

COUNTY: HEREFORD & WORCESTER SITE NAME: SCUTTERDINE QUARRY

DISTRICT: SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE

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

Local Planning Authority: HEREFORD & WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, South Herefordshire District Council

National Grid Reference: SP 577368 Area: 0.97 (ha.) 2.4 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 149 1:10,000: SO 53 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1952 Date of Last Revision: 1975

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Within the Wye Valley AONB.

Reasons for Notification:

This is an important geological site providing the best exposures of the Woolhope Limestone in the area in which it was originally identified. The limestone forms the lowest unit of the Wenlock Series in this part of the Welsh Borders and dates from the Silurian Period, about 410 million years ago. This quarry has been geologically important for over a century and is particularly noted as a source of fossils, which have been described and illustrated in several publications. This is a key reference locality for the Woolhope Limestone, a rock unit widely distributed in the Wenlock outcrops of the southern Welsh Borders.