

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form WS/SO50/86

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Hillside House

GRID REF: S O 5 3 5 0 6 3

SURVEYOR(S): Dr Stephanie Tvler

SIZE (approx.): c.1.98ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 4/06/12

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:
Monmouthshire

WARD: Trellech United

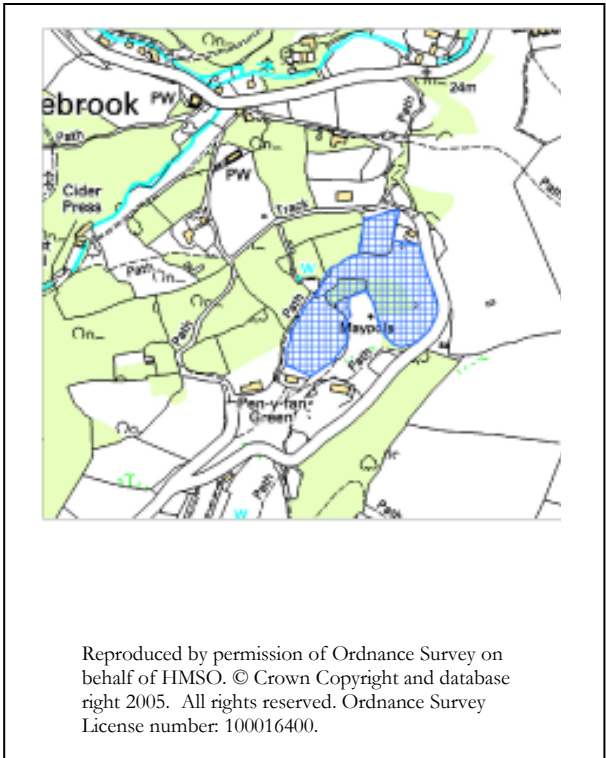
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

| Habitat types | NVC type | Area (ha) |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Species rich grassland | - | - |

LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?

Species-rich grasslands

SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:



FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):

The site comprises two steep fields (upper and lower) above and to the side of Hillside House, an area divided off for pigs, two other more level fields adjacent to Pen-y-fan Green, plus woodland areas between these fields and those near the house.

There is much bracken invasion in the fields near the house. It is extensive in the upper field and occurs in broad swathes at either side in the lower field. A relatively small area of grassland is free of bracken but this field (despite a lack of grazing over recent years and some mulching when grass has been cut and left in situ) is still very rich in plants.

One of the fields by Pen-y-fan Green has a steep bracken bank, but these fields are otherwise clear of bracken. They grade to the north and east into a strip of woodland with some fine oaks, sycamore, cherry, hazel, holly and rowan and a ground layer of native bluebells. Old sunken tracks, an old well and exposed rocks add to the interest. Ferns were prolific – Male Fern, Lady Fern, Broad Buckler Fern and Harts Tongue Fern – in the woodland but also in a ditch-like depression between the two fields near the house. Foxgloves were quite frequent at the edges of the fields and woodland.

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES NO Date: 3/10/12

DETAILED SITE INFORMATION

SITE OWNERSHIP: Including names of any tenants/graziers Name(s)

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| Name(s) | | |
| Addresses | | |
| Tel.no. | | Mobile: <input type="text"/> |

Please log all landowner/tenant contact starting from the initial permission for access to survey

| Date | Contact | Discussion subjects/decisions made |
|-----------|---------|---|
| June 2012 | | Steph Tyler visited surveyed & provided management advice |

Is/are the owner(s)

| | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| i) aware of the site's nature conservation value? | Yes | No | |
| ii) managing the land sympathetically? | Yes | No | |
| iii) willing to manage the land sympathetically? | Yes | No | Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> |

Describe the access to the site:

Are there any public rights of way on the site?

Yes No

If so please describe their location:

What is the current management at the site?

Lack of management/grazing in recent years. Some mulching. Bracken is a problem in some fields.

Are there any threats to the site?

Lack of management/bracken invasion

Are there any invasive species present?

Bracken

Are there any protected species present?

Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

H4) Neutral Grasslands - with over 8 indicator species.

Is the site part of any grant schemes? Yes No Grant Scheme:.....End date.....

Does the site already have any designations? Yes No Designation:.....

Sketch map of site (including northpoint, scale and areas of the site of particular note):



Key

-  Species rich grassland
-  Semi natural woodland
-  Fencing
-  Bracken

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Please list all additional survey information both past and present that relates to this site:

CCW Phase 1 Survey 1991.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Site no.:

Please note: The data on this form may be held in accordance with the Gwent Wildlife Trust's registration under the Data Protection Act 1996

Species List, 4th June 2012

| Grasses and rushes | | Lower field | Fields by The Green |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Cocksfoot | <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> | LA | O |
| False Oat Grass | <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> | LF | O |
| Meadow Foxtail | <i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> | O | |
| Red Fescue | <i>Festuca rubra</i> | F | F |
| Rough Meadow Grass | <i>Poa trivialis</i> | O | F |
| Sweet Vernal Grass | <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> | F | F |
| Yorkshire Fog | <i>Holcus lanatus</i> | O | O |
| Field Woodrush | <i>Luzula campestris</i> | F | F |
| | | | |
| Other plants | | | |
| Creeping Buttercup | <i>Ranunculus repens</i> | | F |
| Meadow Buttercup | <i>Ranunculus acris</i> | | O |
| Lesser Celandine | <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> | O | O |
| Nettle | <i>Urtica dioica</i> | | LF |
| Ribwort Plantain | <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> | O | O |
| Lesser Stitchwort | <i>Stellaria graminea</i> | O | F |
| Mouse-ear | <i>Cerastium fontanum</i> | O | O |
| Broad-leaved Dock | <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i> | O | O |
| Sorrel | <i>Rumex acetosa</i> | F | F |
| A St John Wort | <i>Hypericum ? perforatum</i> | | R |
| Common Dog Violet | <i>Viola riviniana</i> | F | O |
| Tormentil | <i>Potentilla erecta</i> | F | |
| Bush Vetch | <i>Vicia sepium</i> | R edge garden | |
| Birds-foot Trefoil | <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> | O | F |
| Meadow Vetchling | <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> | O | |
| Red Clover | <i>Trifolium pratense</i> | O | O |
| Pignut | <i>Conopodium majus</i> | F-A | LA |
| Hogweed | <i>Heracleum sphondylium</i> | O | |
| Wild Angelica | <i>Angelica sylvestris</i> | O | |
| Germander Speedwell | <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i> | F | F |
| Harebell * | <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> | | LF |
| Heath Bedstraw | <i>Galium saxatile</i> | LF | |
| Rough Hawkbit | <i>Leontodon hispidus</i> | R | |
| Common Cats Ear | <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> | | O |
| Marsh Thistle | <i>Cirsium palustre</i> | O | |
| Knapweed | <i>Centaurea nigra</i> | R | |
| Yarrow | <i>Achillea millefolium</i> | F | P |
| Bluebell | <i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i> | LA | LA |