

COUNTY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE/DERBYSHIRE

SITE NAME: DOVEDALE  
WOOD

Local Planning Authority: ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL, Bolsover District Council

National Grid Reference: SK 466632

Area: 11.93 (ha.) in Nottinghamshire  
1.74 (ha.) in Derbyshire

**Description:**

The site comprises one of the best remaining ancient ash-wych elm woods in Nottinghamshire and is of Regional importance.

**Biology**

The wood is developed on a series of south-west facing slopes and terraces formed from strata of the Carboniferous Middle Coal Measures and is characterised by ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and wych-elm *Ulmus glabra*. The soils are subject to flushing and probably receive base enrichment from strata of the Permian Lower Magnesian Limestone higher up the slope. The opposite-leaved golden saxifrage *Chrysosplenium oppositifolium* is characteristic of these flushes. The plant community includes a large number of species characteristic of ancient woodlands including the herb paris *Paris quadrifolia*. Some of the plant species present are rare in the East Midlands. Additional interest is provided by the development of a small alderwood at the foot of the slope on level ground beside the stream.