

Monmouthshire County Council SINC

Site Code	Site Name	Grid Reference	Size	Main Habitats	LBAP Priority Habitats / Species	Full description	Wildlife Site Qualifying Features
WS/ST5 9/10	Fedw Farm	ST500 993	1.18	Species- rich neutral grassland Open water (lake)	Species – rich grassland	<p>Below the house to the north of the lake is a long strip of grassland that has been regularly mown and the cut grass left in situ. This has become rather enriched and was relatively species-poor but in time, especially with the proximity of important species-rich grassland (see below), could develop into a good meadow.</p> <p>At the eastern end of the lake (on the south side near the gate) is a grass bank that has been periodically mown but often late in the season. This is species-rich and characterised by abundant Cowslips and later on by species such as Field Woodrush and Lousewort. Further north this bank and a grassy footpath continued westwards. The top of the bank near the road is bramble and bracken covered but at the edges of the bank and on a flat strip below was a great diversity of meadow plants, some quite scarce now in the area. Ideally this grassland should be allowed to grow until mid July before cutting and removal of material. Some areas with late-flowering plants such as Devil's-bit Scabious could be left longer. A narrow mown path through it would allow access.</p> <p>In brief, grassland on the southern side of the lake is of considerable conservation value; it is slightly acidic as shown by plants such as Heather. It has at least 15 LWS neutral grassland indicator plants, most in good numbers, and it easily qualifies as a Local Wildlife Site. The wet fringes to the lake and the lake itself provide much additional botanical and general wildlife interest.</p>	H4) Neutral Grasslands