

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO30/02	Chapel Lane Meadow	SO322053	1.31 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5) Neutral Grassland (MG6) Marshy Grassland (M23)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	A large horse-grazed meadow situated between Goetre & Penpelleni. Roughly oblong, it slopes gently north-eastwards with higher ground on the western side. The field is bounded on the east by tall hedgerow and external track, to the north by a post & wire fence, and elsewhere by tall hedgerow. The herb-rich sward occurs on the higher ground to the west with <i>Potentilla erecta</i> , <i>Euphrasia officinalis</i> , <i>Danthonia decumbens</i> , <i>Trifolium medium</i> , <i>Stachys officinalis</i> , <i>Succisa pratensis</i> , <i>Carex flacca</i> , <i>Veronica officinalis</i> & <i>Pedicularis palustris</i> . An area of M23 characterised by <i>Juncus</i> sp., <i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i> & <i>Ranunculus flammula</i> occurs on the southern & northern edge of the field. The sward appears lightly grazed. The eastern half of the field is agriculturally modified with <i>Lolium perenne</i> & <i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> more frequent. The grassland here is a mosaic of tightly grazed and taller, coarser grasses with some herbs. Thistles & docks occur within this half of the field.	H4 Neutral Grassland