

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

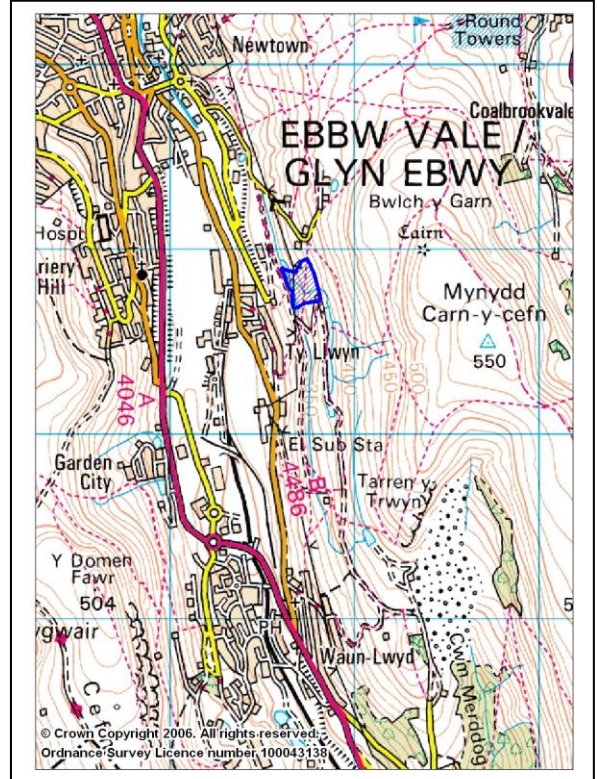
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

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### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid grassland, semi-improved	U4	
Mire, acid flush	M6	
Scrub, scattered	-	
Bracken, scattered	-	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Grazed, semi-improved, species-rich acid grassland with scattered *Ulex gallii* (western gorse) and *Pteridium aquilinum* (bracken) on a steep west-facing slope. Small streams are frequent and there are occasional acidic flushes present on flatter parts of the hillside.

Species include frequent *Danthonia decumbens* (heath grass), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (wavy hair grass), *Nardus stricta* (mat grass), *Festuca ovina* (sheep's fescue), *Potentilla erecta* (tormentil), *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (sweet vernal), *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw), *Pilosella officinarum* (mouse ear hawkweed), *Rumex acetosella* (sheep's sorrel), locally frequent *Juncus effusus* (soft rush), *Molinia caerulea* (purple moor grass), *Ranunculus repens* (creeping buttercup), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry).

In wetter regions *Juncus articulatus* (jointed rush), and *Hydrocotyle vulgaris* (marsh pennywort) were joined by locally occasional *Myosotis secunda* (creeping forget-me-not), *Viola palustris* (marsh violet), *Veronica officinalis* (heath speedwell), *Polygala serpyllifolia* (heath milkwort), *Cirsium palustre* (marsh thistle), *Carex echinata* (star sedge), *Carex flava* agg. (yellow sedge agg.), *Carex ovalis* (oval sedge), *Carex nigra* (common sedge), rarely occurring *Scutellaria minor* (lesser skullcap), *Carex demissa* (common yellow sedge). *Ranunculus omniphylus* (water crowfoot) and *Juncus bulbosus* (bulbous rush) were locally occasional in small areas of standing water.

*Polytrichum* sp. (moss) and *Cladonia* sp. (lichen) was frequent/occasional throughout. Ferns including *Dryopteris felix-mas* (male fern), *Athyrium felix-femina* (lady fern) and *Blechnum spicant* (hard fern) were locally frequent at stream edges. On the lower part of the slope red waxcap fungi were locally occasional.

**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
Species-rich acid grassland	12