

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO40/49	The Merlins Fields	SO469047	2.67 ha	Neutral Species-Rich Grassland MG5	Lowland Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	Two moderately sloping, south-west facing fields, comprising species-rich grassland. Field 1 comprising frequent <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> , <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> , <i>Trifolium pratense</i> , locally frequent <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> and <i>Vicia cracca</i> . <i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i> locally occasional on slope. Field 2, southern section suffering from bracken encroachment and some disturbance has led to locally frequent tall ruderal species. Top section (to east) comprised locally frequent <i>Achillea millefolium</i> , <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> , <i>Prunella vulgaris</i> , has been improved particularly at entrance (to south). Property was grazed but has been left for last two years and cut for 'silage'. Land owner is selling property.	H4 Neutral Grasslands