

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

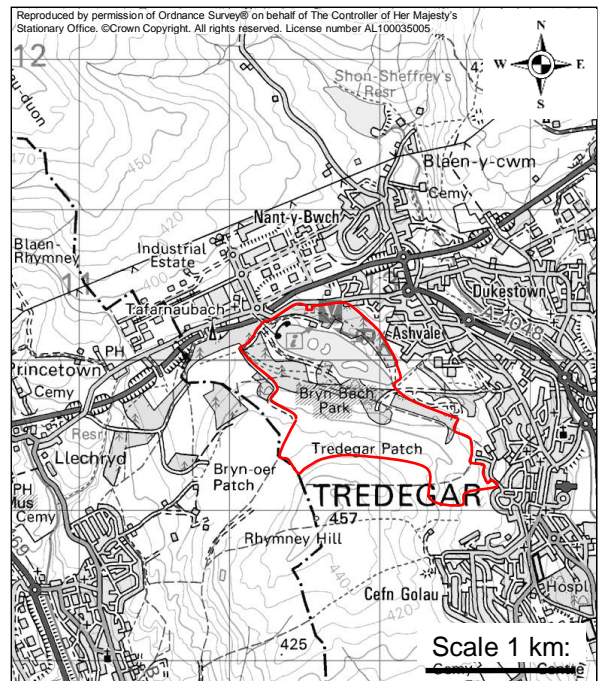
SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Woodland and scrub	W23	27.55
Open Water	None identified	14.20
Neutral Grassland	MG6, MG7, MG10	55.02
Tall herb community	OV26, WE27	0.02
Dwarf Shrub Heath	H12	0.25
Swamp	S10, S12, S19	0.28
Ephemeral / short perennial	None identified	7.55



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

Parc Bryn Bach cLNR is situated approximately 18 km south of the Brecon Beacons National Park on the outskirts of the town of Tredegar. It covers an area of 110 hectares (ha) on land reclaimed from former mine-workings. Parc Bryn Bach has been managed by the Leisure Department of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council for the past seven years. Over this time management of the site has focused on day-to-day maintenance and encouraging visitors to the site by hosting sporting and educational events and activities as well as providing facilities such as a café, visitor centre, family cycle track, conference rooms, an adventure playground and 'green gym' equipment. The surrounding countryside comprises scattered villages, towns and agricultural land interspersed with many semi-natural habitats providing corridors and dispersal routes for plants and animals.

The area within the proposed LNR boundary is owned by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and managed by the Leisure Department. Parts of the park have also been leased to tenants (the Model Boat Club leases part of the lake; T-Mobile leases a small area (outside the proposed LNR boundary) for a telephone mast; tenant farmers lease central and south eastern fields for grazing; and the Model Aeroplane Club leases a small field for use as a model runway). Tenants are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of these plots of land. Parts of the wider area of Parc Bryn Bach, such as the golf course, are on land which is owned by Caerphilly County Council.

Parc Bryn Bach is largely open to the public and is regularly visited by members of the local community and visitors for informal recreation. The area surrounding the lake is more heavily used for recreational activities and includes a number of facilities, whereas south-eastern parts of the site receive fewer visitors. A network of public footpaths and other public rights of way connects this site to the wider countryside.

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:

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Neutral Grasslands	16
Calcareous Grasslands	16
Acid Grasslands	9
Marshy Grasslands	26
Post-industrial Land	46
Mosaic Habitats	(examples of mosaic habitats)