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**County:**                               **Leicestershire**                               **Site name: Coates Grassland**

**District:**                               **Charnwood**

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

**Local Planning Authority:**   Charnwood Borough Council

**National Grid Reference:**   SK 554208                               **Area:**               3.5 (ha)       8.6 (ac)

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000:** 129                               **1: 10 000:**   SK 52 SE

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

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):**   1983                               **Date of Last Revision:**       -

**Other Information:**

The site boundary has been amended.

**Reasons for Notification:**

The site comprises grassland of a type unusual in the Midlands.

**Biology:**

The primary interest of the site lies in the grassland sward developed on alluvial river gravels on a south-west facing bank overlooking the River Soar. The thin sward supports several species of plants which are rare in Leicestershire and uncommon in the Midlands generally, including soft trefoil *Trifolium striatum*, subterranean trefoil *Trifolium subterraneum*, spotted medick *Medicago arabica*, knotted hedge-parsley *Torilis nodosa* and wild clary *Salvia horminoides*.