

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

SITE NAME: LORD STUBBINS WOOD

DISTRICT: MANSFIELD

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

Local Planning Authority: MANSFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: SK 537 688                      Area: 24.79 (ha.)                      (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 120                      1:10,000: SK 56 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981                      Date of Last Revision: –

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Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

The site comprises one of the best remaining semi-natural broad-leaved woods in Nottinghamshire and is of Regional importance.

Biology

The site is a fine example of an ash-wych elm wood developed on well-drained soils overlying the Permian Lower Magnesian Limestone. In some areas in the north of the wood the plant communities are characteristic of acid soils with rowan *Sorbus aucuparia* locally abundant and with colonies of bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus*. Elsewhere, the wood is dominated by ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and oak *Quercus robur* with frequent wych-elm *Ulmus glabra* and a wide variety of other tree and shrub species including colonies of wild service tree *Sorbus torminalis*. The herb flora is characteristic of ancient, semi-natural broad-leaved woods in the East Midlands and includes such typical species as water avens *Geum rivale*, early-purple orchid *Orchis mascula*, yellow archangel *Galeobdolon luteum* and wood sorrel *Oxalis acetosella*.