

## Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/18	Church Farm Barn Meadow	SO464019	2.25 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>Two meadows on a gentle south-facing slope; part of a series of species-rich meadows in and around Llanvihangel Church CWS. Both are wetter in the southern half. Field 1 is of most interest, and contains a good range of neutral grassland indicators such as <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>, <i>Stellaria graminea</i> &amp; <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>. Sedges are also frequent in the wetter area, with <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i> &amp; <i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>. The sward is coarse &amp; tussocky throughout the drier areas with much dead thatch. This meadow is bordered by thick hedgerows on all sides except to the south where it is open to the church car park and to the Church Farm barn. Field 2 is similar and bounded on all sides by hedges, but is poorer in species-diversity and indicator species. South &amp; east of these meadows are a series of species-rich grassland and a CWS. Management could be enhanced by regular yearly cutting and removal of the hay cut.</p>	H4 Neutral Grassland