

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 8/13	Common y Coed	ST435 889	8.7 ha	Clacareous Grassland - Species Rich	Lowland species- rich Grassland (HAP)	A large undulating field with scattered trees and woodland and scrub along the west, south and eastern edges, which are not fenced off and cattle are free to wander through. The field is flat in the north-east corner, and slopes gradually to the south, becoming steeper in the south-west corner. The site is fairly heavily grazed, and thistles are frequent throughout: <i>Carduus nutans</i> in the upper parts and <i>Cirsium eriophorum</i> on the slopes in the south. <i>Cirsium acaule</i> was also occasional here. This steeper bank in the south west was very short grazed and comprised LO/F <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Sanguisorba minor</i> , <i>Leontodon saxatilis</i> and <i>autumnalis</i> , <i>Sherardia arvensis</i> , <i>Centaureum erythraea</i> and <i>Centaurea nigra</i> . Bramble and hawthorn scrub are advancing from the southern boundary. Cattle have free access to woodland areas which have been trampled and bare.	H5 Calcareous Grassland S7 Vascular plants, contributory species: <i>Cirsium acaule</i> and <i>Cirsium eriophorum</i>