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County: Devon **Site Name:** **Dunnabridge Meadows**

District: West Devon

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

Local Planning Authority: Devon County Council, West Devon Borough Council, Dartmoor National Park Authority

National Grid Reference: SX 640741 **Area:** 2.55 (ha) 6.31 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50 000 191 **1:10 000** SX 67 SW

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1983 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Other Information:

Within the Dartmoor National Park

Description:

This site comprises a series of herb-rich meadows that in the past have been regularly managed by setting up for hay and grazing the aftermath. The species content and diversity is mainly governed by this management and although the total species content between fields may vary, within each field the sward is uniform. The main feature of these meadows is the abundance of greater butterfly orchid *Platanthera chlorantha*. One field in particular has several plants associated with alkaline conditions, a situation unusual on Dartmoor.

Additional features are the steep bank and associated base-rich marsh adjacent to the West Dart River. These habitats add diversity to the site. A particular feature of the bank is the locally scarce greater burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*.