

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO180116

SURVEYOR(S): Louise Denning, Julie Kerans,
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(Carter Ecological Limited)

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

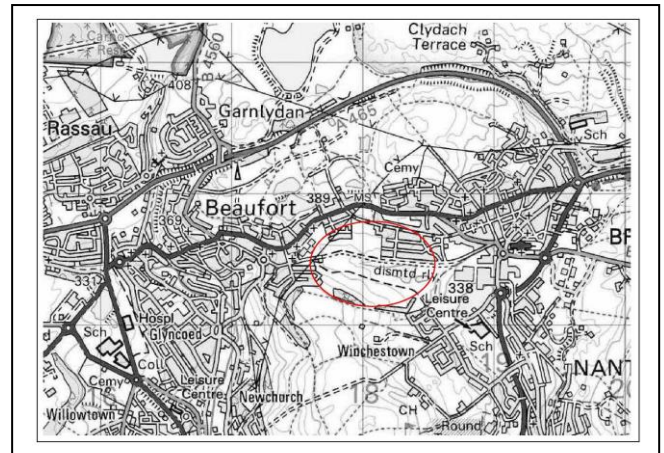
SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U1 lichen-rich	0.03
Acid Grassland	U4	2.57
Neutral Grassland	MG1e	0.50
Neutral Grassland	MG5/MG9	0.12
Neutral Grassland	MG9	6.34
Neutral Grassland	MG13/OV28	0.16
Mire	M23 / M25	1.47
Open Water	A15	1.94
Swamp	S10	0.44
Swamp	S10/S14/S19/S22	0.34
Swamp	S22	0.03



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

Parc Nant-y-Waun is situated between the towns of Brynmawr and Beaufort. The site is managed by the Council in partnership with volunteers from the local community group, Friends of Parc Nant-y-Waun. The majority of the site is dominated by grassland with considerable areas of calcifugous and mesotrophic grassland. The remaining area of the site consists of mire and swamp vegetation, tall-ruderals, scrub and young broad-leaved plantation woodland. A large reservoir, known as the Machine Pond and smaller pond, known as the Mustard Pond with open water habitat adds further to the interest of the site fed by several small streams (possibly spring-fed) and ditches. There are also areas of bare ground and scattered vegetation which have developed over disturbed man-made ground, including along the former tramway track which now supports an important lichen-rich sward. This range of vegetation types supports a variety of plant, animal, bird and invertebrate assemblages. In total 132 vascular plants were recorded in Parc Nant-y-Waun during the site visit. *Menyanthes trifoliata* (Bogbean) is the only notable vascular plant species that was recorded during the site visit. *Menyanthes trifoliata* (Bogbean) is protected under *The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* and is listed as a Key Species on the Blaenau Gwent BAP. Bryophyte and lichen records are limited to incidental records as no full bryophyte or lichen survey has been undertaken. While no protected vertebrates were recorded during the site visit, the site supports habitat suitable for amphibians, Otter, reptiles and Water Vole, as well as for foraging Badger and bats. A total of 38 bird species were recorded with 19 species probably breeding in the park. Of the 38 species, one (Kingfisher) is protected under *Schedule 1* of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981*. The site is managed to increase public interest in, and understanding of, nature conservation and for recreational enjoyment.

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:

Mosaic Habitats (H20)	
Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Neutral Grassland (H4) <i>e.g.</i> MG5 / MG9	8
Acidic Grassland (H6) <i>e.g.</i> U1	6
Acidic Grassland (H6) <i>e.g.</i> U4	10
Marshy Grassland (H7) <i>e.g.</i> M23	17
Fens, Reedbeds and Other Swamp (H11)	Not applicable
Standing Open Water (H16)	Not applicable