

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/34	Steppes Farm Bog	SO422015	1.57 ha	Marshy Grassland (M23) Scrub/ Woodland Swamp	Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>This site is a small enclosure on low-lying ground at Steppes Farm, Gwemesney, 4km east of Usk. It is enclosed by post & wire fencing and contains poorly-drained marshy grassland with trees & mixed scrub, and an area of swamp vegetation. The central portion of the site contains a sward dominated by <i>Juncus</i> spp. (<i>Juncus inflexus</i>, <i>J. cf. acutiflorus</i>, <i>J. effusus</i>) with associated <i>Mentha aquatica</i>, <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i> & <i>Caltha palustris</i>. Areas close to the site boundary contain emergent swamp vegetation with <i>Iris pseudacorus</i>, <i>Oenanthe fistulosa</i> & <i>Carex riparia</i>. <i>Dactylorhiza praetermissa</i> was found in a few places within the marshy grassland. The site is ungrazed except for occasions when cattle break through the surrounding fence. It appears that vegetation succession is the most likely threat to the site.</p>	H7 Marshy Grasslands