

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

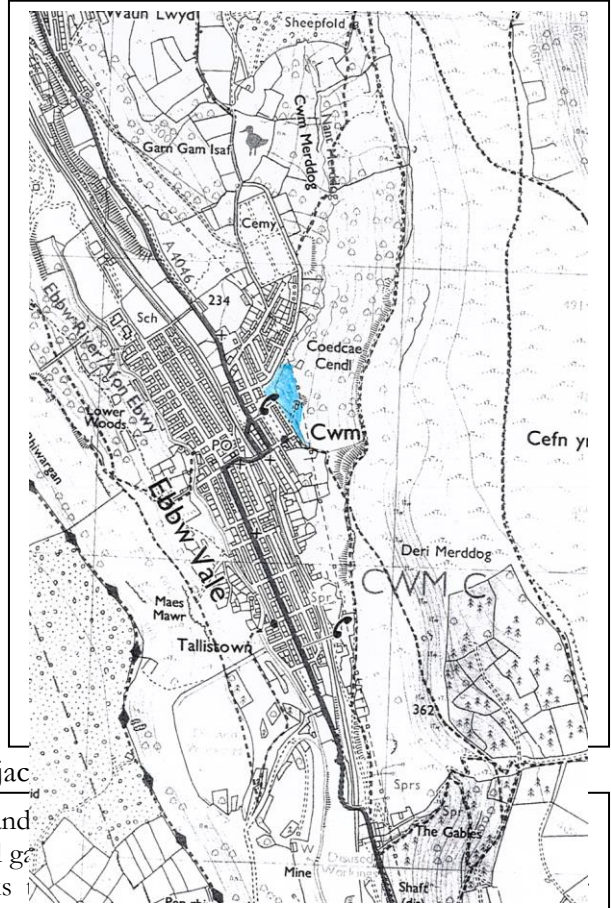
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Native broadleaved woodland	-	
Mature scrub, scattered trees	-	
Marshy grassland	M23	
Semi-improved neutral grassland	MG6	
Semi-improved acid grassland	U4	
Stream	-	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



### FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent features)

The site is located to the rear of New Cwm and Cendl Terraces and Arail candidate SINC. The south west boundary abuts residential gardens. Cendl borders the site to the east. The Nant Merddog marks the site's eastern boundary. An interlinking stream runs near the south west edge of the site. The site is largely fenced with the exception of the eastern boundary which is delineated by a pylon line.

The southern tip of the site is separately fenced from the remainder of the site and lies to the west of the smaller stream and north of a public footpath. Semi-improved poor grassland lies beneath scattered high canopy trees; including silver birch, goat willow together with some mature oaks.

The larger northern part of the site has an overall west facing slope of variable gradient and is entered via a trackway. It is partially fenced and grazed by a couple of horses. It supports a mosaic of native broadleaved woodland, marshy grassland, semi-improved acid grassland, neutral grassland and scattered trees and scrub. A number of mature trees are scattered through the site, including a group of mature oak and birch centrally on site and maiden oaks along the track which runs north-south through part of the site. A steep bank vegetated with mature birch, rowan and hawthorn lies to the east of this track. Here, water drainage down the slope results in a damp, sparse ground flora. The far north of the site adjacent to Cendl Terrace contains a very steep gully down to the Nant Merddog. Mature broadleaved woodland cloaks the gully frequented by ash, oak and silver birch together with hazel, hawthorn and beech. This woodland continues to the north of the stream (outside of the site).

Small open areas amongst the trees in the north of site support locally frequent ant hills and a semi-improved acid grassland sward that includes tormentil, heath bedstraw and heath speedwell. Semi-improved marshy grassland is located in the south of the site. Typical species include soft rush, marsh thistle, jointed rush, greater bird's foot trefoil, dock, cuckoo flower, Yorkshire fog together with lesser spearwort, marsh bedstraw and tormentil. Mature willow and bramble is scattered across the marshy area.

The south west edge of the site includes old sheds, barns and garages and small fenced gardens, divided from the main part of the site by the stream. Mature trees and ferns line the stream and reside in some gardens. Species include beech, field maple, sycamore, silver birch, hazel and willow.

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:

**H20) Mosaic Habitats and Common Land** – the site qualifies due to its mosaic of woodland, grassland and water habitats.

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present