

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Highlands Grassland

GRID REF: SO150068

SURVEYOR(S): Francis Ryan

SIZE (approx.): 3.31ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 11.07.06

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

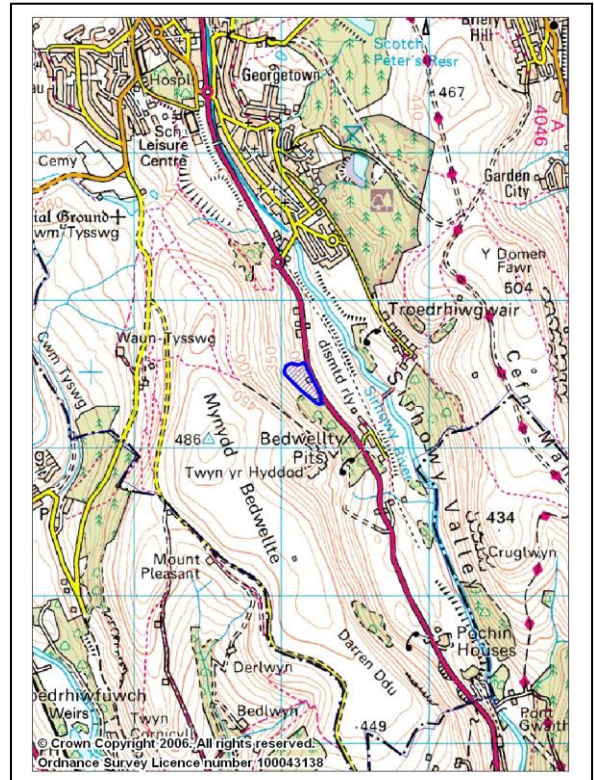
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WARD: Tredegar C

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U4	1.5ha

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

An enclosed area of acid grassland on the lowest edge of the western flank of the Sirhowy valley adjacent to the main Tredegar Road. The grassland slopes moderately to the east and supports semi-improved acidic grassland bordered by hedgerow and fence.

Semi-improved acidic grassland with locally occasional *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (Bilberry), *Nardus stricta* (Mat-grass), *Festuca ovina* (Sheep's fescue), *Danthonia decumbens* (Heath-grass), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (Wavy hair-grass) and *Rumex acetosella* (Sheep's sorrel) especially towards the higher ground.

Some signs of agricultural improvement are evident including the presence of *Cynosurus cristatus* (Crested dog's tail) and *Ranunculus repens* (Creeping buttercup) and a general dominance of grasses (*Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet vernal grass), *Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire fog) and *Agrostis capillaris* (Common bent) over herbs. However some herbs are present in sufficient cover to warrant consideration as a Local Wildlife Site.

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

H6) Acid Grassland

Qualifying Habitat types: Acid Grassland

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