

## 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 936	Gaerllwyd Crossroads Meadows	ST447 967	2.84 ha	Neutral Grassland MG5/6	Species- Rich Grassland (HAP)	Two fields, one grazed by ponies, the other managed as a hay meadow separated by the B4235 north of Earlswood. Field 1: Grazed field with very gentle south facing slope. Herbs dominant in sward, typically <i>Rhinanthus minor</i> , <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> and <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> . <i>Centaurea nigra</i> occasional and <i>Trifolium repens</i> and <i>Trifolium pratense</i> frequent. <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> locally abundant at North West. South of the site has slight undulations/old banks. Here sward is slightly poorer. Remains of burial chamber at south-west edge. Surrounded by low, managed hedgerows. Field 2: Large meadow enclosed by mixed hedgerows. Tall, grassy sward with <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> , <i>Holcus lanatus</i> , <i>Cynosurus cristatus</i> , <i>Festuca rubra</i> constant. Frequent herbs include <i>Trifolium pratense</i> , <i>Hypochaeris radicata</i> , <i>Trifolium repens</i> and <i>Rumex acetosa</i> . <i>Centaurea nigra</i> occasional and locally distributed herbs include <i>Lotus corniculatus</i> and <i>Tragopogon pratensis</i> . Towards north, <i>Lathyrus pratensis</i> and <i>Vicia cracca</i> are frequent.	H4 Neutral Grassland