

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

| Site Code | Site Name | Grid Reference | Size | Main Habitats | LBAP Priority Habitats / Species | Full description | Wildlife Site Qualifying Features |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|--------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| | Highbrow Field (2) | ST449906 | 0.53ha | Species-Rich Grassland | Species-rich grassland | <p>This is hay meadow that slopes gently downwards to the north. It is surrounded by hedgerows on all sides with those on the eastern and western sides being quite species rich. An existing grassland LWS with the same ownership lies immediately adjacent to the south-west, the gardens of "Highbrow" to the south and a road to the east/north. The field is generally quite flowery with finer grass species. Yellow Rattle (<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>) is abundant in much of the field and other indicator species such as Birdsfoot Trefoil (<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>), Red Clover (<i>Trifolium pratense</i>), Ox-eye Daisy (<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>) and Rough Hawkbit (<i>Leontodon hispidus</i>) are well distributed and generally of frequent abundance. The field has a slight calcareous feel to it with Wild Basil (<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>), Hedge Bedstraw (<i>Galium mollugo</i>) of local distribution together with a number of species that are indicators of good quality for both calcareous and neutral grassland. Some more limited parts of the field are less species rich with limited Yellow Rattle and have ranker grass (Yorkshire Fog dominating) but most of the field is in good condition.</p> <p><i>Neutral Grassland: 16 indicator species</i> <i>Calcareous Grassland: 11 indicator species</i></p> | <p>H4) Neutral Grasslands - over 8 indicator species. (16 species recorded) H5) Calcareous Grasslands - over 8 indicator species. (11 species recorded)</p> |