

# Gwent Wildlife Site/SINC Notification Form (WS/SO50/82)

## SITE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Primrose Cottage

GRID REF: S O 5 2 2 0 1 9

SURVEYOR(S): Dr Stephanie Tyler (MMG)

SIZE (approx.): c. 0.31 ha

DATE OF SURVEY: 9<sup>th</sup> Julv 2011

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA:  
Monmouthshire

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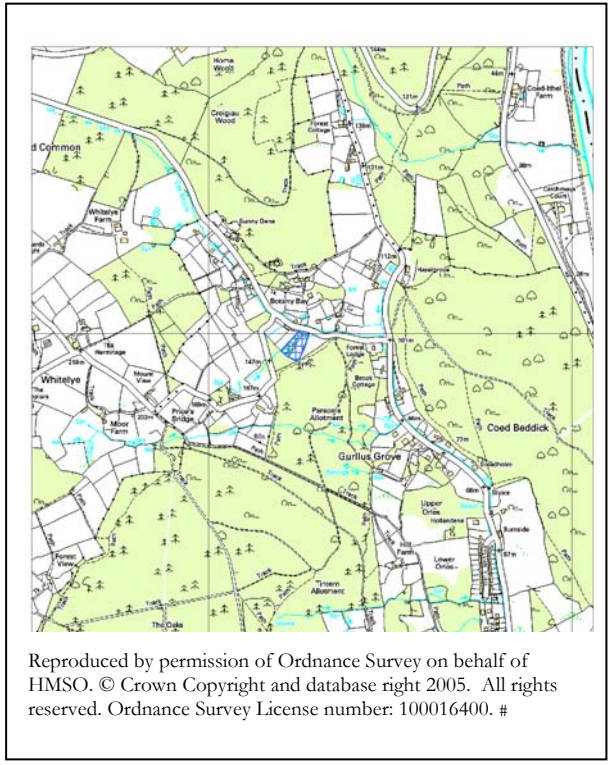
**MAIN HABITAT TYPES PRESENT:**

Habitat types	NVC type	Area (ha)
Species- rich neutral grassland	-	0.31ha

**LBAP PRIORITY HABITATS/SPECIES PRESENT?**

Species – rich grassland

**SKETCH MAP OF SITES LOCATION:**



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**FULL DESCRIPTION OF SITE (including topography, adjacent land use, access and boundaries etc.):**

The site comprises a field which lies on a slope and is regularly cut and also grazed by geese. Above the pasture is a mix of dry Ash/Beech woodland and wet Alder woodland. Small streams run down through the pasture and at the bottom are pools.

Although the field had been recently cut, the flora proved to be quite diverse with a wide range of meadow grasses and characteristic species of unimproved grassland such as Knapweed *Centaurea nigra*, Common Sorrel *Rumex acetosa*, Birds-foot Trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*, Red Clover *Trifolium pratensis* and Common Cats-ear *Hypochaeris radicata*. The wetter/damper areas had abundant *Alopecurus geniculatus* and Hairy Sedge *Carex hirta*. A patch of Watercress *Rorippa nasturtium-aquatica* and the Flote grass *Glyceria notatus* occurred in the spring pool.

The field is of considerable conservation value; it had at least 15 LWS grassland indicator plants, most in good numbers, so would qualify as a Local Wildlife Site. The wet areas provide additional interest.

**Official Use Only:** Site selected as a Wildlife Site/SINC? YES  NO  Date: 2/2/12

# 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 was gained with permission of the owners, who are Monmouthshire Meadows Group (MMG) members.

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?

Regular cutting. Grazed by geese.

Are there any threats to the site?

Are there any invasive species present?

Are there any protected species present?

