

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
	Bryn Heulog	SO473019	5.06 ha	Species-rich neutral grassland Broad-leaved woodland	Species-rich grassland	<p>Grassland SO4715501945 & Woodland SO4722001428</p> <p>The land comprises a steep pasture alongside the drive to the house, other grassland around and behind the house, woodland on a steep slope, an orchard and garden area. In all there are 5 hectares at this site.</p> <p>The pasture is partly invaded by Rosebay Willowherb and by tall Bracken on the upper slopes, there are however good swathes of Bluebells in these areas. There is no Bracken on the lower slope above the drive. Here a good number of species-rich grassland indicators occur, including Agrimony, Common Knapweed, Bird's-foot Trefoil and Meadow Vetchling with Common Spotted Orchids reported by the owner. Management has been an annual late cut and some raking off of cut material but much left in situ.</p> <p>The pasture grades into woodland. This is a mainly a mix of Ash and Pedunculate Oak with an understorey of Hazel and Holly, an area of Aspens, mature Hawthorns, occasional Wych Elm and Silver Birch. The woodland flora is quite diverse and within the wood are old walls, quarries and exposed rock faces and a badger sett. Adjacent land Other plants occurred on the gravel paths and at the edges of the garden such as Broad-leaved Willowherb, Great Willowherb, Nipplewort, Prickly Sowthistle, Bristly Ox-tongue and more Ox-eye Daisies. Chicory <i>Cichorium intybus</i> was flowering along the drive at the base of the steep pasture but this came in with imported seed. Musk Mallow also grew on a gravel path.</p>	H4) 16 neutral grassland indicator species (many are quite localised) H1) 24 semi-natural woodland vascular plants + 3 features