

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

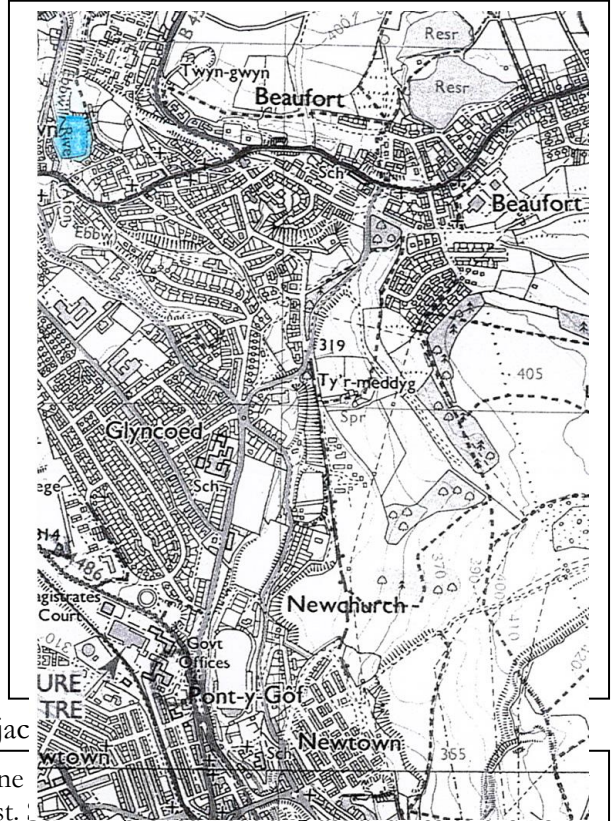
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi-improved neutral grassland	MG6/5	
Marshy grassland	M23	
Scrub	-	
Semi-improved poor grassland	-	
Ditch	-	

### FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent

The site lies to the north west of Beaufort and comprises one residential properties to the south and the River Ebbw to the west. and a track to the east.

The field has an overall slight west facing slope and drops away sharply at the far west, down to the steep scrub and wooded banks of the River Ebbw. The field is enclosed by old fencing and a steep embankment flanks the field to the north, east and south. The banks are quite rank, in parts disturbed and support well established scattered scrub dominated by hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*). Parts of the southern embankment support a locally open species-rich neutral sward.

A drainage channel runs along the east and south of the field, which has been partially excavated. The south of the field supports a marshy community with a variety of species, including frequent soft rush (*Juncus effusus*), occasional ragged robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*), greater bird's foot trefoil (*Lotus uliginosus*), lesser spearwort (*Ranunculus flammula*) and jointed rush (*Juncus articulatus*). Sedges (*Carex spp.*) are also part of the sward. Away from the wettest regions over the central part of the field plant diversity declines however common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), bird's foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), common cat's ear (*Hypochaeris radicata*) all remain locally frequent. The north east quarter of the field is more improved with a rather lush appearance with areas of poaching, and frequent creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*).

The sloping ground at the east of the field supports a dry herb rich community with some acid character. Species include frequent pignut (*Conopodium majus*), bird's foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), tormentil (*Potentilla erecta*), field wood rush (*Luzula campestris*) and common knapweed. Heath bedstraw (*Galium saxatile*) is locally frequent.

**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:

<b>H4) Neutral grasslands</b> <b>H7) Marshy grasslands</b>	
Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Semi-improved neutral grassland	11
Marshy grassland	12