

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Land to the east of Bournville Road, Blaina

GRID REF: S O 203 064

SURVEYOR(S): Rebecca Price

SIZE (approx.): c.1ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 4/08/09

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

Blaenau Gwent

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Marshy grassland (and flush vegetation)	M23/M6	
Streams	-	
Bracken	-	
Scrub/trees	-	
Semi-improved poor grassland	-	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

The large field is situated to the east of Bournville and forms part of a collection of grazed enclosures, with private residences bordering the site to the west, open land to the north, a farmhouse and outbuildings to the east and a farm access track to the south.

The field has a slight west facing slope and is enclosed by fencing and a line of native trees/shrubs line the western edge. Botanical interest is centred on the south west section of the field where a series of small streams flow down the site. Here a good variety of plants are associated with the marshy grassland, and small areas of acidic flush are present. The south west of the field undulates slightly across the slope and the degree of wetness is variable with drier regions occurring in a mosaic with marshy vegetation. Flushed vegetation in close vicinity to the stream includes locally frequent bog pimpernel, marsh pennywort, mosses and sedges. Devil's bit scabious and quaking grass was recorded locally.

The rest of the marshy vegetation is more characterised by a taller sward with greater bird's foot trefoil, soft rush, jointed rush, together with marsh thistle, Yorkshire fog, lesser spearwort, oval sedge, marsh bedstraw and sedge species.

The remainder of the field is less interesting. To the north the ground becomes drier and a semi-improved poor sward resides. To the east of the marshy area a former field boundary is delineated by a bank, which is frequented by a thick band of bracken. Beyond this, the eastern part of the field is heavily horse grazed and supports a semi-improved poor sward.

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:

H7) Marshy grasslands H12) Bog habitats and flushes	
Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Marshy grassland	16
Acidic flush	n/a