

File ref:

County: Lincolnshire/
Leicestershire **Site name: King Lud's Entrenchments
and the Drift**

District: South Kesteven/Melton

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

Local Planning Authority: South Kesteven District Council/
Melton Borough Council

National Grid Reference: SK 862280 and **Area:** 28.79 (ha) 71.12 (ac)
SK 855304 to
SK 873274

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1: 50 000: 130 **1: 10 000:** SK 82 NE, SK 83 SE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1968 **Date of Last Revision:** 1981

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

Other Information:

The site boundary has been amended.

Reasons for Notification:

The site includes some of the best remaining examples of limestone grassland in Lincolnshire and Leicestershire, and is representative of swards developed on soft limestones in southern and central England.

Biology:

The site contains some fine examples of limestone grassland. The basic sward components are tor grass *Brachypodium pinnatum*, cock's foot *Dactylis glomerata*, crested dog's tail *Cynosurus cristatus*, and red fescue *Festuca rubra*, while typical herbs include salad burnet *Sanguisorba minor*, burnet-saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga*, field scabious *Knautia arvensis*, germander speedwell *Veronica chamaedrys*, bird's-foot-trefoil *Lotus corniculatus* and perforate St. John's wort *Hypericum perforatum*. Plants of restricted distribution which occur on the site include autumn felwort *Gentianella amarella*, basil thyme *Acinos arvensis*, horseshoe vetch *Hippocrepis comosa* and purple milk vetch *Astragalus danicus*. Additional interest is provided by an area of semi-natural broad-leaved woodland dominated by ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*.