

COUNTY:    HEREFORD & WORCESTER            SITE NAME: BROAD GREEN

DISTRICT: MALVERN HILLS

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

Local Planning Authority: HEREFORD & WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, Malvern Hills District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 770560            Area: 0.97 (ha.) 2.4 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 150        1:10,000: SO 75 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1979        Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984        Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Broad Green is registered as a Village Green.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Broad Green lies in the village of the same name. It consists of an area of neutral grassland with a rich plant community of a type which is rare in this part of the West Midlands.

The sward is dominated by grasses such as meadow foxtail *Alopecurus pratensis*, sweet vernal-grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum* and cock's-foot *Dactylis glomerata*. Other plants include some locally uncommon species such as dyer's greenweed *Genista tinctoria*, pepper saxifrage *Silaum silaus*, adder's tongue *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, wild carrot *Daucus carota*, cowslip *Primula veris* and lady's bedstraw *Galium verum*. In the damper parts meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria* also occurs. The Green is particularly noted for an abundance of the uncommon grass vetchling *Lathyrus nissolia*.

In recent years some scrub, mainly hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* and goat willow *Salix caprea*, has become established over parts of the site.