

Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form (WS/SO41/23)

SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Far Barn

GRID REF: S O 4 6 3 1 7 8

SURVEYOR(S): Dr Stephanie Tyler (MMG)

SIZE (approx.): c. 1.89 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 4th May 2007, 2008

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA: Monmouthshire

WARD: Llangattock-Vibon- Avel

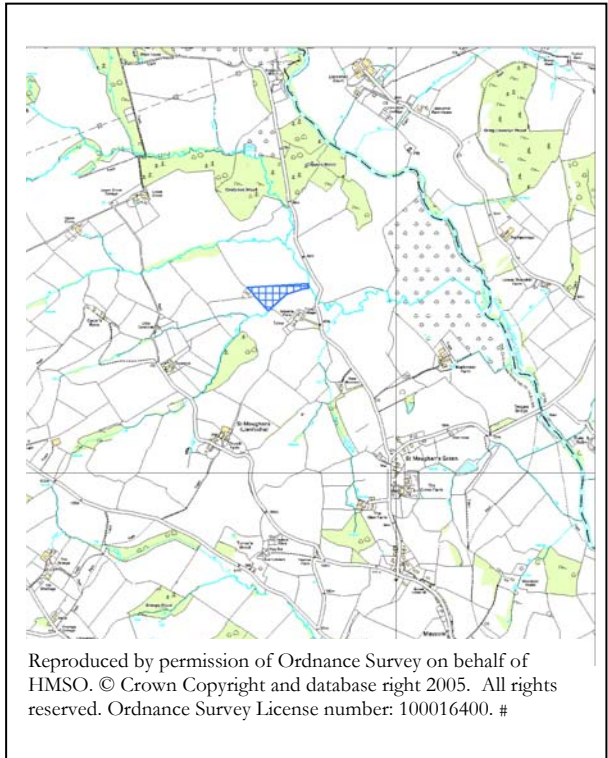
MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Species- rich neutral grassland	-	1.89ha

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.):

A large area of grassland stretches up from the Tregate to Skenfrith road to the house. The access road to the house bisects the grassland and a narrow ditch cuts down through the grassland.

Formerly the grassland was regularly mown but since 2006 after contact with Gwent Wildlife Trust and Monmouthshire Meadows it has been managed as a lovely hay meadow, with mown paths through the area.

Along the stream on the southern side is a marshy area (a Meadowsweet-Wild Angelica mire). The northern side is separated from a sheep-grazed pasture by a fence. Hedges occur at the bottom along the road and towards the house.

The grassland supports a good variety of plant species including pepper saxifrage which is frequent throughout the field.

Official Use Only: Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES NO Date: 2/2/2012

DETAILED SITE INFORMATION

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

HELD BY GWT

Is/are the owner(s) i) aware of the site's nature conservation value? Yes No
ii) managing the land sympathetically? Yes No
iii) willing to manage the land sympathetically? Yes No Unknown

Describe the access to the site:

Access is obtained off the driveway which leads up to Far Barn.

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?

Managed as a hay meadow

Are there any threats to the site?

Not under current owners

Are there any invasive species present?

Are there any protected species present?

