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### **Bra135. Purshill Grassland (6.9 ha) TL 795336 done and dusted**

This old grassland site comprises acidic-soil turf, damper rushy areas in the valley bottom and scrub. On the dry slopes, Common Bent-grass (*Agrostis capillaris*), Sheep's Sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*), Lesser Trefoil (*Trifolium dubium*) and Yellow Oat-grass (*Trisetum flavescens*) are frequent. Further downslope, the sward is dominated by Meadow Foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), Sweet Vernal Grass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*) and False Oat-grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*), with some Soft and Hard Rush (*Juncus effusus* and *J. inflexus*). Numerous anthills indicate the antiquity of the site. The butterfly fauna recorded include Small Heath, Meadow Brown and Small copper. A wide variety of birds have also been recorded.

**Selection Criteria:** HCr11, HCr19