

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

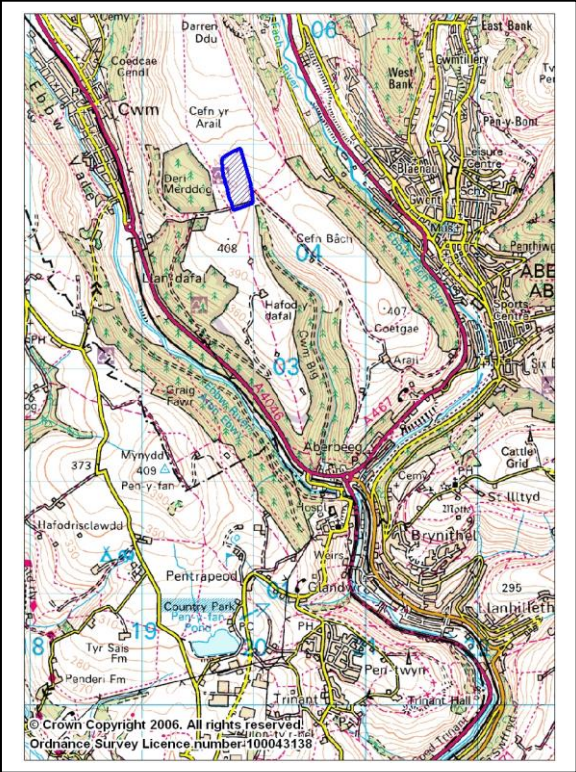
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi improved acid grassland	U4/U2	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Extensive area of semi improved acid grassland over relatively level ground, low grazed by sheep. Species include frequent/occasional *Agrostis tenuis* (common bent), *Festuca ovina* (sheeps fescue), *Nardus stricta* (mat grass), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw), and *Potentilla erecta* (tormentil). More local associates include *Juncus effusus* (soft rush), *Rumex acetosella* (sheeps sorrel), *Rumex acetosa* (common sorrel), *Ranunculus repens* (creeping buttercup), *Achillea millefolium* (yarrow), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry) and *Deschampsia flexuosa* (wavy hair grass).

Unfortunately the site is significantly disturbed by a variety of intersecting tracks and trenches, associated with the recent use of the site for paint balling/quad biking. The site is surrounded by old drystone walls and fences. Bracken is scattered on the banks of a gully at the eastern field margin.

The site affords an open aspect on high ground adjacent to the unenclosed land of Cefn yr Arail and Cefn Bach. The enclosed improved sheep pasture of Hafod-y-dafal farm borders the site to its south and a extensive bracken covered enclosure lies to the east.

Skylarks (*Alauda arvensis*) and raven (*Corvus corax*) were heard overhead.

**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

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Semi improved acid grassland	12