

COUNTY: SUFFOLK      SITE NAME: FOX FRITILLARY MEADOW,  
FRAMSDEN

DISTRICT: MID SUFFOLK

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

Local Planning Authority: MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: TM 188606      Area: 2.30 (ha.) 5.68 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 156      1:10,000: TM 16 NW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1958      Date of Last Revision: N/A

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1983      Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Formally known as Boundary Farm, Framsdén. Site reduced in size at re-notification.  
Nature reserve owned by Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation.

Reasons for Notification:

This site consists of a small unimproved species-rich meadow situated in a valley  
bottom on heavy alluvial soils. The meadow supports the largest and best known  
population of Snakes-head Fritillary *Fritillaria meleagris* in East Anglia, a plant which  
is rare and which has a limited national distribution.

The grass sward contains a mixture of grasses including Meadow Foxtail *Alopecurus  
pratensis*, Red Fescue *Festuca rubra*, Creeping Bent *Agrostis stolonifera*, Yorkshire  
Fog *Holcus lanatus*, Crested Dog's-Tail *Cynosurus cristatus* and Rough-stalked  
Meadow-Grass *Poa trivialis* with a good variety of herbs typical of alluvial meadows.  
These include Meadowsweet *Filipendula ulmaria*, Cowslip *Primula veris*,  
Cuckooflower *Cardamine pratensis* and Ragged Robin *Lychnis flos-cuculi*.