

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO119130

SURVEYOR(S):

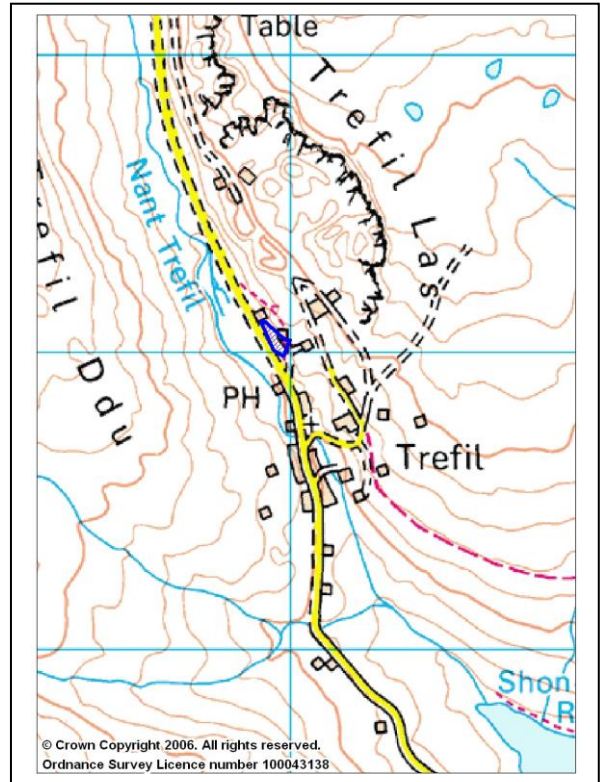
SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Calcareous Grassland	CG10	0.6ha
Neutral Grassland	MG6	0.4ha

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

The site comprises an enclosed field on a moderate west facing slope on the northern edge of the village of Trefil, approximately 4km north of Tredegar. The field is enclosed primarily by post and wire fence with a length of un-stockproof hedge. The shallow soils are free-draining and derived from the underlying limestone bedrock. The site has a rolling topography the result of past excavation. Much of the species-rich grassland occurs on disturbed ground and contains a range of herbs and grasses found in the CG10 community while elsewhere there is a more neutral flora which has been agriculturally modified to MG6. Grass species vary in abundance but are typified by *Festuca rubra* (Red fescue), *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet vernal grass) and *Holcus lanatus* (Yorkshire fog) with *Festuca ovina* (Sheep's fescue), *Trisetum flavescens* (Yellow oat grass), *Briza media* (Quaking grass), *Aira caryophyllea* (Silver hair grass) and *Danthonia decumbens* (Heath grass) more common on the more disturbed ground. *Thymus polytrichus* (wild tyme) is constant throughout the disturbed area with *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Lotus corniculatus* (Common bird's-foot trefoil), *Euphrasia officinalis* (Eyebright), *Carex caryophyllea* (Spring sedge), *Linum catharticum* (Fairy flax), *Alchemilla filicaulis* agg. (Hairy lady's mantle agg.), *Polygala serpyllifolia* (Heath milkwort) and *Leontodon hispidus* (Rough hawkbit) all well represented throughout. The lower lying ground has more improved grassland with frequent *Lolium perenne* (Perennial ryegrass), *Trifolium repens* (White clover) and *Cirsium arvensis* (Creeping thistle).

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under: H5) Calcareous Grassland

Qualifying Habitat types: Calcareous Grassland

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