

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO41/25	Rockfield Woods	SO459158	1.95 ha	Mixed broad leaved woodland Alder wet wood Species-rich hedgerow	Woodland	<p>The northern wood is a small triangle shaped woodland surrounded by lanes to the east, west and north with species rich hedging on these sides the roadside verge running along the west side is species rich with species including early purple orchid. To the south the wood is bordered by semi improved species poor grassland a barb wire fence separates to the two. This woodland though small has a diverse canopy with species including, field maple, elm, yew, crab apple, and beech. The understory has areas that are dominated by abundant bramble with guelder rose and red currant as rarities. The woodland has a rich ground flora with large areas dominated by blue bells and many other indicator species are also present including, wood anemones, and dog's mercury. The south western end of the woodland is particularly diverse (the roadside verge along here is also species-rich) with species such as primrose, <i>Luzula pillosa</i>, and betony. In total there are 16 indicator species present. The southern woodland is on a sloped valley facing south surrounded by semi improved and improved grassland. This is a very diverse woodland with both aspen and common oak both abundant in the canopy with an understory of hazel coppice and hawthorn both bramble and bracken are frequent throughout the woodland. The ground flora of the woodland is very interesting and has many indicator plants including both goldilocks buttercup and early purple and common spotted orchid. A stream runs along the west of the woodland with alder and willow running along it. The woodland is largely stock-proof. With at least 17 indicator species, ditches, streams and veteran oak trees this woodland easily qualifies as a LWS it is particularly interesting because it has such a large amount of aspen in the canopy. Running between the two woodlands acting as a corridor is a large species-rich hedgerow. To the west of this hedge is a semi-improved field, mostly species-poor and ploughed in the past, however the areas along the hedge and on the sloped areas toward the southern wood are more species-rich. This field may warrant inclusion in the future in LWS but cannot be included based on this survey visit.</p>	H1 Woodlands