

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

SITE NAME: SLEDDER WOOD MEADOWS

DISTRICT: BROXTOWE

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

Local Planning Authority: BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: SK 497 469

Area: 7.86 (ha.) (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 129

1:10,000: SK 44 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981

Date of Last Revision: –

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Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

The site comprises a fine series of species-rich neutral grasslands and is of Regional importance.

Biology

A fine series of species-rich grasslands developed on a north-west facing slope. The variation in slope, soils and past site management is reflected in the variety of sward types. Yorkshire-Fog *Holcus lanatus*, red fescue *Festuca rubra*, crested dog's tail *Cynosurus cristatus* and sweet vernal grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum* are typical of the grass species present, while yellow rattle *Rhinanthus minor*, great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*, cowslip *Primula veris*, pignut *Conopodium majus*, betony *Betonica officinalis* and lady's mantle *Alchemilla vestita* are characteristic herb species. Additional interest is provided by adjacent ponds lying within the southern part of Sledder Wood which contain well-developed marsh and open water plant communities.