

COUNTY: KENT

SITE NAME: RUSTHALL COMMON

BOROUGH: TUNBRIDGE WELLS

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

Local Planning Authority: TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: TQ 568395      Area: 2.6 (ha.) 6.42 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 188      1:10,000: TQ 53 NE

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1992

Other Information:

This is a new site; and is noted in 'A Geological Conservation Review'.

Reasons for Notification:

A key site for sandstone weathering features, complementing the interest at High Rocks and Chiddingly Wood. Rusthall Common is best noted for the spectacular Toad Rock, a classic landform of SE England comprising an isolated block of rock standing on a narrow pedestal formed by periglacial wind erosion. The site also possesses more intensive cambering; better developed rock platforms or pavements, and much deeper weathering pits than other similar sites.