

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
25	Cwm Bargod/ Cwm Bargoed	Very large and diverse system of semi-upland ffridd and valley-bottom habitats associated with the Afon Bargod Taf, a section of which flows through the site. Complex mosaic of semi-natural habitats including ancient seminatural woodland, bracken slopes with scattered trees and scrub, marshy grassland, wet and dry heathland, acid grassland, swamp and acid flush. A very diverse and interesting set of habitats, probably exceeding SSSI designation criteria. Many nationally scarce plant species have been recorded. Several scarce dragonfly, butterfly and moth species have been recorded. Otter ranges along the Bargod Taf, and brown hare has also been recorded. The site is also important for a broad range of birds.	H1, H3, H4, H6, H7, H9, H10, H11, H12, H15, H16, H20, H22. S1, S2, S3, S6 & S7.	SO 00SE/6, David Clements Ecology Limited, January 2008. Resurveyed in May 2017 and SINC boundary retained.

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