

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 9/30	Earlswood Chapel Churchyard	ST448 948	0.10 ha	Semi-improved Grassland, Species-Rich MG5 Semi-improved Grassland, Species-Poor MG6	Lowland species-rich Grassland (HAP)	The Church yard is divided into 2 sections, on opposite sides of the road. These both comprise species-rich grassland between grave stones. Species typically include frequent cat's ear and red clover, with locally frequent mouse-ear hawkweed, oxeye daisy, primrose, lesser celandine, ribwort plantain, hawkbit sp., occasional bird's foot trefoil, common knapweed, barren starwberry and burnet saxifrage. These areas (1 and 2) are relatively flat/gradually sloping to the south-east. There were several mature yew trees. The graveyard areas were bordered by stone walls and fencing. The adjacent meadow area (3) was species-poor although it comprised a sward of fine grasses, abundant red fescue and sweet vernal grass, frequent field woodrush and locally frequent yarrow, pignut and lesser hawkbit. Boundary to west with May Tree Cottage CWS is not stock proof and therefore there may be some light sheep grazing taking place.	H4 Neutral Grassland