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Bra122. Gosfield Pits (8.9 ha) TL 786296

This site comprises a series of disused gravel pits, where ponds, acid grassland, scrub and woodland have developed. Barring a small fragment of habitat on the west side, the remainder now forms Gosfield Nature Reserve. As with most mosaic sites, these habitats support a wide range of flora and fauna. The grassland and scrub exhibits species of light, well drained and disturbed soils including Bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*), Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), Wavy Hair-grass (*Deschampsia flexuosa*) and Sheep's Sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*). The wide variety of woodland trees include Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), Goat Willow (*Salix caprea*) and Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) and a ground flora with Wood Spurge (*Euphorbia amygdaloides*), Pignut (*Conopodium majus*) and Common Spotted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*).

Selection Criteria: HCr2(c), HCr6(b), HCr19