

## Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Merthyr Tydfil County Borough

SINC No	Site Name/s	Summary Description	Meets and/or Exceeds Mid Valleys selection SINC Criteria	Survey information
58	Afon Taf	<p>The major river in the County Borough. Includes areas of bankside habitats, particularly towards the south where the river corridor is less industrialised than further north.</p> <p>Associated habitats are chiefly semi-natural woodland, including areas of ancient semi-natural woodland and linear wet woodlands. There are also numerous neutral grasslands, scrub patches and bracken stands, as well as small areas of marshy grassland and tall herb vegetation. Notable features of the river course include cobble banks which support localised plants. Otter occurs throughout the length of the river which is known to be of value to a wide variety of birds, fish, bats and reptiles.</p>	<p>H1, H3, H4, H7, H9, H15, H16, H22.</p> <p>S3 &amp; S5</p>	<p>RIV 1, David Clements Ecology Limited, June 2008.</p> <p>Resurveyed in June 2017 and SINC boundary retained.</p>

Extracted from Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Replacement Local Development Plan (2016 - 2031).

<https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/media/5642/replacement-ldp-written-statement-final-composite-version-140120.pdf>