

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/ST49/53	Prospect House	ST457976	0.84ha	SI neutral grassland (MG5) Marshy grassland	Species-rich grassland	<p>The land slopes gradually to the north and lies at c. 250m. It comprises a large lower field that had been grazed by sheep and another smaller field alongside the road, known as the meadow. In 2011 haylage was made from the field. Sheep usually graze this field in the winter but in 2011/2012 were left on by a local farmer until late May, so growth has been slow and no hay has been cut yet. The meadow, separated by a planted hedge and wire fence, has had several trees (Silver Birch, Rowan and Whitebeam) planted in it. At the south-eastern top corner there is a wet area that often floods and rushes and Oval Sedge, Meadowsweet and Cuckoo Flower occur here. Where the water runs down the field another rushy area has developed and in the field below there is another damp patch where Marsh Woundwort is common. Because of the late grazing this year, growth in the large field (field 1 on map below) has been slow. However, a range of meadow grasses were seen in both the field and meadow. Red Clover, Cat's Ear and Yarrow were widespread; Bird's-foot Trefoil was well distributed in both fields and locally abundant. Of note were Harebells in the hedgerow edge, where Lesser Stitchwort was also frequent. A feature of field 1 was the amount of Eyebright scattered throughout. Tufted Vetch, Knapweed and Hay rattle were quite scarce but the late grazing may partly explain this. In all at least 12 indicator species of neutral species-rich grassland and damp marshy grassland were seen, although not all were widespread. In addition the landowner had seen a Spotted Orchid <i>Dactylorhiza fuchsii</i> in the field for the first time this summer and Cowslips <i>Primula veris</i> in the meadow. She also recalled having seen Quaking Grass <i>Briza media</i>. No doubt a spring visit would reveal species such as Bulbous Buttercup and other early-flowering species. Adjacent to the garden where some tipping had occurred there were ruderal species including Feverfew <i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> and Prickly Sowthistle <i>Sonchus asper</i>. The hedges of Hawthorn, Hazel, Blackthorn, Rowan, Holly, Sallow and planted Beech, had an occasional Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i> in the hedge bottom and some Bracken and a Male Fern. Sprawling over the hedges were Goosegrass <i>Galium aparine</i>, Hedge Bindweed <i>Calystegia sepium</i> and one plant of Black Bryony <i>Tamus communis</i>.</p>	H4 Neutral Grassland