

## Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO30/03	Bottom Farm	SO341088	8.61 ha	Acid Grassland (U4) Marshy Grassland (M23) Scrub	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>The site is located between Llanvihangel Gobion and Llanfair Kingdom, 500m west of the B4598 at Pant y Goitre Bridge. The site consists of a series of relict fields that support a large area of semi-improved acid grassland with areas of marshy grassland with scattered scrub and encroaching bracken. The steeper ground to the south contains U4 characterised by <i>Festuca ovina</i>, <i>Festuca rubra</i>, <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> and <i>Potentilla erecta</i>, which grade into localised wetter M23 lining the two streams on the lower-lying ground. The isolated field to the NE contains anthills which have preferential acid species including <i>Danthonia decumbens</i>, <i>Veronica officinalis</i> and <i>Rumex acetosella</i>. The site contains many mature trees, areas of scrub and overgrown hedges. Bracken is encroaching from the south and is likely to become a serious problem. Management is restricted to sheep grazing. Despite its acidic tendencies, the grassland fails to qualify under acidic grassland criteria. It does however meet the neutral grassland threshold.</p>	H4 Neutral Grassland