Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Green Meadow Farm

GRID REF: SO222050

SURVEYOR(S): J.Winder

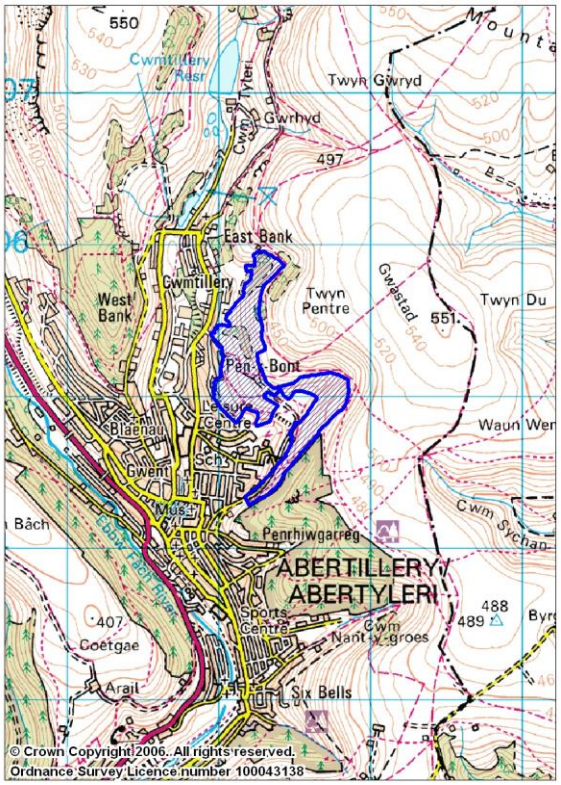
SIZE (approx.): 42.26ha

DATE OF SURVEY: September 1998

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Blaenau Gwent

WARD: Abertillery

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U4	
Wet Woodland	W7b	
Beech woodland	W15b	
Oak woodland	W17b	
Mire	M6c	
Heathland	H9/H12c	
Rush Pasture	M23b	
Scrub	W21/W24	
Spoil	-	
Quarry	-	

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

Green Meadow Farm is located on the hillside to the east of Cwmtillery. The aspect is mainly to the west with local aspects to the north and south. The buildings of the farm are derelict with one barn remaining. Previously the site was an area of coal mining with colliery tips. More recently the tips have been reprofiled under a land reclamation scheme, seeded with a grassland mix and some areas planted with trees.

A variety of habitats can be found on the site which include acid grassland, woodland, heathland and mire. The acid grassland is variable in species richness with some areas having *Campanula rotundifolia* (harebell), *Polygala vulgaris* (common milkwort) and *Leontodon autumnalis* (autumn hawkbit). In the areas of heathland (Areas 22, 25, 27 and 28) *Empetrium nigrum* (crowberry), *Calluna vulgaris* (ling) and *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry) can be found. In the mire communities *Ranunculus flammula* (lesser spearwort), *Carex spp*. (sedges) and *Galium palustre* (Marsh bedstraw) are present. The woodlands include oak (*Quercus* sp.), beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) with scrub and heathland grading into them. Small quarries can also be found.

As a whole the site supports a rich mosaic of habitats of great value for wildlife.

Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:
Mosaic Habitats (H20)
Qualifying Habitat types: Acid grassland, Woodland, Mire, Heathland, Rush pasture

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES ✓ NO ☐ Date: 15th January 2008