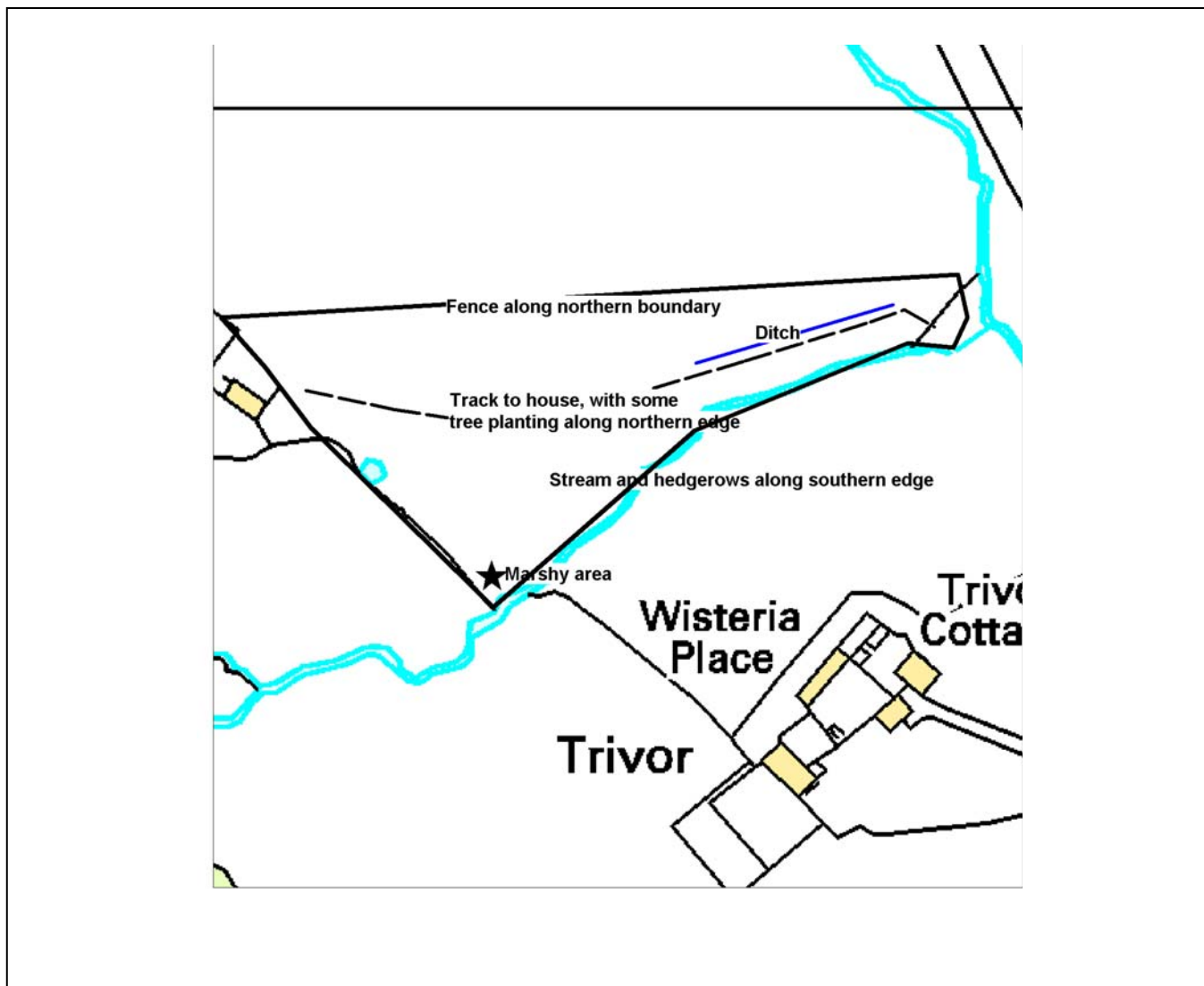
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

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) – recorded as improved grassland
Steph Tyler, 2008 – survey summary/species list

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

Far Barn (Steph Tyler, 4th May 2007, 2008)

LWS grassland and marshy grassland indicators species are shown in **bold**.

