

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO145076

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

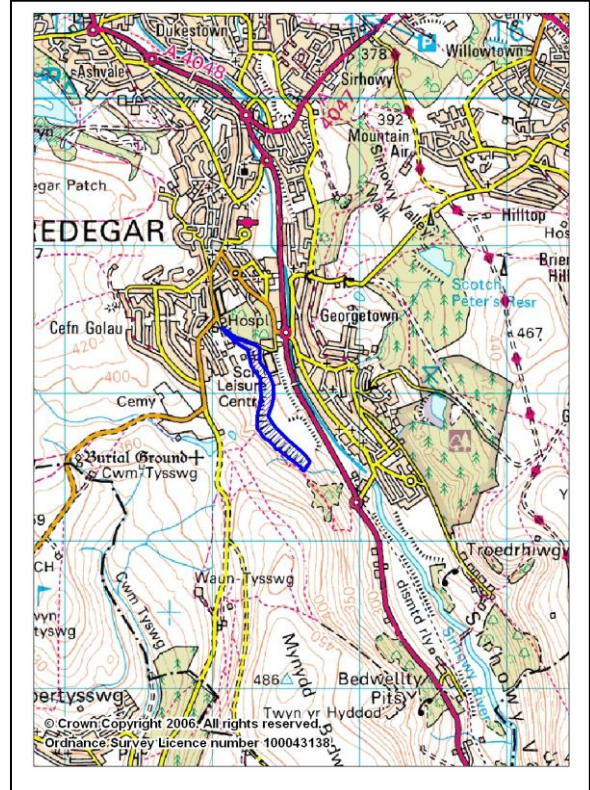
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid Grassland	U1	
Neutral Grassland	MG1	
Marshy Grassland	M23	
Scrub	-	

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

A steep east facing slope situated south of the centre of Tredegar. The site is enclosed by unstockproof post and rail fences and grazed by sheep which have unrestricted access throughout the site. The grassland comprises semi-improved acidic grassland consistent with U1 with constant *Agrostis capillaris* (Common bent), *Anthoxanthum odoratum* (Sweet vernal grass), *Cynosurus cristatus* (Crested dog's-tail), *Festuca rubra* (Red fescue), *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw) and *Rumex acetosella* (Sheep's sorrel). Several of the northern most fields contain parched open acidic grassland with frequent moss and lichen and short patchy tussocky grasses especially *Festuca ovina* (Sheep's fescue) and the low growing herb *Pilosella officinarum* (Mouse-ear hawkweed). The lower slopes especially at the southern end are flushed and contain several *Juncus* (Rush) species with sedges especially *Carex panicea* (Carnation sedge) and *Cirsium palustre* (Marsh thistle). Beyond the northern end of the site there has been much tree and shrub planting which retains vestiges of a dwarf shrub community with *Calluna vulgaris* (Heather) and *Vaccinium myrtillus* (Bilberry) well represented. The upper edges of the site abut against playing fields and a footpath occurs and MG1 community occurs.

Section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:
H6) Acid Grassland

Qualifying Habitat types:
H6) Acid Grassland

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