

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO32/01	Wern Gounsel (extension)	SO351222	2.30ha	Species Rich Grassland  Marshy Grassland		<p>The site comprises of nine fields and two smallish woodland blocks. Three of these fields along the south of the site and the smaller of the two woodland blocks have already been recognised as a LWS (Wern Gounsel). Of the remaining six fields, three are quite sizeable and are Hay Meadows, these three fields were surveyed and have some wildlife value but are clearly not LWS standard so are not detailed further within this report. The remaining three fields form the basis for this report. The three fields border the northern edge of the existing Wern Gounsel LWS. They are all smallish fields that all slope downwards to the north-west. Fields 1 and 2 appear to be used for Horse grazing whereas Field 3 does not appear to have been grazed for a while. More detailed descriptions of these three fields are as follows:</p> <p>Field 1 (0.57ha) – A small horse grazed field (2 horses at time of survey). It is bordered by a hedge to the N.E. and S.E., a small wood to the S.W. and a fence to the N.W. It is largely relatively species poor with abundant buttercups, although Red Clover (<i>Trifolium pratense</i>) and Yellow Rattle (<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>) are present throughout much. It is more species rich towards the top (S.) end of the field where Common Knapweed (<i>Centaurea nigra</i>), Catsear (<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>), Meadow Vetchling (<i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>) and Lesser Stitchwort (<i>Stellaria graminea</i>) are all frequent also. The more species rich area flanks a damper area that extends from the southern edge that is rush dominated.</p> <p>Field 2 – (0.61ha) A small field. It is bordered by a hedge to the W. and N., fence to the S. and a woodland to the E.. It is similar to Field 1 in that it is buttercup dominated but “indicator” species are generally more frequent and more widely distributed with a number of additional indicator species that do not occur in Field 1. There is a wet feel to parts of the field with rushes and species such as Marsh Bedstraw (<i>Galium palustre</i>).</p>	<p>H4) Neutral Grasslands - over 8 indicator species (Field 2 and Field 3)</p> <p>H7) Marshy Grasslands - over 12 indicator species (Field 3)</p> <p>Field 1 falls short of the required criteria for H4) but is not far short and is included as it is small part of a larger management unit.</p>

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						Field 3 (1.12 ha) - A small field. It is bordered by a tree-line/hedge to the S.E., a tree-line to the N. and a woodland to the S.W.. Much of this field has frequent rushes, these whilst covering most of the field do not currently form an impenetrable coverage and many herbs are present between the rushes including a good number of "indicator" species of both Neutral and Marshy Grassland. In general the flora is more typical of Neutral grassland on the higher ground to the S. of the field and more typical of Marshy Grassland at the lower N. end of the field although species such as Common Knapweed persist throughout. The N.W. of the field is being taken over by 5ft high Alders ( <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> ), these are scattered in other parts also.	
WS/SO32/01	Wern Grounsel	SO353222	8.37 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5 and MG6)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	Four fields near Pandy: one of which is very large, the other three are small with a wet element stretching across them. Each of the fields has patches of species richness with areas of poorer grassland. The large field has patches of species richness with areas of poorer grassland. The large field in particular has a large area dominated by <i>Heracleum spondylium</i> but species such as <i>Vicia cracca</i> , <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , and <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> can also be found. A barn is located at the western end that is new and two mature oak trees can be found within the field. In the centre of the field is a small barn soon to be converted with a species poor paddock used as a garden. Several boundaries have been removed. Fields to the west are semi-improved species poor with a patch of woodland also. Tall hedgerows surround much of the fields.	H4 Neutral Grasslands