

COUNTY: HEREFORD & WORCESTER      SITE NAME: DUKE OF YORK MEADOW

DISTRICT: MALVERN HILLS                      SITE REF: 15 WQD

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

Local Planning Authority: HEREFORD & WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL, Malvern Hills District Council

National Grid Reference: SO 782354                      Area: 2.1 (ha.) 5.2 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 150                      1:10,000: SO 73 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1979                      Date of Last Revision: 1979

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1986                      Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Owned and managed by Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust as a nature reserve.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Duke of York Meadow is an unimproved hay meadow near the eastern edge of the Malvern Hills in Worcestershire. It lies on neutral soils derived from the underlying Keuper Marl. It has been selected as an example of neutral grassland with a significant component of wild daffodil *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* in the sward. Grasses typical of hay meadows are present such as quaking grass *Briza media*, yellow oat-grass *Trisetum flavescens* and meadow foxtail *Alopecurus pratensis*, along with characteristic herbs including devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis*, pepper saxifrage *Silaum silaus* and green-winged orchid *Orchis morio*. Also present is great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*, an uncommon plant in Worcestershire.