

COUNTY: DERBYSHIRE

SITE NAME: GINNY SPRING,  
WHITWELL WOOD

DISTRICT: BOLSOVER

SITE REF: 15 WMP

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 or the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Local Planning Authority: DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, Bolsover District Council

National Grid Reference: SK 520788

Area: 4.2 (ha.) 10.4 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 120

1:10,000:

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1963

Date of Last Revision: 1974

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986

Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Ginny Spring is a small flush on the Magnesian Limestone. It has a very rich flora including species such as marsh helleborine *Epipactis palustris*, green helleborine *Epipactis phyllanthes* and broad-leaved cotton-grass *Eriophorum latifolium* which are rare in the north midlands and for which this is the only known site in Derbyshire. Other plants present which are also rare in Derbyshire include common butterwort *Pinguicula vulgaris*, bog pimpernel *Anagallis tenella*, columbine *Aquilegia vulgaris*, fragrant orchid *Gymnadenia conopsea*, few-flowered spike-rush *Eleocharis quinqueflora* and bird's nest orchid *Neottia nidus-avis*.

The flush is surrounded by woodland and scrub composed of alder *Alnus glutinosa*, birch *Betula pubescens* and *B. pendula*, ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and alder buckthorn *Frangula alnus*.