

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

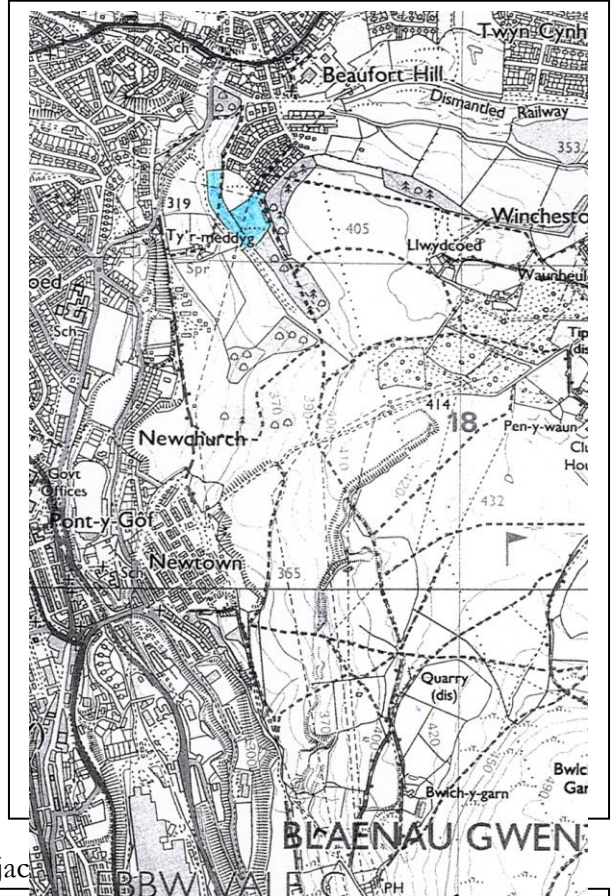
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Semi improved acid grassland (over post industrial site)	-	
Semi improved acid grassland/dry heath mosaic	-	
Marshy grassland (species-poor)	-	
Spoil	-	
Exposed rock	-	
Scattered & dense scrub (gorse dominated)	-	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent features)

Situated to the south of Beaufort the large single enclosure lies over a steep south west facing slope, becoming more level in the east of the site. Farmed land lies to the south, a horse grazed field and housing to the north and planted woodland to the east. The site is enclosed by fencing and a track runs along the southern edge of the site. This southern margin is lined with scrub, including bramble.

The majority of the post industrial site is well vegetated and supports a mosaic of dry tall semi-improved acid grassland, developing heathland and dense and scattered scrub lying over the undulating ground of the steep west facing slope. Areas of dense gorse (*Ulex sp.*) and bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) scrub are especially evident in the southern part of the site. Areas of exposed spoil are present across the steep north west part of the site.

The undulating ground also creates small hollows of soft rush (*Juncus effusus*) dominated vegetation. A small bank of exposed stone/rock is present in the south east, lightly vegetated with lichens and ferns. Near the eastern boundary small areas of standing water are vegetated with soft rush, tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*) and Yorkshire fog (*Holcus lanatus*), and ling heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) vegetates a steep bank of exposed spoil.

The mosaic of dry tall grassland, heather, scrub and marshy hollows continues over the steepest part of the slope at the western edge of the site. In places the sward is more mesotrophic with frequent crested dog's tail (*Cynosurus cristatus*), Yorkshire fog, common bent (*Agrostis tenuis*) and sweet vernal (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*) and a high herb cover that includes frequent bird's foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), common cat's ear (*Hypochoeris radicata*), mouse-ear hawkweed (*Pilosella officinarum*) and red clover (*Trifolium pratense*). More unusually kidney vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*) is also 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:

H6) Acid Grasslands
H10) Heathlands and Grass-Heath Communities
H18) Mineral Spoil Tips and Other Post Industrial Land

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Semi-improved acid grassland	11