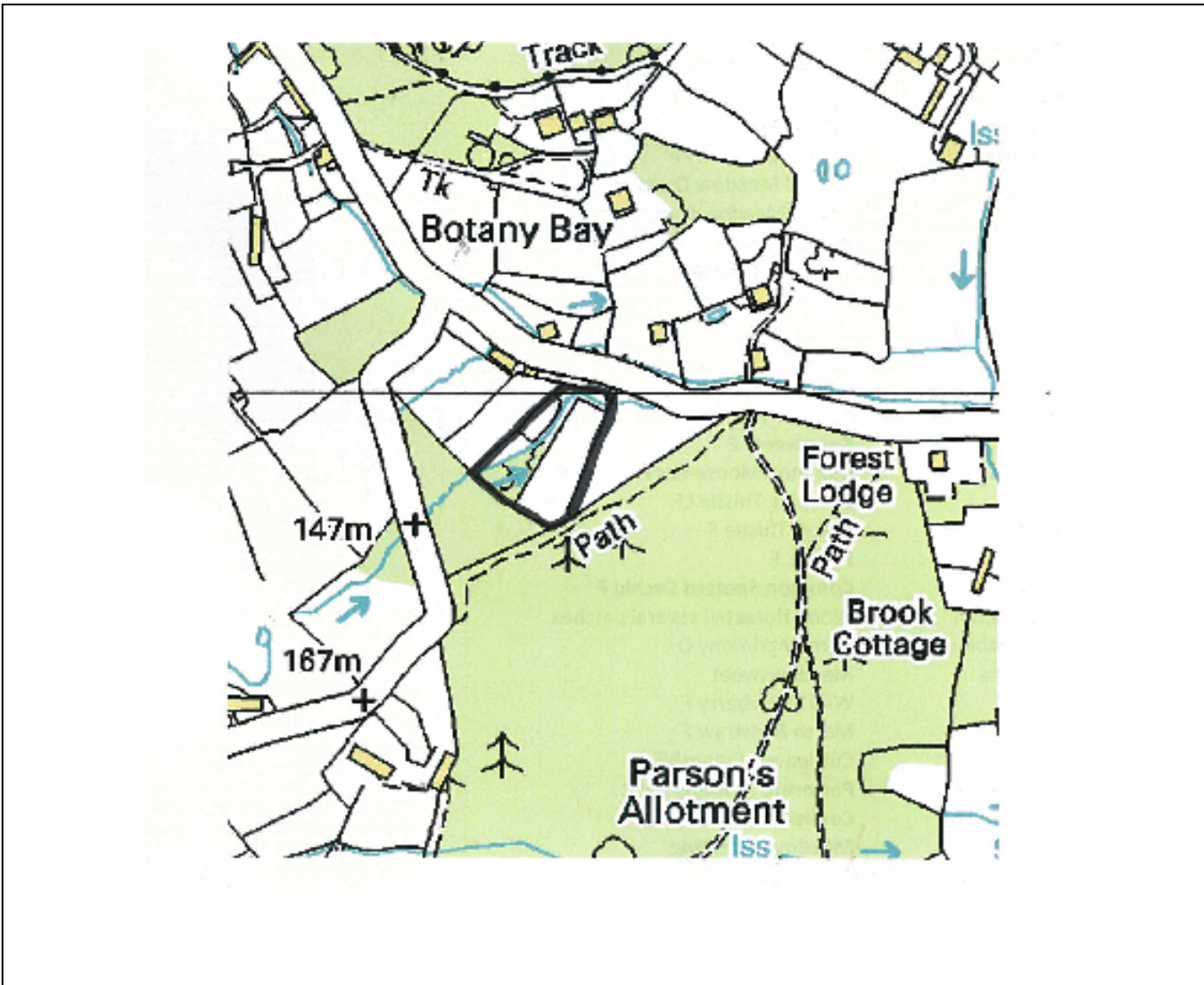
Please state the section(s) of the Wildlife Sites Guidance that this site qualifies under:

**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)  
Steph Tyler, July 2011 – 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

### Primrose Cottage (Steph Tyler, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011)

The absence of a species in any column does not necessarily mean its absence from that field. LWS grassland indicators species are shown in **bold**.

#### Grasses, rushes and sedges

Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent - F
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal Grass - F
Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat Grass
Brachypodium sylvaticum	Wood false brome
Dactylis glomerata	Common Cocksfoot - O
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue - A
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire Fog - F
Holcus mollis	Creeping soft grass
Juncus effuses	Soft Rush
Lolium perenne	Rye Grass - O
<b>Luzula campestris</b>	<b>Field Woodrush - F</b>
Poa annua	Annual Meadow Grass - O
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow Grass
Carex remota	Remote sedge
Carex pendula	Pendulous sedge

#### Other Flowering plants

Achillea millefolium	Yarrow F
Anagallis tenella	Bog Pimpernel F
Angelica sylvestris	Angelica F
<b>Centaurea nigra</b>	<b>Knapweed F</b>
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear F
Cirsium repens	Creeping Thistle LF
Cirsium palustre	Marsh Thistle F
<b>Conopodium majus</b>	<b>Pignut F</b>
<b>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</b>	<b>Common Spotted Orchid F</b>
Equisetum sylvaticum	Wood Horsetail several patches
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp Agrimony O
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry F
Galium palustre	Marsh Bedstraw F
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Cranesbill O
<b>Hypericum perforatum</b>	<b>Perforate St Johns Wort</b>
<b>Hypochaeris radicata</b>	<b>Common Catsear F</b>
<b>Lathyrus pratensis</b>	<b>Meadow Vetchling</b>
<b>Leucanthemum vulgare</b>	<b>Ox-eye Daisy</b>
<b>Lotus corniculatus</b>	<b>Bird's foot Trefoil F</b>
<b>Lotus pedunculatus</b>	<b>Greater Bird's foot Trefoil F</b>
Lychnis flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin
Lysimachia nemorum	Wood Pimpernel F
Mentha aquatica	Water Mint
Myosotis	Water forget-me-not
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain F
<b>Potentilla erecta</b>	<b>Tormentil F</b>
Primula vulgaris	Primrose
Prunella vulgaris	Self Heal F
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup F
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup F
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel F-A
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved Dock O
Stachys silvatica	Hedge Woundwort O at bottom of field

**Stellaria graminea**

Stellaria holostea

Trifolium dubium

**Trifolium pratense**

Trifolium repens

Valeriana officinalis

Veronica beccabunga

**Veronica officinalis****Viola riviniana**

Viola palustris

**Lesser Stitchwort F**

Greater Stitchwort

Lesser Hop Trefoil F

**Red Clover F**

White Clover

Valerian

Brooklime Speedwell

**Heath Speedwell F****Wood Violet**

Marsh Violet in wet area at bottom