

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/37	The Crosshands	SO431038	3.70 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5)	Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>Large field: Crosshands meadow is located 3km east of Llansoy, adjacent to the Crosshands crossroad. It is a large field with a south-westerly aspect, bordered by tall, unmanaged to low, managed mixed hedgerows and a small area of woodland. The surrounding land-use is primarily improved grassland. The meadow supports extensive MG5, with smaller associated species-rich MG6 and a wetter grassland community. The MG5 consists of a range of herbs &amp; grasses including <i>Briza media</i>, <i>Genista tinctoria</i>, <i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>, <i>Silaum silaus</i>, <i>Ajuga reptans</i>, <i>Carex flacca</i>, <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>, <i>Trifolium medium</i>, <i>Luzula campestris</i> &amp; <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> on the drier areas, and <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i>, <i>Rhinanthus minor</i> &amp; <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> elsewhere. Species-rich MG6 occurs at the southern end of the site. Smaller field: A small field 200m west of Pen-Rhiw house. The grassland is relatively flat with a steep slope at the northern end. It is bordered by post-and-wire fencing, tall mixed hedgerow &amp; woodland. The surrounding land-use is improved grassland. The sward comprises species-rich MG5 with <i>Genista tinctoria</i>, <i>Agrimonia eupatoria</i>, <i>Ajuga reptans</i>, <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Silaum silaus</i>, <i>Carex flacca</i>, <i>Trifolium medium</i> &amp; occasional <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i>. Bracken &amp; bramble are encroaching to the north &amp; west edges of the field. Management appears limited; there is no evidence of grazing but some recent scrub removal.</p>	H4 Neutral Grasslands