

File ref:

County: Leicestershire **Site name:** Wymondham Rough

District: Melton

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

Local Planning Authority: Melton Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SK 831175 **Area:** 6.1 (ha) 15.1 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000: 130 **1: 10 000:** SK 81 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981 **Date of Last Revision:**

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Other Information:

The site is managed as a nature reserve by the Leicestershire and Rutland Trust for Nature Conservation Limited.

Reasons for Notification:

The site contains some of the best remaining examples of neutral clay grassland in Leicestershire, and is representative of grassland developed on clay and alluvial soils in the English Midlands.

Biology:

Wymondham Rough comprises species-rich neutral grassland developed on soils derived from Glacial Boulder Clay, Lower Lias Clay and Alluvium. The various swards are characterised by the dominance of common bent *Agrostis tenuis*, Yorkshire fog *Holcus lanatus*, false oat-grass *Arrhenatherum elatius* and cock's foot *Dactylis glomerata*. In the north of the site the eastern field is relatively poorly drained and contains meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria* and water avens *Geum rivale*, while on the drier soils to the west the sward contains betony *Betonica officinalis*, adder's tongue *Ophioglossum vulgatum* and dropwort *Filipendula vulgaris*. In the south a small marsh contains such characteristic plants as ragged robin *Lychnis flos-cuculi*.