

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO222078

SURVEYOR(S):

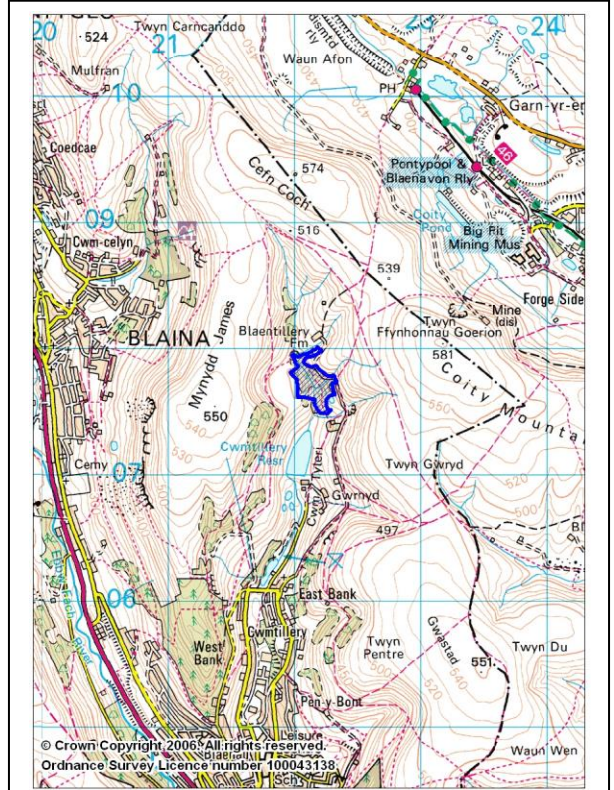
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Woodland - dry	W11	
	W15	
Woodland - wet	W7	
Acidic grassland/bracken	U4	
	U4/20	
	U20	
Stream	U1	
Mire	-	

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

The site occupies both sides of a North/South stream, (piped in the past to the reservoir below); slopes therefore face East and West primarily, but the northern woodland stand slopes to the North and parts occupy a valley floor position. Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), (of 2 distinct ages in many areas), occupies the main woodland areas, with localised sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*) and a small area of streamside alder (*Alnus glutinosa*) (W7).

The western side and main valley floor area are grassy or bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*) covered, with localised mires below emergent groundwater flows. Relic fences are locally present, but sheep access is uncontrolled. However, the ground flora of the beech is minimal and the woodland may be more important for shelter than for grazing.

Access is from the track (above the site) to Blaentillery Farm. Adjacent land is mostly pasture, some clearly 'improved', but there is also a conifer plantation to the East of the access track.

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

H1) Woodlands (*Beech and other woodland/stands*)

Qualifying Habitat types:

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