

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/20	Box Cottage	SO471044	1.63 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5a) Neutral Grassland (MG5c) Acid Grassland (U4b) Woodland and scrub	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	The site comprises a group of fields with associated patches of woodland, especially at the western end. Much of the grassland is mesotrophic (NVC type MG5) over free-draining neutral substrate. The fields are grazed by two donkeys and rabbits also in places; Scrub encroachment is a constant battle. Species present include <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Thymus pulegioides</i> , <i>Stellaria graminea</i> , <i>Luzula campestris</i> & <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> . <i>Thymus</i> is present in the eastern half of the site, with stands of U4b found to the west with more shade-tolerant species such as <i>Stachys betonica</i> & <i>Viola riviniana</i> . There are also records from the owners of <i>Platanthera chlorantha</i> , although none has been seen in this area below the old track for some years. The site was surveyed by CCW in 1991.	H4 Neutral Grasslands