

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO50/59	Oak Meadow	SO512018	6.55 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>A block of 6 species rich meadows and pastures surrounded by small lanes in the village of Whitelye. The site is on mainly level ground and is sheltered by trees and hedgerows. All the fields are referable to MG5 and species found include <i>Centaurea nigra</i>, <i>Rhinanthus minor</i>, <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>, <i>Carex flacca</i> and <i>Hypochoeris radiacata</i>. Field 4 is a special hay meadow, which is cut later to allow the flowers to seed. This meadow is particularly rich having an abundance of <i>Rhinanthus minor</i>, <i>Lotus corniculatus</i>, <i>Centaurea nigra</i> and <i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>. There is a high frequency of <i>Dactylorhiza</i> towards the centre and according to the owner there is <i>Orchis mascula</i> and marsh orchid (not seen). There is a wet marshy area where <i>Juncus acutifloris</i> is locally dominant.</p> <p>Field 2 and 3 are horse pastures but not heavily grazed. Field 6 (near the house) looks similar, but more heavily grazed, this was not surveyed (Frisky bull !). There are 13 indicator species in field 4.</p>	H4 Neutral Grasslands