

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/ST49/10	Rocks Cottage Meadows	ST450945	2.10 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG1 & MG5) Scrub	Species-Rich Grassland (HAP)	The site is located south of the hamlet at Earlswood and 4km west of Shirenewton. It comprises two neglected meadows bordered by overgrown hedges and a stream on its southern edge. Much of the vegetation is dry and rank with encroaching bracken and <i>Rubus</i> scrub; damper vegetation is also present. The sward is herb-rich with an association of <i>Potentilla erecta</i> , <i>Succisa pratensis</i> , <i>Trifolium pratense</i> , <i>Rhinanthus minor</i> , <i>Carex caryophyllea</i> , <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> , <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> & <i>Alchemilla vulgaris</i> sp. Tall ruderal species occur especially <i>Chamerion angustifolium</i> , and the occurrence of <i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i> , <i>Holcus mollis</i> and <i>Holcus lanatus</i> indicate an increased rankness due to lack of management on the site. Damper vegetation is sporadic on site, with occasional <i>Juncus</i> sp, <i>Galium palustre</i> , <i>Cirsium palustre</i> & <i>Angelica sylvestris</i> . The coarse areas of the grassland contain large amounts of dead litter. The edges of the field nearest the stream have been mown to create a path.	H4 Neutral Grasslands