

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO401/09	Broom House Meadows	SO403066	4.05 ha	Species Rich Neutral Grassland (MG5) Species Poor Neutral Grassland (MG6) Orchard / Scattered fruit trees	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	Two adjacent relatively species-rich neutral meadows, neighboured by a third species-poor neutral grassland and a lawn, woodland patch and two ponds associated with landowners' house. Field 1 is a relatively species-rich neutral meadow, including frequent <i>Centaura nigra</i> and <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> . <i>Primula veris</i> are scattered at the northern half. The meadow is bordered by road at its northern and eastern edges, with hedgerows present at all margins (variable condition and management). Also, a line of conifers border the eastern edge +G32e. Field 2 links with field 1 through a gateless opening in the hedge/scrub line, and exhibits many of the species in field 1 but at reduced frequencies. It is of a tussocky, tall nature with grasses displaying heavy thatching at bases suggesting lack of cutting last season. Field 3 is very tussocky semi-improved species poor grassland. The grass dominated sward is tall with scattered mature fruit trees present. A grass pile and small horticulture area expand into field 2 towards its northern end, which exhibits a lower species richness than the rest of the field. This small network of species-rich neutral grassland and species-poor grassland is situated in an agriculturally improved local context, with ploughed fields/improved fields adjacent to the site.	H4 Neutral Grasslands