

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/41	Well Cottage Fields	SO471055	0.85 ha	Species-Rich Neutral Grassland (MG5) Ornamental Shrubs	Species-Rich Grasslands (HAP)	<p>Field 1: Moderate to steeply sloping field, facing west. To the south of Well Cottage, comprises garden, managed as wild flower meadow, with pond and ornamental shrub planting throughout. To the south and west the grassland becomes more rank, and merges into an overgrown hedge and scrub/woodland area. Frequent species present include <i>Ajuga reptans</i>, <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>, <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Luzula campestris</i>, <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>, <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>, and occasional <i>Primula veris</i>. Lower sections slightly damp-locally occasional <i>Cardamine pratensis</i> and <i>Cirsium palustre</i>. Management mostly left: long sward height 25-30cm, although some patches have been cut.</p> <p>A small area of grassland to the north of Well Cottage was semi-improved, species-poor, and included a small orchard of 8 trees in the top corner.</p> <p>Field 2: A large, steeply sloping field opposite to Well Cottage (to west) is also owned by the Taylors. This field is short grazed (by horses) and although semi-improved a number of neutral grassland indicators were present including <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>, <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>, <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>, <i>Potentilla erecta</i> and rarely occurring <i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i> agg.</p>	H4 Neutral Grasslands