

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 |
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| 9 | Gorllewin Winchfawr/ Winchfawr West | Very extensive area of mostly upland habitats, comprising a complex mosaic of moorland and fridd habitats on the eastern slopes of the Bryn y Gwyddel/Bryn y Badell/Mynydd Aberdar hill system. The wet and dry heathlands are of particular note; these are partly developed on old colliery spoil tips and are the most extensive heathlands in the County Borough. Other habitats of note include marshy grasslands and unimproved acid grasslands, acid flushes and grass-heaths. Outlying areas support semi-improved acid and neutral grasslands and scrub. Numerous ponds are present supporting a small population of Great Crested Newts, along with small streams and some sections of outcropping sandstone. Extremely diverse series of habitats supporting many species of interest. | H3, H4, H6, H7, H10, H12, H15, H16, H18, H20. S4, S6, S7, & S10. | SO 00NW/4, David Clements Ecology Limited, November 2007. Resurveyed in July 2013 and SINC boundary retained. |

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