

APPENDIX W ENVIRONMENT BIODIVERSITY DATA SETS W3

DICKLEBURGH AND RUSHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION

Introduction

The biodiversity team undertook a wide range of studies, embracing national and international developments and areas of debate, in addition to the examination of existing legislation and the intentions, plans and projects of local and national bodies which might impact upon the Parish of Dickleburgh & Rushall.

A broad examination of ancient maps was made and comparisons made with the contemporary landscape following extensive surveys of the naturally occurring features within the Parish boundary. The '*Have Your Say*' open days and questionnaires highlighted the importance placed on wildlife by residents and we followed up on the anecdotal reference to certain features by capturing actual data from old, recent and new wildlife surveys. Surveys were conducted by local enthusiasts and volunteers, conservationists, and the team itself.

Bat surveys were completed and continue using the Parish's own Bat monitor, working in conjunction with the British Trust for Ornithology in Thetford.

It is intended that this survey work will be ongoing. A permanent Biodiversity Body is planned, and this will dovetail with the existing Commons Committee working with local and national wildlife bodies. A website is planned so that all existing and new data, surveys and so on are made permanently available to the public.

This document illustrates some of the survey data conducted, features extracts from certain publications and makes reference to a cross-section of the study materials used in the preparation of the Plan.

Biodiversity data sets

The Biodiversity Data Appendix is divided into several separate sections, as follows:

Section1 Wildlife Reports & Data 1

- Bats

Extract from a bat survey 2019 Specimen of one of the Parish Bat Surveys September019 2019's bat survey sites and results and extracts from new mammal/insect surveys Sonogram of Pipistrelle Bats on Dickleburgh Moor Sept 2020

Maps

Habitat and Land Use Summary from NBIS May 2019

Section 2 Wildlife Reports & Data 2

- General Wildlife

Bird List for Dickleburgh Moor from 2018 Dickleburgh & Rushall Species sighted 2017/2018 Survey of moths -Dickleburgh 2017-2019 General Wildlife Survey - Langmere & Dickleburgh 2019 Dickleburgh's Wild Birds 2000-2001 Dickleburgh Species Results from NBIS

Section 3 Wildlife Reports & Data 3

- Specific Sites

County Wildlife Sites in the Parish: General Overview of each site County Wildlife Site Survey 2019 for St.Clement's Common County Wildlife Site Survey 2018 for St.Clement's Common

Section 4:

Hedges, Trees, Verges & Habitat

Hedgerow Surveys for the Parish, sample summary
Specimen of a typical completed Hedgerow Survey within the Parish
Norfolk County Council Verge Cutting Plans
Verges Conservation & Verge Management
Norfolk County Council Biodiversity Action plan for Hedgerows
Map illustrating interlinking corridors of hedgerows.
Ecologist's notes on habitat loss etc.
Local Government Association Workshop - Environmental Net Gain
Regulations
Hedgerow Regulations & Definitions

Relevant Publications

Tree Planting & Air Quality Academic Paper

Miscellaneous

Quiet Lane Proposal Document for the Parish Dark Skies - links to Various articles and papers relating to health and light pollution Trees - notes on Tree Preservation Orders for South Norfolk County Council References to other wildlife data held in archive Miscellaneous Additional Research Research: Dickleburgh and Rushall NP Biodiversity – insect decline

Wildlife Reports & Data 3

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Norfolk Wildlife Trust - County Wildlife Sites in the Parish: General Overview

County Wildlife Sites within the Parish - brief summaries from Norfolk Wildlife Trust

St.Clement's Common

This site consists of three small meadows, divided and surrounded by tall, mature hedges and located on boulder clay. The site is a registered common and is used largely for informal recreation.

The smallest field appears to reflect the pattern of early (possibly pre-Roman) enclosure, suggesting that the hedges could be remnants of ancient woodland.

