

COUNTY: HAMPSHIRE

SITE NAME: DANEBURY HILL SSSI

Local Planning Authorities: Hampshire County Council,
Test Valley Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SU 324377

Ordnance Survey Sheets 1:50,000: 185 **1:250,000:** SU 33

Hectares/Acres: 12.8/31.62

Date Notified (1949 Act): 1979

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (1981 Act): 1984

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Other Information:

The hill fort is an important archaeological site. Danebury Hill is managed by Hampshire County Council as a Public Open Space.

Reasons for Notification:

Danebury Hill comprises relatively gentle slopes surrounding a chalk hill crowned by Danebury Ring, an Iron Age hill fort. The hill fort carries a planted Beech *Fagus* wood, but the surrounding slopes support mixed chalk scrub, juniper *Juniperus communis* scrub and herb-rich chalk grassland. The site is grazed by sheep and rabbits, and is also maintained locally by public recreation, giving an interesting mosaic of habitats and associations. The herb-rich turf is notable for the abundance of horseshoe vetch *Hippocrepis comosa* and bastard toadflax *Thesium humifusum*. Scarce species include burnt-tip orchid *Orchis ustulata*, field fleawort *Senecio integrifolius* and frog orchid *Coeloglossum viride*.