

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO119131

SURVEYOR(S):

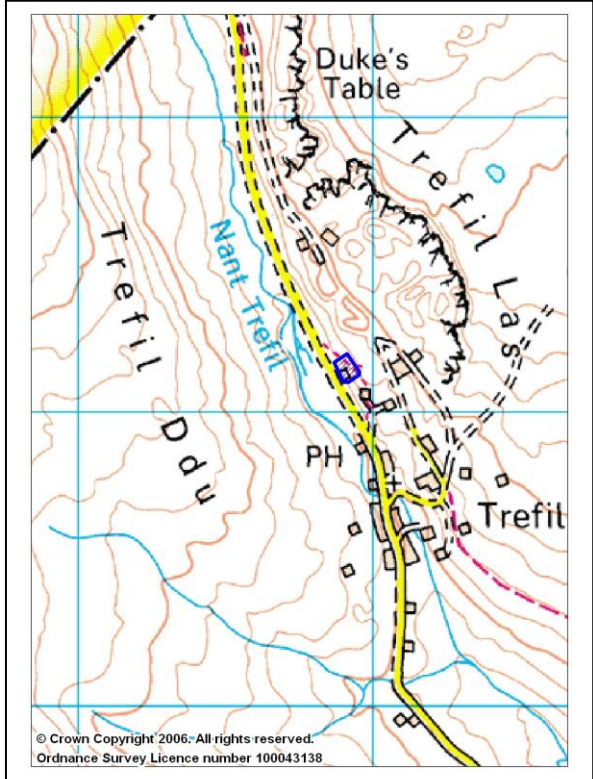
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Calcareous Grassland	CG10	0.4ha
Neutral Grassland	MG5	0.5ha
	MG6	0.1ha

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

The site comprises a roughly oblong enclosed field on a moderate west facing slope on the northern edge of the village of Trefil, approximately 4km north of Tredegar. The field is enclosed primarily by post and wire fence with a length of un-stockproof hedge. The shallow soils are free-draining and derived from the underlying limestone bedrock. The lower southern end has a rolling topography the result of past excavation, elsewhere there is a slope.

Much of the species-rich grassland occurs on disturbed ground and contains a range of herbs and grasses found in the CG10 community while elsewhere there is a more neutral flora MG5 which has been agriculturally modified in places to MG6. Grass species vary in abundance but are typified by *Festuca rubra* (Red fescue), *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet vernal grass) and *Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire fog) with *Festuca ovina* (Sheep's fescue), *Trisetum flavescens* (Yellow oat-grass), *Briza media* (Quaking grass), *Aira caryophylla* (Early hair grass) and *Danthonia decumbens* (Heath grass) more common on the more disturbed ground. *Thymus polytrichus* (Wild tyme) is constant throughout the disturbed area with *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Lotus corniculatus* (Common bird's-foot trefoil), *Euphrasia officinalis* (Eyebright), *Carex caryophylla* (Spring sedge), *Linum catharticum* (Fairy flax), *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw), *Galium verum* (Lady's bedstraw), *Alchemilla filicaulis* agg. (Hairy lady's mantle agg.), *Polygala vulgaris* (Common milkwort) and *Leontodon hispidus* (Rough hawkbit) all well represented throughout. Other notable species recorded on the neutral grassland included *Centaurea nigra* (Common knapweed), *Listera ovata* (Common twayblade), *Dactylorhiza praetermissa* (Southern marsh orchid), *Leucanthemum vulgare* (Oxeye daisy) and *Lathyrus pratensis* (Meadow vetchling).

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES NO Date: _____

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

H5) Calcareous Grassland

Qualifying Habitat types:

Calcareous Grassland