

Date Notified: 27 March 1987

File ref: NY 30/8

County: Cumbria **Site Name:** Skelghyll Beck

District: South Lakeland

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

Local Planning Authority: Lake District Special Planning Board

National Grid Reference: SD 396032 **Area:** 3.3 (ha) 8.1 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 90 **1:10,000:** NY 30 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1965 **Date of Last Revision:** 1975

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

Other Information:

1. The boundary of the site has been modified by partial deletion and extension at renotification.
2. The site name has been changed from Skelgill Section to Skelghyll Beck.
3. The site is within the Lake District National Park.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Skelghyll Beck is situated 2½ km south-east of Ambleside. The site is a ¾ km long stretch of the beck which eventually flows into Lake Windermere.

This is an important stratigraphic locality for its Llandovery (Lower Silurian) rocks. It is the type locality for the Skelgill Beds, of Rhuddian to Telyehian age. These rocks are the lowest Silurian strata in the Lake District. The formation is well known for its extensive well preserved graptolite fossil fauna.