

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/27	Rockfield Wet Meadows	SO422011	2.56 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5c & MG6) Marshy Grassland (M23)	Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	The site is located adjacent to the B4235, 2km south-east of Gwernesney, and contains neutral and marshy grassland that shows little sign of agricultural improvement. The site comprises two square-shaped fields bordered by low managed, and tall unmanaged hedgerow, with a wet ditch along the western edge. The field to the north has a gentle south-facing slope and is predominantly wet with MG5 & M23 grassland, with poorer MG6 on higher ground to the north-east. The first field has drier grassland on undulating ground, although a wetter area exists at the north-west end. The wetter grassland is a mosaic of MG5 & M23, with <i>Lotus pedunculatus</i> , <i>Carex ovalis</i> , <i>Pedicularis sylvatica</i> & <i>Carex erecta</i> distinguishing the M23. The MG5 contains <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Stachys officinalis</i> & <i>Leontodon autumnalis</i> . Orchids, viz <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> & <i>Dactylorhiza praetermissa</i> , are present particularly on the marshy areas. Management is an annual hay cut with aftermath grazing. The fields were recorded as improved in the 1991 Phase 1 survey.	H4 Neutral Grasslands