

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

SITE NAME: TEVERSAL PASTURES

Local Planning Authority: ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: SK 493 617

Area: 17.9 (ha.)

Description:

The site includes some of the finest remaining areas of neutral grassland in Nottinghamshire and is of Regional importance.

Biology

The western pastures are fine examples of species-rich neutral grasslands characteristic of clay and alluvial loam soils, and lie on a gentle, north-east facing slope on land which still retains 'ridge and furrow' topography. Grasses such as red fescue *Festuca rubra*, Yorkshire-fog *Holcus lanatus* and crested dog's-tail *Cynosurus cristatus* characterise the sward which also contains abundant hayrattle *Rhinanthus minor*, pepper-saxifrage *Silaum silaus* and frequent spotted orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsii*. In the north-east of the site the pastures lie on steeper west-facing slopes. Here, the flushed soils have given rise to fine examples of grassland characteristic of alluvial soils, with betony *Betonica officinalis* and lady's mantle *Alchemilla vestita*, and to neutral marsh. Additional interest is provided by the calcareous grassland community of the adjacent railway cutting, and also by areas of flushed woodland containing ash *Fraxinus excelsior*, wych elm *Ulmus glabra* and bird cherry *Prunus padus*.