

COUNTY: DERBYSHIRE

SITE NAME: PARWICH MOOR

DISTRICT: WEST DERBYSHIRE

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

Local Planning Authority: PEAK PARK JOINT PLANNING BOARD, West Derbyshire District Council

National Grid Reference: SK 175579

Area: 15.45 (ha.) 38.2 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 119

1:10,000: SK 15 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1965

Date of Last Revision: 1974

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984

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Other Information:

Reasons for Notification:

A small area of relict limestone heath consisting of a series of hummocks and hollows. The hummocks are of particular interest because of the evidence of sorting and rearrangement by frost and wind action.

The hummocks are colonised by heather *Calluna vulgaris* and bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus* with matgrass *Nardus stricta* and heath bedstraw *Galium saxatile*. These occur on top of a limestone substrate so that between the hummocks there is a typical damp, limestone grassland flora. Mosses and lichens on the hummocks indicate that this type of limestone heathland has not been subject to regular burning unlike many of the other remnant limestone heaths of the Peak District.

This type of vegetation was once extensive in the Peak District but now is only found at this and one other site.