

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE/DERBYSHIRE

SITE NAME: TEVERSAL–
PLEASLEY RAILWAY

Local Planning Authority: ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL, Bolsover District Council

National Grid Reference: SK 486633

Area: 3.12 (ha.)

Description:

The site comprises one of the few remaining limestone grasslands in Nottinghamshire and is of Regional importance.

Biology

A short stretch of operational railway line, for the most part in cutting, characterised by the chalk false brome *Brachypodium pinnatum*, developed on rock and aggregates derived from the Permian Lower Magnesian Limestone. The sward also contains abundant quaking-grass *Briza media*, red fescue *Festuca rubra* and yellow oat-grass *Trisetum flavescens*, and includes such herbs as yellow-wort *Blackstonia perfoliata*, burnet saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga*, carline thistle *Carlina vulgaris* and several species of orchid. The railway cutting and adjacent embankments provide a range of habitats including limestone crag, scree, short-sward and tall-herb vegetation, through to scrub and incipient woodland.