

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/S04 1/09	Lamrim Buddhist Centre Meadow	SO416 121	2.9 ha	Species-Rich Neutral Grassland (MG5)	Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>The site is part of the grounds of the Buddhist centre and is c. one third km north of Penrhos. A road to Penrhos lies parallel with the site's eastern boundary, a neighbouring eco house and grounds lies at the south. Pasture lies to the west and across the road at the east. No continuous division exists between fields 1 & 2 and a Buddhist prayer path takes an unrestricted circular route around the site, near to its perimeter. Field 1 contains a good quality area of relatively species rich neutral grassland. Indicator species are generally distributed frequently across the meadow with <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> and <i>Centaurea nigra</i> being particularly abundant. The meadow with a moderate west facing slope is surrounded at its western and southern edges by strips of planted woodland (c. 10 yrs old) containing a mix of native species including hazel, guelder rose, silver birch, oak, lime. A strip of cut grassland forms a path up the eastern edge of the meadow with frequent <i>Pilosella officinarum</i> and occasional <i>Polygala</i> sp. An area of non planted woodland exists at the eastern side of the site and mature trees lie along the former field 1-2 boundary. Within field 2, 75% is planted woodland (c.10yrs old) with a small area of meadow at the southern eastern edge. This had been recently cut and therefore was not surveyed. Signs of a rich grassland community exist in parts beneath the woodland canopy with <i>C. nigra</i>, <i>L. corniculatus</i>, <i>Silaum silaus</i> and <i>Pimpinella saxifraga</i> all present.</p>	H4 Neutral Grassland