The field nearest the entrance to the site is a small, semi-improved meadow, surrounded by hedges, at the centre is a damp hollow and to the south a large, permanent pond, mostly surrounded by mature trees and scrub.

The open field is dominated by native grasses, with Yorkshire fog (Holcus lanatus), meadow foxtail (Alopecurus pratensis) and rough meadow grass (Poa trivialis) all abundant. Perennial rye grass (Lolium perenne) is frequent and cocksfoot (Dactylis glomerata) rarer. Dry areas contain abundant white clover (Trifolium repens), meadow buttercup (Ranunculus acris) and occasional broad-leaved dock (Rumex obtusifolius). Rough chervil (Chaerophyllum temulentum), silverweed (Potentilla anserina) and creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens) also occur. The east of the field is a fire site where creeping thistle (Cirsium arvense) dominate and to the west are patches of white campion (Silene alba).

The damp hollow contains common false fox sedge (Carex obtrubae), ladies smock (Cardamine pratensis), meadow foxtail, (Alopecuris geniculatus), occasional creeping thistle, occasional hogweed (Heracleum sphondylium) and common vetch (Vicia sativa). Ground ivy (Glechoma hederacea) is occasional and nettles (Urtica diocia) rare. Cut-leaved crane's bill (Geranium dissectum) also occurs here. The hedges to the north and west of this field are kept low and contain field maple (Acer campestre), hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna), sallow (Salix caprea), oak (Quercus robur), dogwood (Cornus sanguinea), bramble (Rubus fruticosus agg.) and blackthorn (Prunus spinosa). Herbs associated with the hedge include cow parsley (Anthriscus sylvestris), spear thistle (Cirsium vulgare) and upright hedge parsley (Torilis japonica).

The large pond is surrounded by mature trees, which include ornamental species, such as horse chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum), as well as planted native species, including ash (Fraxinus excelsior) and birch (Betula pendula). Ground flora here includes bristly ox-tongue (Picris hieracioides) and ground ivy. The pond itself appeared to support no aquatic plants at the time of survey.

The largest field is flat and uniform in character; the grassland here is improved, although selfheal (Prunella vulgaris) occurs in patches and there are a few finer grasses. The main wildlife interest is the mature hedges that form three sides of the field. The hedge is more than two metres thick in places,

containing many mature trees, with both standing and fallen deadwood. Hedgerow species include hazel (Corylus avellana), hawthorn, ash, bramble, oak, dogwood, blackthorn, elder (Sambucus nigra), ivy (Hedera helix) and black bryony (Tamus communis).

The small field to the east of the site, is the most shaded of the three and is separated from the largest field by a dense, mature hedge and a ditch that was dry at the time of survey. A similar hedge marks the boundary with the lane to the west of the site, with some elm (Ulmus procera) suckers also present. This field is the most species-rich of the three, especially where it is less shaded, however, some scrub, including blackthorn, has developed here and at the time of survey, the grassland was unmanaged and rank. Forbs found here include tufted for-get-me-not (Myosotis caespitosa), hogweed, white dead nettle (Lamium alba), white campion, hound's tongue (Cynoglossum officinale) and green alkanet (Pentaglottis sempivirens). The dominant grasses are cocksfoot and false oat grass(Arrenatherum elatius), with Yorkshire fog and rough meadow grass also common.

A small pond occurs to the south and appears to have been recently created; rough chervil, hairy brome (Bromus ramosus) and germander speedwell (Veronica chamaedrys) grow near the pond.

Langmere Green

Langmere Green is a small, 1.3 ha area of registered common land (Common Land Unit 203), shown on Fayden's Map of 1797 with the same footprint as now. It consists predominantly of semi-improved neutral grassland, verging towards unimproved grassland towards the edges and scrubland along its southern boundary. A small stream runs west-east across the northern portion of the site, widening into open water near the centre. The site is currently managed via an annual hay cut and is surrounded almost exclusively by arable land.

