Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Sheepfold Grassla	ands			
GRID REF: SO140078 SU			EYOR(S):	Francis Ryan
SIZE (approx.): 12.36ha				
DATE OF SURVEY: 11.07.06			SKETCH :	MAP OF SITES LOCATION:
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Blaenau Gwent			Bryn	Mountain of Air,
WARD: Tredegar C			REDEC	SAR
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:			1	
Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)	Cefn Gola	Hospil (Georgetown
Acid Grassland Neutral Grassland Marshy Grassland	U4 MG6 MG10 M23	2.0 4.5 1.5 2.0	359	Cemy Certife Cartife ial Ground- wm-Tysswg
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FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):				
A large enclosed area of mixed grassland on the western flank of the Sirhowy valley adjacent to Tredegar recreation ground and west of Tredegar town centre. The grassland slopes moderately to the east and is crossed by a network of wet and dry ditches some lined by old hedgerow. The upper slopes contain closely grazed species poor semi-improved grassland MG6 that grades into semi-improved acidic grassland with unimproved areas of U4 below the main ditch. The unimproved grassland contains <i>Agrostis capillaris</i> (Common bent), <i>Succisa pratensis</i> (Devil's-bit scabious), <i>Carex panicea</i> (Carnation sedge), <i>Carex caryophyllea</i> (Spring sedge), <i>Centaurea nigra</i> (Common knapweed), <i>Nardus stricta</i> (Mat-grass), <i>Briza media</i> (Quaking grass), <i>Potentilla erecta</i> (Tormentil), <i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i> (Wavy hair-grass), <i>Danthonia decumbens</i> (Heath-grass) and <i>Festuca ovina</i> (Sheep's-fescue). <i>Juncus</i> (Rush) dominated grassland types occur throughout the field with MG10 characterised by the constant <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> (Tufted hair-grass) and M23 characterised by <i>Cirsium palustre</i> (Marsh thistle) and <i>Galium palustre</i> (Marsh bedstraw).				
Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under: H6) Acid Grassland				
Qualifying Habitat types: Acid Grassland Open water				

NO

Date:

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES