

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

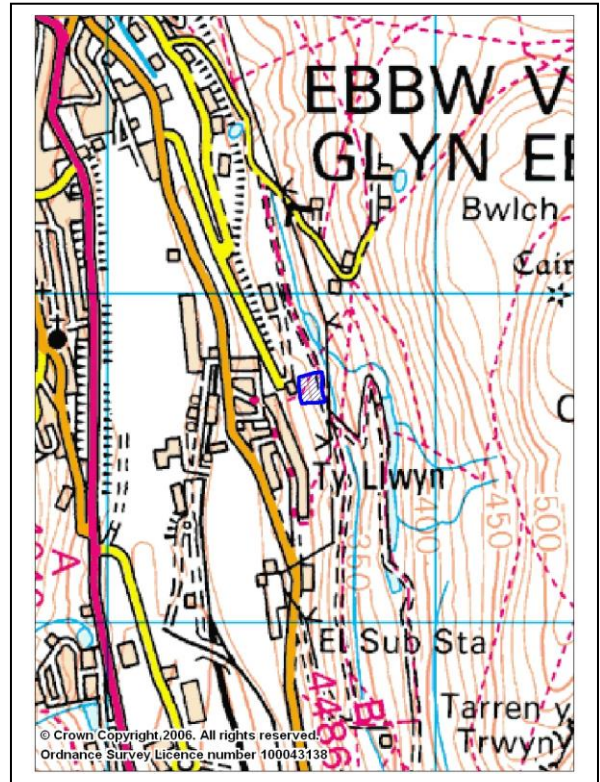
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

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

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

This field comprises U4 acid grassland and includes a steeply sloping bank with frequent *Ulex europaea* (gorse), *Pteridium aquilinum* (bracken), *Rubus fruticosus* (bramble) and *Juncus effusus* (soft rush).

This field had been recently cut and spread with manure at the time of survey. From the remnant cut vegetation, the following species were identified: locally frequent *Leontodon hispidus* (rough hawkbit) *Lotus pedunculatus* (greater birds foot trefoil), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw), *Juncus inflexus* (hard rush), *Potentilla erecta* (tormentil), *Trifolium repens* (white clover), *Prunella vulgaris* (self heal), *Cerastium fontanum* (common mouse ear), *Cirsium arvense* (creeping thistle), *Viola canina* (heath dog violet), *Pilosella officinarum* (mouse ear hawkweed), *Juncus effusus*, *Plantago lanceolata* (ribwort plantain), *Ranunculus flammula* (lesser spearwort). *Succisa pratensis* (devils bit scabious) was locally occasional on the eastern edge of the field by the track.

A stream bordered by locally frequent *Juncus effusus* (soft rush) flows from east to west across the north of the site.

A public footpath runs diagonally across the field. The steep damp ground is poached in places.

N.B. As the site had been cut, some species may have been overlooked.

**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.

The site is of borderline Local Wildlife Site quality on the basis of the survey results, with just under the threshold of 7 acidic indicators. However the site had been recently cut and the variety of species that were still visible suggest other species would be identifiable in an uncut sward. It should therefore be considered for identification.

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Species-rich acid grassland	6 (NB. See site description).