

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 8/11	Blackwall Lane Field	ST423 861	1.12 ha	Neutral Grassland, Species-Rich (MG5/6)	Lowland Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	Small, horse grazed, flat meadow, off Blackwall Lane. The fence is moved across the field one foot at a time, therefore the north-east quarter of the field is most diverse and grazed least intensively, as grazing is started west to east, or south to north (as it has been this year). The un-grazed half comprised of tall species rich grassland with occasional Hawthorn scrub establishing from the overgrown hedge line with some mature/approaching veteran trees. Species included locally frequent <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Thalictrum flavum</i> , <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> , <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Trifolium pratense</i> , abundant <i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> , locally occasional <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> , <i>Juncus articulatus</i> , <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> & <i>Stellaria graminea</i> . The reed to the east supported a herb-rich community including <i>Carex acutiformis</i> , <i>Pulicaria dysenterica</i> , <i>Oenanthe crocata</i> , <i>Filipendula ulmaria</i> and <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> . Swans nested in this reed summer 2007.	H7 Marshy Grassland S7 Vascular plants (primary species: <i>Thalictrum flavum</i>)