

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 9/12	Batwell Marshy Grassland	ST471 945	0.74 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5c) Neutral Grassland (MG6) Marshy Grassland (M23a)	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	<p>The site is located 2km west of Mynydd-bach and approx. 7km NW of Chepstow. It comprises a gently sloping, NE-facing field bordered by tall overgrown hedgerow, with the exception of some garden fence on the northern edge and dense impervious scrub to the east. Much of the vegetation is flushed, with smaller isolated drier areas particularly on the edges and towards the centre.</p> <p>The drier sward contains a short herbaceous MG5c community, with <i>Potentilla erecta</i>, <i>Danthonia decumbens</i>, <i>Succisa pratensis</i> and <i>Leontodon autumnalis</i>. The damper grassland contains <i>Juncus effusus</i>, <i>Agrostis canina</i>, <i>Juncus acutiflorus</i>, <i>Ranunculus flammula</i>, <i>Mentha aquatica</i>, <i>Prunella vulgaris</i>, <i>Potentilla anserina</i>, <i>Potentilla erecta</i>, <i>Carex panicea</i> and <i>Cirsium palustre</i>: an M23 type community. A covered well exists on site, and a spring line is located at the edge of the scrub, in which the taller herbs <i>Angelica sylvestris</i> & <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> are found. The field is currently unmanaged and scrub is encroaching from the east.</p>	H4 Neutral Grassland H7 Marshy Grassland