

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO30/11	Crossways Cottage Field	SO386040	1.20 ha	Neutral Grassland Species-Rich	Lowland species-rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>One large field, on moderate, south-west facing slope, comprising semi-improved species-rich/unimproved neutral grassland, including species such as frequent <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>, <i>Potentilla erecta</i> locally frequent <i>Succisa pratensis</i>, occasional <i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i>, <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>, <i>Ononis repens</i>, <i>Stachys officinalis</i>. In the north-west corner, dense hawthorn scrub with frequent bramble, bracken and marsh thistle is invading south and westwards. The southern half of the field is on lower ground and is almost entirely different in species composition comprising frequent dock, thistle, nettle and creeping buttercup, probably indicating ground disturbance/ploughing at some point. <i>Stellaria graminea</i> is locally frequent and <i>Centaurea nigra</i> locally occasional. The western boundary is formed by a wooded stream; the eastern boundary is a tall hedgerow with some mature pedunculate oak.</p>	H4 Neutral Grassland