

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO207060

SURVEYOR(S):

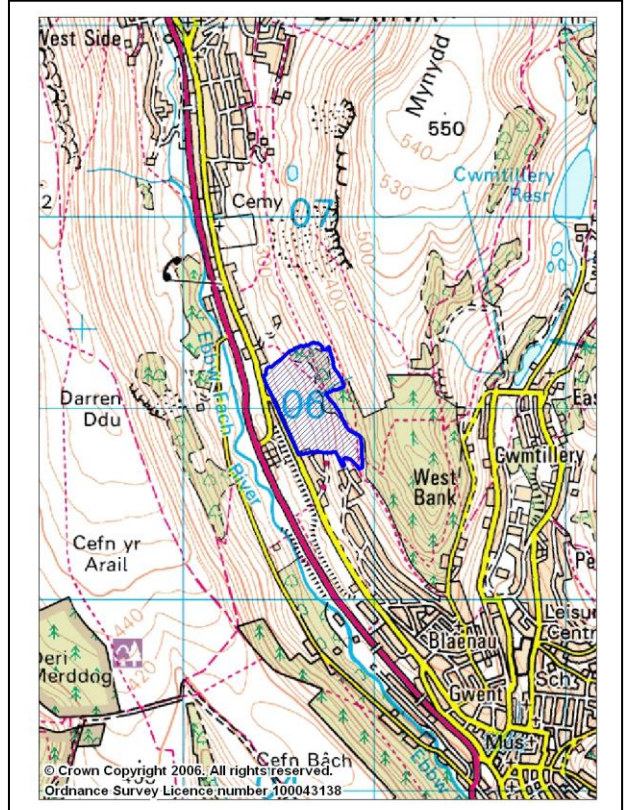
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Upland Heath	H12	
Purple moor-grass	M23/M25	
Sessile Oak-Downy Birch	W11	
Wet Woodland	W5	
Beech Woodland	W15	

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

The site is located on the east side of the Ebbw Fach Valley to the south of Blaina, and comprises of a patchwork of intergrading woodland types and associated areas of grassland, mire and heath all under the influence of the sites hydrological patterns.

Many public footpaths cross the site and sheep graze it freely in most areas. The sites upper part has been mined for coal, but old walls and a barn also implies a lengthy period of stock keeping on the site.

Areas of the site are of particular ecological interest and include the oak and beech woodland and wet woodland areas. With the exception of the beech woods, most of the stands are relatively rich in plant species. The grasslands are relatively rich botanically and several are rich in anthills. Scattered throughout the site are several rich mires with *Drosera rotundifolia* (Round-leaved sundew), *Wahlenbergia hederacea* (Ivy-leaved bellflower) and *Anagallis tenella* (Bog pimpernel) found.

Mixed in with the forementioned are areas of dwarf shrub heath and colliery spoil with diverse species and heathland beginning to colonise.

The site is popular with local people and regularly used.

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under: (H20) Mosaic Habitats
Qualifying Habitat types: Upland heath, Marshy grassland, Wet woodland, Woodland

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