

CITATION

COUNTY: DEVON SITE NAME: STOKENHAM

DISTRICT: SOUTH HAMS

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

Local Planning Authority: DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL, South Hams District Council

National Grid Reference: SX 811417 Area: 0.8 (ha.) 2.0 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 202 1:10,000: SX 84 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1976 Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986 Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

In South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and in South Hams Coastal Preservation Area.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

The site comprises a row of mature trees and an adjacent boundary wall which together support an exceptionally rich lichen flora which includes several nationally rare species.

Over 50 species of lichen have been recorded growing on the mature Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* trees including the rare *Physcia clementei*, *P. tribacioides* and *Teloschistes flavicans*. Another notable component of the flora is *Anaptychia ciliaris* which is growing here close to the western limit of its British distribution. The adjacent stone wall is almost entirely dominated by *Nephroma laevigatum*, this being the largest colony of this species in South West England.