The main area (south of the stream) is open, moderately species-rich grassland, bounded by scrub to the south and sloping down towards the stream in the north. The sward is of variable height (averaging around 0.5m) and the ratio of grasses to flowering plants roughly equal. There are defined areas of cow parsley (Anthriscus sylvestris) at the margins, along with abundant common sorrel (Rumex acetosa), ribwort plantain (Plantago lanceolate), meadow buttercup (Ranunculus acris) and knapweed (Centaurea nigra), as well as occasional hogweed (Heracleum sphondylium), broad-leaved dock (Rumex obtusifolius), cuckoo flower (Cardamine pratensis), germander speedwell (Veronica chamaedrys) and lesser stitchwort (Stellaria graminea).

The area of grassland north of the stream slopes up to meet the northern road boundary. The area contains wet depressions where cuckoo flower, meadowsweet (Filipendula ulmaria) and thistles are abundant. Diversity increases as the meadow meets the stream and includes abundant yarrow (Achillea millefolium), cut-leaved cranesbill (Geranium dissectum), occasional common mouse-ear (Cerastium fontanum) and mugwort (Artemisia vulgaris). Grasses are more abundant in the centre, towards the stream.

Running west-east across the northern end of the site, the stream widens in the centre of the green to form a shallow pool with a silted bottom. This area in particular is beginning to scrub up with encroaching willow (Salix alba), alder (Alnus glutinosa), hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna) and elder (Sambucus nigra) and there are large overhanging oak trees (Quercus robur). Species in the water include yellow flag iris (Iris pseudacorus), water mint (Mentha aquatica), marsh marigold (Caltha palustris), Lombardy poplar (Populus nigra 'italica'), willow and abundant greater pond sedge (Carex riparia). An area of scrub running along the southern boundary of the site mainly consists of blackthorn (Prunus spinosa), hawthorn, sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus), elder, a few standard apple (Malus sp.) and silver birch (Betula pendula). The scrub is graduated in height (tallest towards western boundary) from 8-16 feet. Ground flora comprises common nettle (Urtica dioica), dock species (rumex sp.), ground ivy (Glechoma hederacea), cleavers (Galium aparine), germander speedwell, garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolate), herb Robert (Geranium robertianum), lesser celandine (Ficaria verua), greater stitchwort (Stellaria holostea) and white dead nettle (Lamium alba). The western bank and ditch are bounded by the same road as the northern meadow. The high sward is dictated by cow parsley, common nettle (locally abundant close to the bridge) and widespread cleavers. Other species include ribwort plantain, creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens), thistle sp., common sorrel, broad-leaved dock, hogweed, common vetch (Vicia sativa), white campion (Silene latifolia) and hedge woundwort (Stachys sylvatica). Where the stream enters the site at north-west edge, the composition expands to include bedstraws (Galium sp.), meadowsweet and willow herbs. Bramble (Rubus fructicosus agg.) is encroaching from the ditch into the channel of the stream.

Oliver's Wood and Dodd's Wood

This is an area of broadleaved woodland over clay soils. The site is divided into two square blocks and is surrounded by ditches, with another ditch bisecting the site from east-west. CWS 75 Oliver's and Dodd's Woods stands one field away, to the east.

The southern block of woodland is composed mainly of ash (Fraxinus excelsior) and occasional oak (Quercus robur) standards, with abundant hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna) and some young ash below. In the middle of the block is a dense thicket of hawthorn, blackthorn (Prunus spinosa) and sprawling goat willow (Salix caprea) in locally damp ground. Elder (Sambucus nigra) is locally frequent in a pheasant feeding area on the northern edge. Common nettle (Urtica dioica) is the dominant species in the field layer, with some dog's mercury (Mercurialis perennis) and occasional ground ivy (Glechoma hederacea). Herb robert (Geranium robertianum) becomes more frequent in the south half of this block, with occasional germander speedwell (Veronica chamedrys) and three-nerved sandwort (Moehringia trinervia).

