

County: Humberside

Site Name: Bryan Mills Field

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

Local Planning Authority: Beverley Borough Council

National Grid Reference: TA 014462

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 106, 107 **1:10,000:** TA 04 NW

Area: 1.3 (ha) 3.2 (ac)

First Notified: 1986

Description:

The site notified as Bryan Mills Field comprises a tall fen community which occupies the centre of a small ungrazed field, the surrounding drier areas of which have been planted with trees.

This low-lying central area of the field is wet and apparently spring-fed. The fen area has developed over a complex of spring heads which create small areas of surface water. It supports stands of lesser pond sedge *Carex acutiformis* and greater tussock-sedge *C. paniculata*, reed *Phragmites australis*, reed sweet-grass *Glyceria maxima*, meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*, great willowherb *Epilobium hirsutum*, common valerian *Valeriana officinalis* and blunt-flowered rush *Juncus subnodulosus*. Numerous other marsh and fen species are also present.