

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

WATERCOURSE NAME:

GRID REF (start) LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

GRID REF (finish)

Length (approx.): DATE OF SURVEY:

FURTHER SITE INFORMATION

BROAD SITE DESCRIPTION

Located to the north of the settlement of Cwmtillery the Afon Tyleri flows for approx 3km in the valley between Mynydd James and Blaentillery Farm and Coety Mountain. At its northern extreme a number of small streams, springs flow into the watercourse. The source is difficult to ascertain from OS map alone.

The Afon Tyleri flows through open countryside/farmland before entering Cwmtillery Reservoir and further south, a series of ponds. The watercourse exhibits good physical naturalness. The reservoir is used by a fishing club.

ADJACENT SINC_s/WILDLIFE SITES

The watercourse intersects/runs adjacent to a number of existing Blaenau Gwent SINC_s, identified for their grassland, woodland and pond interest. The identification of the watercourse SINC further demonstrates the value of this region for its importance to wildlife.

Does the site already have any designations? Yes No

If yes please state designation/s:.....

Known site history/ current management

Are there any LBAP Priority Habitats or Species present?

Habitats	Species
	SAP M5 European Otter

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:

H15) Watercourses

In line with the *Criteria for the Selection of SINC's in the Mid Valleys Area*, due to its linear nature, importance as a habitat corridor and extensive influence, a blanket linear designation is used for the selection of the Afon Tyleri River.

The mosaic of features found in rivers and streams can support a diverse range of plants and animals. A wide range of habitats are associated with rivers and streams from the steep fast flowing conditions to meanders, shingle beds and sand bars.

H20) Mosaic Habitats & Common Land

The watercourse intersects/runs adjacent to a number of existing Blaenau Gwent SINC's, identified for their grassland, woodland and pond interest. The identification of the watercourse further strengthens the value of the mosaic of habitats in this area for their importance to wildlife.

Primary qualifying features include:

- Probable migratory (anadromous species) and resident populations of fish of conservation significance in the Mid Valleys area (**S5) Fish**).

Supporting reasons for designation include:

- Probable breeding Otter, plus areas for foraging, laying up and territorial use (**S1) Mammals**).
 - *Concentration of records for the lower sections of watercourse, near reservoir and pond.*
 - In addition sections of the Afon Tyleri support breeding dipper (**S2 Birds**).
- (pers comm, GOS member)*