

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO41/08	Wern Mellin	SO410109	6.05 ha	Semi Improved Species Rich Neutral Grassland (MG5a) Semi Improved Species Poor Neutral Grassland (MG6b) Fen (M22a) Rush Pasture (M23a) Swamp (S7) Woodland	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>The site lies west of Wern Mellin organic farm and 3km north of Raglan at an altitude of 60m. Comprises two large flat fields divided by a wide ditch, heavily dominated by <i>Oenanthe crocata</i> and with very little open water. A good quality marshy grassland supporting mosaics of rush (<i>Juncus articulatus</i>) and sedge dominated vegetation with local concentrations of <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Mentha aquatica</i> and <i>Ranunculus acris</i>. The site is variable in wetness and on drier ground areas of grassland are present. These are variable in species content and quality, but areas of relatively species rich grassland are present.</p> <p>A small distinct patch of taller rush and <i>Galium sp.</i> is present in the eastern part of the northern field. The site is bordered by semi - improved poor cattle grazed land/improved fields with an area mixed alder/willow woodland in the NW corner and a smaller patch in the NE corner. Mixed species hedgerows are situated at other margins. In the western corner of the site is an area characterised by <i>Oenanthe crocata</i>, <i>Iris pseudocorus</i> and <i>Phragmites australis</i>.</p>	H7 Marshy Grasslands