

High Springs, Wern Lane, Mitchel Troy Common NP25 4JQ

Grid reference SO 491 093

Three meadows belonging to Nigel and Jane Seabourne with a good array of meadow species including Broad-leaved Helleborines, a small spring and wet area with a stream and woodland edge.

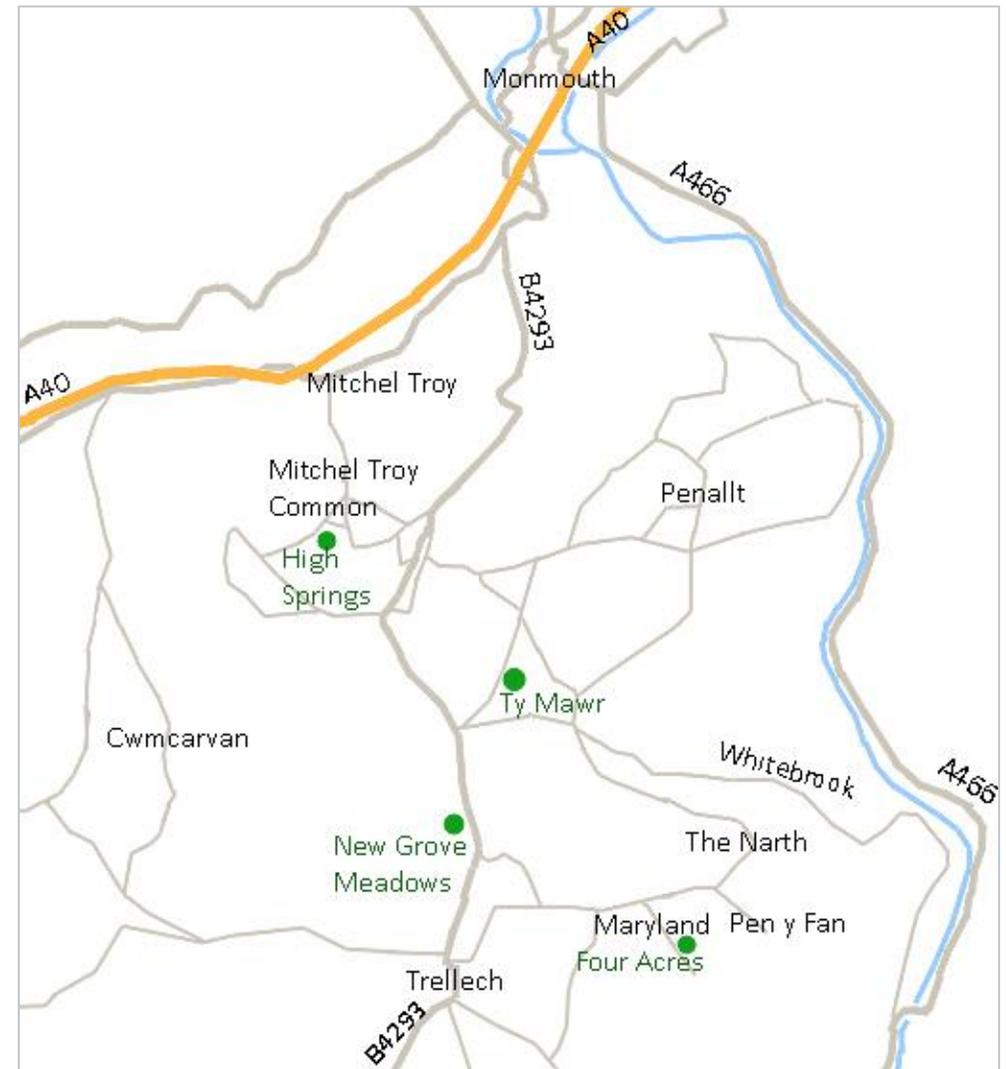
From Monmouth take the road to Mitchel Troy. At Mitchel Troy turn left up Common Road. Continue uphill past Garthi Close then take the next right into Wern Lane (not named but with 'unsuitable for HGV's sign', and leading south east towards the top of Craig y Dorth). The fields are on the left as you go up the road up to the hill (the house is on right).

From Trellech on the B4293, past New Grove Meadows, take the left turn signposted Craig y Dorth. Pass Caer Llan and follow the narrow road taking the right fork as it starts to go downhill. Turn right into Wern Lane (just before the 'unsuitable for HGV's sign) and continue downhill towards Mitchel Troy Common. The fields are on the right (the house is on the left).

The meadows will be open from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. Access is free but we welcome donations to our Kingcoed Meadows Appeal. We are very grateful to our hosts for allowing us access and making us welcome on their land.

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Monmouthshire Meadows Group Meadows Open Day: Sunday 14th June 2015



Ty Mawr Convent Meadow near Penallt NP25 4RN

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Ty Mawr Convent grounds have been open before but are a popular site. There is an apple orchard and hay meadow with a wonderful diversity of flowers, as well as seats where you can sit and enjoy the spectacle. Flowers include Spotted, Pyramidal and Twayblade Orchids, Red Clover, Birds-foot Trefoil and Ox-eye Daisies and many more.

Directions: Ty Mawr Convent can be found from the Monmouth to Trellech road (B4293) where it is signposted from the junction towards The Narth and Whitebrook but take the left fork at this junction (signposted to Penallt). Continue along this single track lane for ½ mile and the convent is signposted on the right. Alternatively from Penallt, from the village crossroads go towards the B4293 Trellech to Monmouth road but take the first left turn. Where this minor road is joined by another road, continue for a few yards and bear right. The Convent is about ½ mile along on the left.

New Grove Meadows Near NP25 4AF

Grid reference SO 501 066

This Gwent Wildlife Trust reserve is made up of four adjacent fields which are amongst the very best wildflower meadows in Britain. The two northern fields, furthest from the car park, are stunning - their grassland flora is indicative of an unbroken history of traditional management. In contrast, the southern two fields have been reseeded

and fertilised in the past but the Trust is now working to restore their past glory. In June there is an amazing profusion of Common Spotted-orchids. Twayblade, Adder's-tongue Fern and Moonwort have also been recorded here.

Directions: From Monmouth, leave south on the B4293, signposted Trellech and Mitchel Troy. Approximately 1 mile from Monmouth, take the left fork, signposted Trellech, Penallt and Chepstow. Continue along the B4293 up the hill and past the turning to Whitebrook and The Narth on the left. Pass New Grove Farm on the right and a little further on turn into the track signed Wet Meadows. There is a car park further down the track on the right.

Four Acres Maryland, The Narth NP25 4QJ

Grid reference SO 519 059

The meadows surround the house with small areas in front and behind kept as lawns. The grassland is very species-rich which becomes more evident when within the grassland itself. Wildflowers to be seen include one of the largest populations in Monmouthshire of the gorgeous greater butterfly orchid. (Other species to be seen include Common Spotted-orchid, Lousewort, Tormentil and the Common Vetch.) These meadows are open thanks to the tenant Nikki Godfrey.

From the centre of Trellech follow the signpost to the Narth. After the turning to Beacon Hill there is another right turn signposted to Maryland. Turn right here and continue along this lane for 250 metres. The meadows (called Four Acres) are on the left hand side with a driveway with drystone walls on either side.