Grasses

Agrostis capillaris Common Bent
Alopecurus pratensis Meadow Foxtail
Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal Grass A
Dactylis glomerata Cocksfoot F
Deschampsia cespitosa Tufted Hair-grass
Festuca rubra Red Fescue
Holcus lanatus Yorkshire Fog A
Poa annua Annual Meadow-grass

Rushes and sedges

Juncus conglomeratus Common Rush – along ditch
Juncus inflexus Hard Rush
***Luzula campestris* Field Wood-rush – frequent in grassland**
***Carex flacca* Glaucous Sedge**

Herbs

Achillea millefolium Yarrow
***Ajuga reptans* Bugle** - frequent
Alliaria petiolata Garlic Mustard - hedgerow
Angelica sylvestris Wild Angelica in ditch and marsh
Anthriscus sylvestris Cow Parsley - hedges
Cardamine hirsuta Hairy Bittercress – bare ground
***C. pratensis* Cuckooflower** - F
Calystegia sepium Hedge Bindweed
***Centaurea nigra* Common Knapweed** - frequent
Cerastium holostoides Common Mouse-ear
Chrysosplenium oppositifolium Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage – edge of marsh/stream
Cirsium palustre Marsh Thistle
Cirsium arvense Creeping Thistle
Cirsium vulgare Spear Thistle
Clematis vitalba Wild Clematis – near bottom hedge
Conium maculatum Hemlock – top hedgerow
Dipsacus fullonum Teasel
Epilobium hirsutum Great Hairy Willow-herb 2008
Epilobium parviflorum Hoary Willow-herb 2008
Epilobium montanum Broad-leaved Willow-herb
***Filipendula ulmaria* Meadowsweet** - O
Galium aparine Goosegrass
Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Crane's-bill
G. robertianum Herb Robert – at edges
Geum urbanum Wood Avens – ditch and edges
Glechoma hederacea - Ground Ivy 2008
Heracleum spondylium Hogweed
***Hypericum tetrapterum* Square-stalked St John's-wort** – in ditch
***Hypochaeris radicata* Common Cat's Ear** - O
***Iris pseudacorus* Yellow Flag** – planted in marsh
***Lathyrus pratensis* Meadow Vetchling** – frequent by marshy area
***Leucanthemum vulgare* Oxeye Daisy**
***Lotus corniculatus* Bird's-foot-trefoil**
***Lychnis flos-cuculi* Ragged Robin** 2008
Medicago lupulina Black Medick
Mercurialis perennis Dog's Mercury

Myosotis arvensis Field Forgetmenot – bare areas
Myosotis discolor Changing Forgetmenot 2008
Myosoton aquaticum Water Chickweed – in marsh
Pastinaca sativa Wild Parsnip – common along hedge near compost heaps
Plantago lanceolata Ribwort Plantain - frequent
P. major Broad-leaved Plantain
Potentilla reptans Creeping Cinquefoil – frequent
***P. erecta* Tormentil 2008**
***P. anglica* Procumbent Tormentil** – one plant by ditch through grassland
P. argentea Silverweed
***Primula veris* Cowslip** – small numbers in one area
Primula vulgaris Primrose – near top hedge
Prunella vulgaris Self Heal
***Pulicaria dystenterica* Fleabane – frequent in marsh and along ditch**
Ranunculus acris Meadow Buttercup - frequent
***Ranunculus bulbosus* Bulbous Buttercup** – common
Ranunculus ficaria Lesser Celandine
Ranunculus repens Creeping Buttercup – abundant
Rumex acetosa Common Sorrel
Rumex crispus Curled Dock
Rumex obtusifolius Broad-leaved Dock
***Scrophularia aquatica* Water Figwort – ditch and marsh**
***Silaum silaus* Pepper Saxifrage** – frequent throughout grassland
Silene dioica Red Campion
Solanum dulcamare Bittersweet - hedgerow
Sonchus asper Prickly Sowthistle – bare areas around young trees
S. oleraceus Common Sowthistle – as above
***Stellaria alsine* Bog Stitchwort – marsh**
S. holostea Greater Stitchwort
Taraxacum officinale Dandelion
***Trifolium pratense* Red Clover**
Trifolium repens White Clover
Urtica dioica Common Nettle
Veronica sepyllifolia Thyme-leaved Speedwell
Veronica chamaedrys Germander Speedwell 2008
Vicia sativa Common Vetch
***Viola riviniana* Common Dog-violet - edge**