

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
36	Rhydycar Gorllewin/ Rhydycar West	Very extensive mosaic of ffridd enclosures supporting complex of semi-upland and lowland habitats, partly contained within conifer plantation. Main components are ancient semi-natural woodland fragments, other seminatural woodlands, wet heathland, dry heathland, marshy grassland and semi-improved neutral grasslands. Also there are some bracken slopes, scrub, small ponds, streams and sections of dismantled railway. There are areas of semi-improved acid grasslands to the south especially. The habitats intergrade to form a complex mosaic, and may therefore also include some small areas of improved or low diversity semi-improved grassland, but any such areas are a very minor component. Great crested newt occurs in small pools; noctule and pipstrelle bats have both been recorded. Nationally rare and scarce invertebrates are varied and common throughout the area.	H1, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H9, H11, H12, H15, H16, H17, H18, H20, H21, H22. S1, S2, S3, S4, S6, S7 & S8.	SO 00SW/2, David Clements Ecology Limited, May 2006. SINC boundary amended to take account of development (area of hand-standing).

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