

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
39	Comin Gogledd Merthyr/ Merthyr Common North	<p>Very extensive area of upland common land supporting a mosaic of both wet and dry moorland habitats. These include extensive areas of unimproved acid grassland, marshy grassland, dry heathland and grass-heath, together with areas of wet heath, acid flush, bracken stands, scree and exposed gritstone bedrock. Tracts of modified blanket bog occur on the highest ground in the north-east of the site; these are often wet with abundant bog-mosses, although sometimes drier where drainage channels have been cut. Numerous small ponds and streams are present, including the headwaters of the Nant Morlais. Several ponds support floating bur-reed, a rare species in Glamorgan. In the north-west of the site, in contrast, there are areas of outcropping limestone, scree and extensive disused quarries (Twynau Gwynion) supporting calcicole grassland and ledge communities of very restricted occurrence in the County Borough. These areas are characteristically species rich, and support many regionally rare and scarce species. Numerous other localised plant species also occur in these habitats.</p>	<p>H5, H6, H7, H9, H10, H12, H15, H16, H18, H20 & H21.</p> <p>S2, S6 & S7.</p>	<p>SO 01SE/2, David Clements Ecology Limited, January 2008.</p> <p>Resurveyed in July 2016 and SINC boundary retained.</p>

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