

**County:** Lancashire **Site Name:** **Salthill and  
Bellmanpark  
Quarries**

**District:** Ribble Valley

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

**Local Planning Authority:** Ribble Valley Borough Council

**National Grid Reference:** SD 758427 **Area:** 18.0 (ha) 44.5 (ac)

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**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** 1970 **Date of Last Revision:** 1979

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 1987 **Date of Last Revision:** 1987

**Other Information:**

The site boundary has been modified by a deletion and a small extension at this revision.

This site was formerly named Salthill, Bellmanpark and Peach Quarries.

**Description and Reasons for Notification:**

This geological site straddles the A671 road immediately to the north-east of Clitheroe and is comprised of three adjacent disused quarries.

The famous Carboniferous Limestone site is the type locality for the fossiliferous Salthill Bank Beds (Chadian) and the Salthill Cap Beds (Arundian) of the Clitheroe Limestone Complex. It provides the best sections through the Chadian and the Knoll Reefs of the Craven Basin, and some of the finest such sections in the English Lower Carboniferous. It shows three-dimensional relationships of reefs associated sediments and rich marine, especially echinoderm, faunas and is a key site for studies of fauna, carbonate sedimentology diagenesis and palaeoecology in the Lower Carboniferous.