

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 9/21	Bushes Farm	ST442 953	7.86 ha	Neutral Grassland (MG5a) Marshy Grassland (M23) Scrub Bracken	Species Rich Grassland (HAP)	The site comprises a series of enclosed grassland which slopes gently and moderately SW to the brook bordering Wentwood Forest. Bushes Farm is located 2km west of Earlswood. The enclosures are all grazed but the northern and western fields are cut for hay. The fields are free-draining and support MG5 communities with agriculturally modified MG6; surrounding the brook is a small area of marshy grassland M23. The MG5a communities contain a good range of species which include <i>Centaurea nigra</i> , <i>Carex caryophylla</i> , <i>Leontodon autumnalis</i> , <i>Trifolium pratense</i> and <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> . MG5c preferential species were recorded on site with <i>Danthonia decumbens</i> , <i>Potentilla erecta</i> & <i>Succisa pratensis</i> . The species-poor improved to semi-improved areas contain <i>Lolium perenne</i> , <i>Trifolium repens</i> & constant <i>Cirsium arvense</i> . The wetter grassland contains <i>Juncus acutiflorus</i> with <i>Carex nigra</i> & <i>Carex panicea</i> . <i>Molinia caerulea</i> is locally frequent. There was some <i>Wahlenbergia hederacea</i> close to the stream bank where poached.	H4 Neutral Grassland H7 Marshy Grassland