

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/ST4 8/07	Dale Lodge Fields	ST447 892	1.72 ha	Neutral Grassland Species-Rich	Species- Rich Grassland (HAP)	Two flat fields adjacent to Dale Lodge, bordered by woodland. Both fields are species-rich neutral grassland with a hint of calcereous grassland in field 1. Field 2 is shaded by woodland and some woodland ground flora covers a large part of the field, including locally frequent/occasional adder's tongue fern and twayblade orchid. Field 1 comprises frequent <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> , <i>Achillea millefolium</i> , <i>Luzula campestris</i> , <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i> , locally frequent <i>Glechoma hederacea</i> , occasional <i>Trifolium pratense</i> , <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> , <i>Vicia cracca</i> . Hedges are tall and managed. Field 2 comprises similar species to Field 1 but is slightly less diverse. <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> is locally frequent /occasional. <i>Luzula campestris</i> is locally abundant, <i>Primula veris</i> , occasional. In Field 1, <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> was rare to locally occasional. 3 smaller fields to the west of the lodge were short mown, amenity grassland and are grazed by one horse. Field 1 is cut for hay once a year, not always in late summer. Owner is interested in meadow management; present management is favorable for Fields 1 and 2. Whole site bordered by woodland, The Minnetts.	H4 Neutral Grassland