

# Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form WS/SO40/60

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Parkhouse

GRID REF: S O 4 9 9 0 3 0

SURVEYOR(S): Dr Stephanie Tyler (MMG)

SIZE (approx.): c. 0.37 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011, 9 April 2012, 29 May 2012

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Monmouthshire

WARD: Tintern

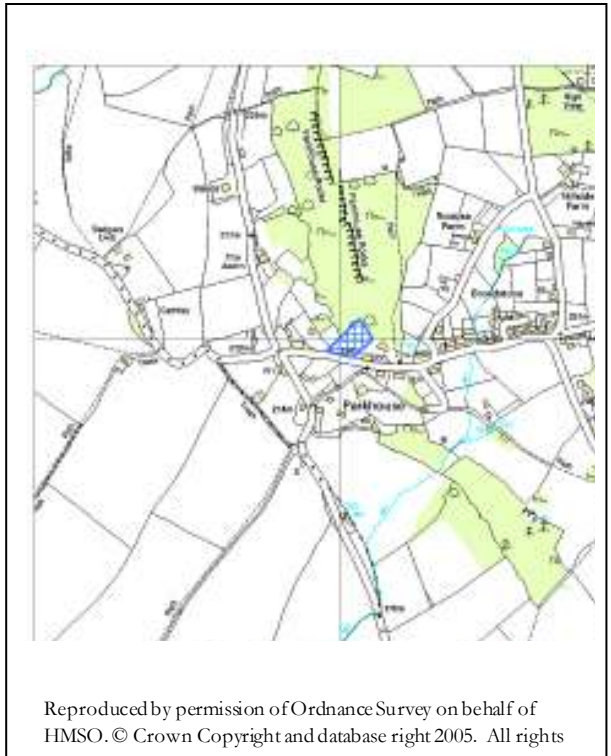
**MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:**

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Species- rich neutral grassland	-	-

**LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?**

Species – rich grassland

**SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:**



**FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):**

The field lies adjacent to the landowner's house and slopes down to the south. A road lies below it and woodland is located on two sides.

2011 visit - The owners have owned the field for 10 years, management has mainly consisted of a contractor cutting and removing grass late in the autumn; the cut material is piled up to the north of the site. The field had been cut by MMG back in the summer and another recent cut had taken place, so plant material was limited for identification.

2012 visits – The field looked good with a variety of indicator species (14 in all – including acidic and neutral indicators). The flora on the field proved to be quite diverse with a range of meadow grasses and a few characteristic species of unimproved grassland such as Ox-eye Daisy and Common Knapweed. Generally it is a species-rich agriculturally unimproved pasture. At the top edge below a stone wall were the calcifuges, Heather, Bell Heather and Heath Bedstraw, a remnant of the heathland which formerly covered much of the area. The edges of the field supported a range of hedgerow species including some Bramble and Bracken.

Advised to cut for hay after mid July and remove material as hay bales or alternatively it could be grazed after mid July. Suggested best not to introduce other plants/seed for now as the site already has interest. However yellow rattle could be a useful tool.

**Official Use Only:** Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES  NO  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# DETAILED SITE INFORMATION

SITE OWNERSHIP: Including names of any tenants/graziers Name(s)

Name(s)	Details held by Gwent Wildlife Trust	
Addresses		
Tel.no.		Mobile: <input style="width: 50%;" type="text"/>

Please log all landowner/tenant contact starting from the initial permission for access to survey

Date	Contact	Discussion subjects/decisions made
2011 & 12		

Is/are the owner(s)	i) aware of the site's nature conservation value?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	ii) managing the land sympathetically?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	iii) willing to manage the land sympathetically?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

Describe the access to the site:

Access was gained with permission of the owners, who are Monmouthshire Meadows Group (MMG) members.

Are there any public rights of way on the site?

Yes  No

If so please describe their location:

What is the current management at the site?

Over past 10 yrs management has mainly comprised a contractor cutting and removing in late autumn; the cut material is piled up to the north of the site. Advised to cut after mid July and remove all material as hay bales or alternatively could be grazed after mid July.

Are there any threats to the site?

Are there any invasive species present?

Are there any protected species present?

