

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
	Berry Bach	SO346221	2.16ha	Species Rich Grassland		<p>The site is a hay meadow bordered by pastures grazed by Alpacas. The meadow is roughly 2 hectares and bounded on three sides by species-rich hedgerow and a line of trees. The owners bought the land in 2002 and have not put any artificial fertiliser on the meadow since then. It has gradually become more species-rich. The flora on the fields is quite diverse with a range of old meadow grasses and characteristic species of agriculturally unimproved grassland such as Knapweed (<i>Centaurea nigra</i>), Sorrel (<i>Rumex acetosa</i>) and Birds'foot Trefoil (<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>). The field has a mosaic of areas with sparse grass and good diversity and areas where Yorkshire Fog (<i>Holcus lanatus</i>) is dominant and few other species except Creeping Thistles (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>) and in one area alongside the top hedge, much Hogweed (<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>). The grass alongside the shade of the tree-line also differs from that in more open areas.</p> <p><i>Grassland Area: 9 Neutral indicator species</i></p>	H4) Neutral Grassland – Have neutral grassland with more than 8 indicator species (9 Species).