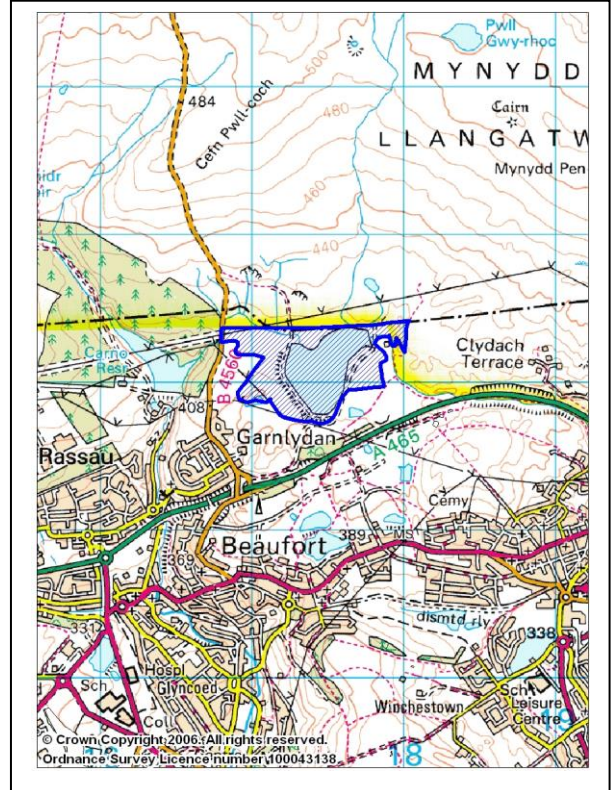
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Mire	M3/M6 M17	
Heathland	U15	
Acid Grassland	U1/U4/ U5 U6	
Open Water	-	
Plantation	-	
Flushed Grassland	-	

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

The site lies between Powys County boundary to the north, the A465 Heads of the Valley road to the south, the B4560 to the west, and the Brecon Beacons National Park boundary to the east. Much of the land is reclaimed following open cast coal mining, and is relatively flat.

A large expanse of open water is surrounded by a range of interesting habitats. To the north-west of the reservoir is a rich mosaic of mire communities, acid grassland and wet heath. Land to the east of the reservoir also supports a mix of mire, wet heath and acid grassland. The north edge of the reservoir consists of a mosaic of mire, wet heath and acid grassland. Here, the plant Shoreweed (*Littorella uniflora*) which is of local importance was found. The area is visited by snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) and common sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*).

Areas of species-poor acid grassland, plantation and gorse to the south of the reservoir are not included within the Local Wildlife Site boundary due to their low conservation value. (Note: Grassland – reseeded).

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under: Mosaic Habitats (H20),

Qualifying Habitat types: Acid Grassland (H6), Standing Open Water (H16), Bog Habitats and Flushes (H12), Fens, Reed Beds and other swamps (H11), Heathlands and Grass Heath Communities (H10)

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