

# Blaenau Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME:

GRID REF:

SURVEYOR(S):

SIZE (approx.):

DATE OF SURVEY:

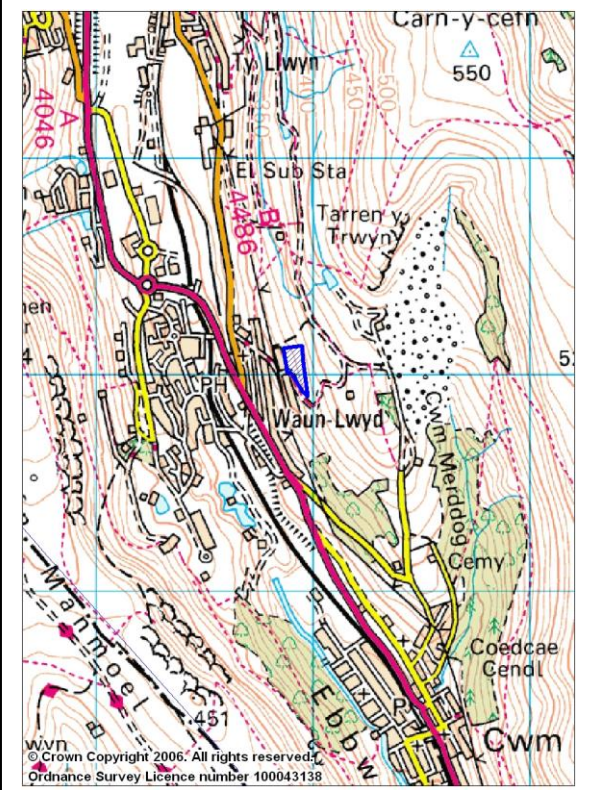
LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:

WARD:

### MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Acid grassland, semi-improved	U1	
Bracken, scattered	-	
Scrub, scattered	-	

### SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



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

Unmanaged, tussocky grassland on a series of old spoil mounds, colonised by herb-rich acid grassland, with frequent ant hills. Acidic indicators included *Galium saxatile* (heath bedstraw), *Rumex acetosa* (common sorrel), *Deschampsia flexuosa* (wavy-hair grass), *Luzula multiflora* (heath woodrush), *Vaccinium myrtillus* (bilberry). The grassland also supports more typically calcareous species including *Linum catharticum* (fairy flax), *Trisetum flavescens* (yellow oat-grass) reflecting a base-rich influence associated with the spoil.

The species-rich grassland starts along the southern edge of this area, next to a ditch adjacent to a gravel track. To the north scattered bracken and bramble scrub become more frequent. Along the eastern edge of the spoil, a fenced ridge marks the boundary between the old quarry area and slope covered in dense bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*). To the west, the species-rich grassland grades into species-poor, semi-improved neutral grassland on flatter lower lying ground.

Invertebrates were frequent, including crickets, and small skipper and ringlet butterflies. A species of fritillary butterfly was also observed from a distance.

The following grassland fungi were observed 30 October 2007: *Hygrocybe pratensis* (meadow waxcap), *Hygrocybe chlorophana* (golden waxcap), *Hygrocybe psittacina* (parrot waxcap), *Clavulinopsis helvola* (yellow club), *Ricknella fibula*. (R Price, GWT & Halcrow Ecologist).

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

Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Site Guidelines that this site qualifies under:

H6) Acid grasslands  
H18) Post Industrial Land

Qualifying Habitat types	Number of indicator species present
Species rich acid grassland	8
Post industrial land vegetation	20