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County: Hampshire **Site Name:** Breamore Marsh SSSI

Local Planning Authority: Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council

National Grid Reference: SU 156181 **Area:** 14.6 (ha) 36.1 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 184 **1:25,000:** SU 11

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1978 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Other Information:

Though cattle and goose grazed this site it is not registered as a common.

Reasons for Notification:

An important surviving manorial green on which goose and cattle grazing persists. The grassland flora, whilst limited, is of interest in the extent to which its species composition has been derived from its grazing history. The marsh includes a series of shallow pools and connecting waterways which support an exceptionally rich aquatic flora. The ponds have margins of base-enriched bare mud in summers that are not excessively wet, with a near-unique assemblage of aquatic and semi-aquatic plants, including the national rarity brown cyperus *Cyperus fuscus*, common mudwort *Limosella aquatica* (which has only two or three other sites in Hampshire), and pennyroyal *Mentha pulegium*.