

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: 147 116

SURVEYOR(S):

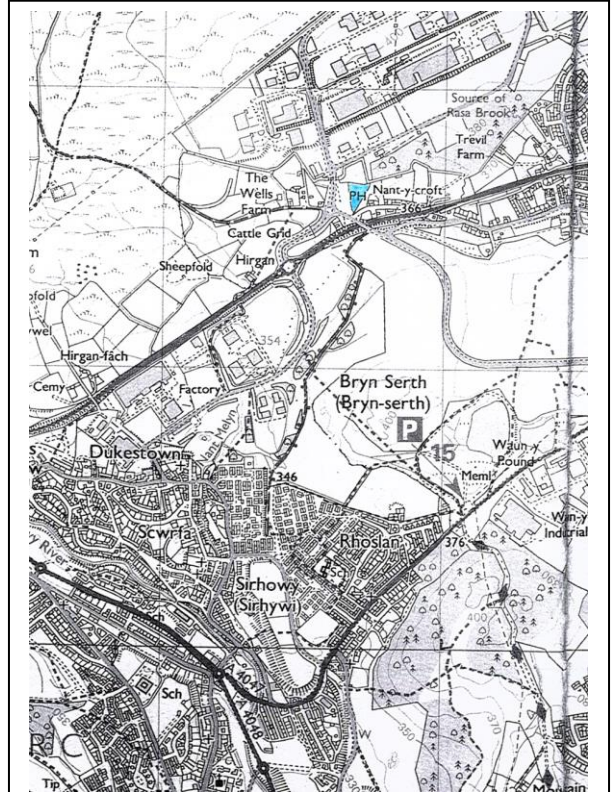
SIZE (approx.):

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	MG5/6	
Scrub	-	
Drain	-	

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

The site consists a single field lying to the north of Rassau Road and the A465 Heads of the Valleys road. It is bordered by a strip of planted conifers and scrub lies to the west and semi improved poor/improved fields to the north and east. A small bank of scrub at the south divides the site from Rassau/Bryn Serth Road.

Despite being tightly grazed by horses the sward is still identifiable as semi-improved neutral grassland, with a reasonable variety of herbs which includes pignut (*Conopodium majus*), bird's foot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), bulbous buttercup (*Ranunculus bulbosus*) and common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*). Sward height is variable, with enriched areas of ranker vegetation and short grazed regions. Feeding and dunging areas at the margins introduce poached ground and areas of more improved vegetation. A drain runs adjacent to the eastern margin.

The field is enclosed by a dry-stone wall at the north, fence to the west and a fenced stone wall to the east. The eastern boundary is straddled by hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) scrub. Some small patches of bramble (*Rubus fruticosus*) reside at the margins.

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:

H4) Neutral Grasslands

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