

COUNTY: LEICESTERSHIRE

SITE NAME: KENDALL'S MEADOW

DISTRICT: HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH

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

Local Planning Authority: HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: SP 394981

Area: 2.7 (ha.) 6.67 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 140

1:10,000: SP 39 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –

Date of Last Revision: –

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1985

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Other Information:

A new site.

Reasons for Notification:

A traditionally managed hay meadow with a diversity and richness of plant life unmatched in the south west of the County, an area otherwise sparse in interest. It is probably the best representative of this grassland community type in the central English Midlands.

Biology

More than a dozen grass species have been found on this meadow which lies partly on alluvium and partly on boulder clay. The sward is dominated by common bent *Agrostis capillaris*, red fescue *Festuca rubra*, crested dog's tail *Cynosurus cristatus* and yellow oat grass *Trisetum flavescens*. Notably abundant herbs are yellow rattle *Rhinanthus minor*, great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis* and cat's ear *Hypochoeris radicata*. Well over fifty plant species have so far been recorded, including quaking grass *Briza media*, saw-wort *Serratula tinctoria* and green-winged orchid *Orchis morio*.