

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO30/10	Beech Hill Farm	SO374021	1.06 ha	Semi Improved Neutral Grassland (MG5)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	Enclosed neutral grassland referable to MG5, lying on a steep-moderate southerly slope above Beech Hill Farm. The site is surrounded by a mixture of fences & broken hedgerows with standard trees. The sward is of variable quality though, with a good overall variety of species that includes localised <i>Ononis repens</i> & <i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i> . <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Luzula campestris</i> , <i>Stellaria graminea</i> & <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> are more widely spaced. The sward is poor in places, particularly to the east where <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> , <i>Rumex acetosa</i> , <i>Veronica chamaedrys</i> & <i>Teucrium scorodonia</i> are locally frequent in the shade of the hedgerow. The south of the site is temporarily fenced to create a horse/donkey paddock (the location of which is transitory within the field). This area is very tightly grazed: However, indicators are visible in places. The field is free-draining and rabbit-grazed. <i>Veronica officinalis</i> & <i>Polygala vulgaris</i> are locally frequent towards the east.	H4 Neutral Grasslands