

County: Devon **Site Name:** Chapel Hill

District: North Devon

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

Local Planning Authority: North Devon District Council, Devon County Council

National Grid Reference: SS 490371 **Area:** 0.22 (ha) 0.54 (ac)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 180 **1:10,000:** SS 43 NE

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

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1992 **Date of Last Revision:** –

Other Information:

This is a new site.

Description and Reasons for Notification:

Chapel Hill contains the largest population of pennyroyal *Mentha pulegium* known in Devon, a nationally vulnerable plant species.

Since 1970, pennyroyal *Mentha pulegium* has only been recorded from about 15 localities in Great Britain. At Chapel Hill in 1988 over 100 large plants were recorded in a sward dominated by grasses such as fescues *Festuca* spp. and bents *Agrostis* spp.