

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/28	Wern Derby Wood Fields	SO435008	7.53 ha	Neutral Grasslands (MG5 and MG6) Marshy Grassland (M23)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>Western block: The field lies on rolling hills 2km NE of Llangwm. It comprises a long narrow field of dry pasture with a few wetter areas. The field has a S-SW aspect and is bordered by woodland, a tall overgrown hedgerow with wet ditches and a low maintained hedge. The surrounding land-use is primarily improved grassland, although there is a slope in the adjacent field to the east above Wern-Derby Wood that consists of semi-improved grassland. The sward is referable to MG5 with <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>, <i>Luzula campestris</i>, <i>Carex flacca</i>, <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>, <i>Leontodon hispidus</i>, <i>L.autumnalis</i> & <i>Trifolium medium</i>. <i>Genista tinctoria</i> occurs on the steeper slope at the north of the field. Wetter ground comprises M23 with <i>Juncus</i> sp, <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>, <i>Cardamine pratensis</i> & <i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i>. Scrub encroachment by <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> & <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> to the north on steeper ground.</p> <p>Eastern block: (MG5, MG6 and M23) The site comprises an area of neglected grassland on a steep SW-facing bank: part of a much larger field of improved grassland. The site is located 5km south of Llansoy, close to Wern Derby Wood. The grassland is wet in places due to impeded drainage with drier areas on the steeper bank away from the woodland edge. The site is bordered by woodland to the SW and open elsewhere. It supports coarse herbaceous grassland with <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Lotus comiculatus</i>, <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>, <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>, <i>Trifolium medium</i>, <i>Trifolium pratense</i> & <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>. Ranker areas with frequent <i>Holcus lanatus</i> & <i>Poa trivialis</i> border the richer herbaceous component. Well represented on the site is <i>Genista tinctoria</i>. The wetter grassland displays taller vegetation of <i>Juncus</i> sp, <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i>, <i>Cardamine pratensis</i>, <i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i> & <i>Carex panicea</i>. <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> is also present.</p>	H4 Neutral Grasslands H7 Marshy Grasslands