File ref:

County: **Leicestershire** **Site name: Briery Wood Heronry, Belvoir**

District: **Melton**

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

Local Planning Authority: Melton Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SK 824329 **Area:** 6.2 (ha) 15.34 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000: 130 **1: 10 000:** SK 83 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1981 **Date of Last Revision:**

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Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

The site contains the largest heronry in Leicestershire.

Biology:

Briery Wood Heronry is situated within an area of mature oak *Quercus robur* and ash *Fraxinus excelsior* woodlands, floored with bracken *Pteridium aquilinum* and dog's mercury *Mercurialis perennis*. The heronry is the largest in Leicestershire with up to 30 breeding pairs.