

Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF: SO120131

SURVEYOR(S):

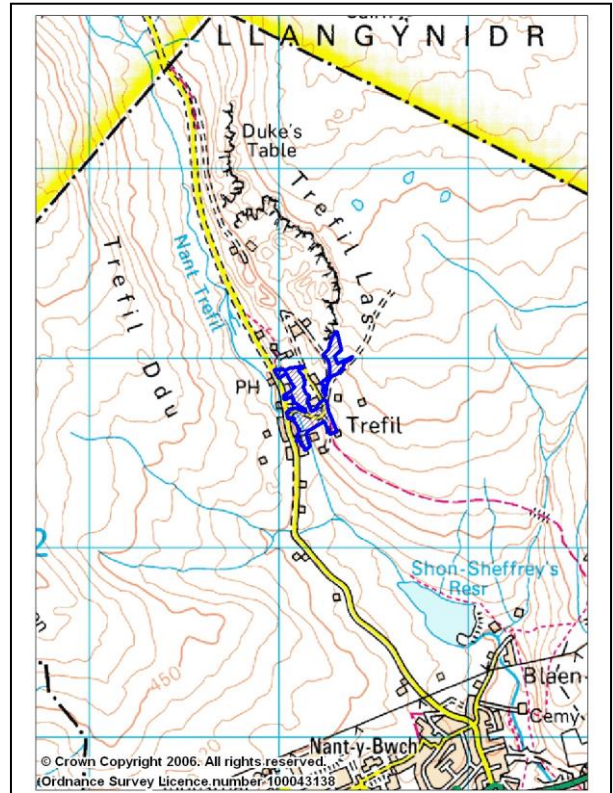
SIZE (approx.):

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	8ha

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

The site comprises a block of unenclosed grassland within the village of Trefil, approximately 4km north of Tredegar. The land lies between 400 and 420m, generally with a southerly aspect. The shallow soils are free-draining and derived from the underlying limestone bedrock. Much of the grassland occurs on disturbed ground as a result of quarrying activities. The grassland is closely cropped due to heavy sheep grazing and contains a range of herbs and grasses found in the CG10 community. 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 thyme) is constant throughout with *Potentilla erecta* (Tormentil), *Lotus corniculatus* (Common bird's-foot trefoil), *Euphrasia officinalis* (Eyebright), *Carex caryophyllea* (Spring sedge), *Linum catharticum* (Fairy flax), *Galium saxatile* (Heath bedstraw), *Polygala vulgaris* (Common milkwort) and *Leontodon hispidus* (Rough hawkbit) all well represented throughout. Other notable species recorded included *Trigonella foenum-graceum* (Fenugreek), *Cirsium acaule* (Dwarf thistle), *Carlina vulgaris* (Carlina thistle) and *Campanula rotundiflora* (Harebell).

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

H5) Calcareous Grassland

Qualifying Habitat types: Calcareous Grassland,

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