

**COUNTY:** LEICESTERSHIRE

**SITE NAME:** NEWTON BURGOLAND  
MARSHES

**DISTRICT:** NORTH-WEST LEICESTERSHIRE

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

**Local Planning Authority:** North-West Leicestershire District Council

**National Grid Reference:** SK 381084  
SK 382090

**Area:** 8.10 (ha.) 20.00 (ac.)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000:** 140

**1:10,000:** SK 30 NE

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** 1981

**Date of Last Revision:** –

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 1983

**Date of Last Revision:** 1991

**Other Information:**

**Reasons for Notification:**

The site includes some of the best remaining examples of neutral alluvial grassland and marsh in Leicestershire and is representative of such habitats in Central and Eastern England.

**Biology:**

The vegetation of the site, which is located in two separate areas, has developed on alluvial soils. The northern area comprises marsh and wet grassland characterised by the abundance of meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*, Yorkshire fog *Holcus lanatus*, lesser pond sedge *Carex acutiformis*, slender tufted-sedge *Carex acuta*, great pond sedge *Carex riparia* and tufted sedge *Carex elata*. The marsh is species rich and contains such typical herbs as marsh marigold *Caltha palustris*, ragged robin *Lychnis flos-cuculi*, marsh valerian *Valeriana dioica*, meadow thistle *Cirsium-dissectum*, wood club-rush *Scirpus sylvaticus* and southern marsh orchid *Dactylorhiza praetermissa*. The southern area of the site comprises grassland representative of better drained alluvial soils, with common bent *Agrostis capillaris*, crested dog's-tail *Cynosurus cristatus*, *Holcus lanatus* and rough meadow grass *Poa trivialis* forming the dominants in a sward which contains such characteristic herbs as pignut *Conopodium majus*, cowslip *Primula veris*, sorrel *Rumex acetosa*, great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*, betony *Stachys officinalis*, pepper saxifrage *Silaum silaus*, meadow saxifrage *Saxifraga granulata*, and hairy lady's mantle *Alchemilla filicaulis*.