

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/59	Kitty's Orchard	SO401046	1.2ha	Semi improved neutral grassland (MG6)	Species-rich grassland	Gwent Wildlife Trust's Kitty's Orchard nature Reserve comprises of newly planted woodland to the north and semi improved grassland to the south. The woodland is less than 20 years old and not currently of LWS quality but the grassland meets the criteria. The site is surrounded housing and gardens to the west and semi-improved species poor grassland to the south and east. The grassland is gently sloped to the south. There are a few trees scattered across the site in the northern half there is an old pear tree (the remnants of an old orchard), a couple of plum and apple trees and some silver birch and Scot's pine trees planted in a small area. The hedge around the field contains a few mature oak trees and at the southern end of the field there are two small oak trees. The grassland is being sensitively managed to allow the site to revert to species-rich grassland. Currently species such as, <i>Rhinanthus minor</i> , <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Euphrasia officinalis</i> agg. And <i>Dactylorhiza fushii</i> can be found in relative abundance. The site is accessed via a path running through the woodland at the north of the site.	H4 Neutral Grassland With more than 8 indicator species.