

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/SO50/71	Whitelye Common	SO515016	3.58 ha	Woodland (W4) Mire/Marshy Grasslands (M25a and MG10) Standing Water	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	Whitelye Common is central to the diversity of the area, with scattered cottages up on the Trellech plateau and a high diversity of species-rich grasslands in the area. The Common supports a variety of habitats including a mire that is surrounded by mature broad-leaved woodland of uneven age and dominated by <i>Betula pubescens</i> , with some <i>Quercus robur</i> , <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> , and <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> . The mire is referable to M25a. Although dominated by <i>Erica tetralix</i> , other species include <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> , <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> , <i>Carex laevigata</i> and <i>Carex echinata</i> . There are also two ponds within the mire community. To the northern boundary of the common is a small area of neutral grassland with several spikes of <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> . The woodland is encroaching into the mire, which is becoming dominated by <i>Molinia caerulea</i> . If left unmanaged the valuable mire community will soon be lost to woodland.	H7 Marshy Grasslands