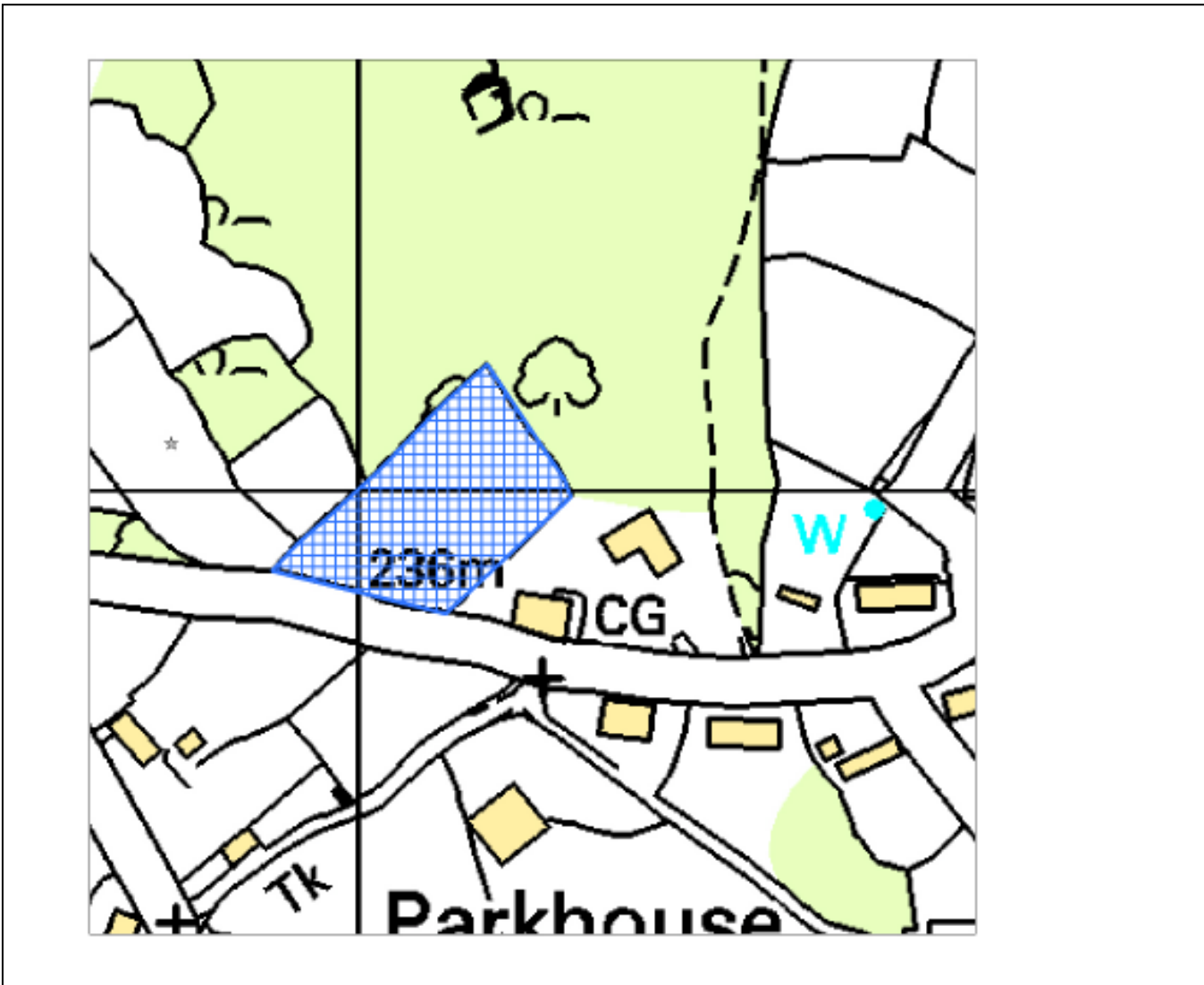
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

**H4) Neutral Grasslands**

Is the site part of any grant schemes? Yes  No  Grant Scheme:.....End date.....

Does the site already have any designations? Yes  No  Designation:.....

Sketch map of site (including northpoint, scale and areas of the site of particular note):



Please list all additional survey information both past and present that relates to this site:

CCW Phase 1 Survey (1991)

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Site no.:

Please note: The data on this form may be held in accordance with the Gwent Wildlife Trust's registration under the Data Protection Act 1996

**SPECIES LIST**

**Parkhouse (Steph Tyler, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011, 9 April 2012, 29 May 2012)**

The absence of a species in any column does not necessarily mean its absence from that field. LWS grassland indicators species are shown in **bold**.

Grasses, rushes and sedges

<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>	Common Bent or Brown Tops – F
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Meadow Foxtail - O
<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal Grass
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	False Oat Grass at edges
<i>Cynosurus cristatus</i>	Crested Dogstail O
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Common Cocksfoot – at edges
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fesue F
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog – O-F
<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Rough Meadow Grass F
<b><i>Luzula campestris</i></b>	<b>Field Woodrush</b> – F (added 8/4/12)

Other Flowering plants

<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow – O; F on bank below field
<b><i>Ajuga reptans</i></b>	<b>Bugle</b> – O (added 8/4/12)
<b><i>Calluna vulgaris</i></b>	<b>Heather</b> – R - top edge
<b><i>Centaurea nigra</i></b>	<b>Knapweed</b> - F
<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Common Mouse-ear - F
<i>Cirsium repens</i>	Creeping Thistle - O
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle – one plant at edge
<b><i>Conopodium majus</i></b>	<b>Pignut O</b> (added 29 May 2012)
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove – occasional at edge
<b><i>Erica cinerea</i></b>	<b>Bell Heather</b> - top edge
<b><i>Galium saxatile</i></b>	<b>Heath Bedstraw</b> – at edge at top of field
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Goosegrass – at edges
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Herb Robert – at edges
<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Ground Ivy – occasional in field; frequent at edges
<i>Heracleum spondylium</i>	Hogweed – occasional at edge
<b><i>Hypochaeris radicata</i></b>	<b>Common Cat's Ear</b> – F-A
<b><i>Lathyrus pratensis</i></b>	<b>Meadow Vetchling</b> – LF (added 29 May 2012)
<b><i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i></b>	<b>Ox-eye Daisy</b> – O
<b><i>Lotus corniculatus</i></b>	<b>Bird's foot Trefoil</b> – O-LF
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort Plantain - F
<b><i>Primula veris</i></b>	<b>Cowslip O</b> (added 29 May 2012)
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Lesser Celandine (added 8/4/12)
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Creeping Buttercup – F
<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Meadow Buttercup – F
<b><i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i></b>	<b>Bulbous Buttercup 8/4/12 to be confirmed</b>
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Bramble
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	Common Sorrel - F
<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Broad-leaved Dock – O
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Ragwort – O
<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	Hedge Woundwort - edges
<b><i>Stellaria graminea</i></b>	<b>Lesser Stitchwort</b> - O
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Dandelion - F
<b><i>Trifolium pratense</i></b>	<b>Red Clover</b> - F
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White Clover - R
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Common Nettle – occasional at edge
<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	Germander Speedwell – O-LA
<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Bush Vetch – O