The northern block is damper although with a similar range of tree and shrub species. The north half is particularly damp, with frequent goat willow (Salix caprea) which becomes very dense and tangled in the middle-west of the block. An area of dense hawthorn occurs in the south-eastern corner, while old falling and leaning elder are frequent in the south-west. Under the trees, nettle remains the main vegetation, though false brome (Brachypodium sylvaticum) grows along the lighter northern edge. The ground flora is most diverse along the western edge of the woodland, where species include false brome, primrose (Primula vulgaris), three-nerved sandwort, wood avens (Geum urbanum) and occasional dog's mercury. Grassy tracks run through both blocks of woodland. The northern block is divided into four by damp grassy tracks, creating a narrow grassy rectangle on the eastern side, with Yorkshire fog (Holcus lanatus), rough meadow grass (Poa trivialis), cocksfoot (Dactylis glomerata) with common nettle and creeping thistle (Cirsium arvense). The northernmost track supports soft rush (Juncus effusus) and hairy sedge (Carex hirta) in the damper parts. The southern part of the north-south track has sweet-grass (Glyceria sp.), as well as creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens) and brooklime (Veronica beccabunga). The damper northern half of the track is encroached by shrubs.

In the southern block, the tracks run across the northern edge and then down to the pheasant enclosure. The lighter conditions lead to locally abundant common nettle and creeping thistle (Cirsium arvense), with locally frequent bugle (Ajuga reptans). The hedges around the site are species-rich, composed of frequent hawthorn, some with old trunks, and field maple (Acer campestre), with oak and ash standards, occasional hornbeam (Carpinus betulus), dogwood (Cornus sanguinea), hazel, blackthorn and apple (Malus domestica), with ivy (Hedera helix) among them all. Live and dead small-leaved elm (Ulmus minor agg). also occur.

There is a small pond on the west edge of the northern wood.

Furze Covert

This wood has been extensively used for recreation and contains the remnants of banks, trenches and toilets. There is a large open area in the centre of the site which contains a sizeable pond. The edges of the site are typical semi-natural woodland. Wooded areas have a canopy dominated by oak (Quercus robur), and ash (Fraxinus excelsior) with less frequent hornbeam (Carpinus betulus). The shrub layer consists of a scattering of young trees, largely hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna), elder (Sambucus nigra), ash, hornbeam and hazel (Corylus avellana). Where the canopy casts dense shade the ground flora is of dog's mercury (Mercurialis perennis), herb-robert (Geranium robertianim), wood avens (Geum urbanum) and ground-ivy (Glechoma hederacea) whilst in more open areas bramble (Rubus fruticosus agg.), nettle (Urtica dioica) and grasses such as creeping bent (Agrostis stolonifera) are abundant. The water quality of the pond is rather poor although broad-leaved pondweed (Potamogeton natans) occurs on the surface and branched bur-reed (Sparganium erectum) around the edges. The bankside vegetation is rich and varied with soft rush (Juncus effusus), cyperus sedge (Carex pseudocyperus), bittersweet (Solanum dulcamara), great willowherb (Epilobium hirsutum), jointed rush (Juncus articulatus) and square-stalked St. John's-wort (Hypericum tetrapterum). The surrounding open area has frequent nettle, creeping thistle (Cirsium arvense), great willowherb and creeping buttercup (Ranunculus repens). There is no canopy here although young ash and hornbeam are frequent.

CWS24 (Hall Farm Pond) near Hill House off Common Lane

This is a small seasonally wet pond with a species-rich marginal vegetation. The centre of the pond contains abundant mare's-tail (Hippurus vulgaris) but little else. The marginal vegetation lies in a 2m band around the pond and is dominated by common spike-rush (Eleocharis palustris) with scattered branched bur-reed (Sparganium erectum) and frequent bittersweet (Solanum dulcamara), fool's water-cress (Apium nodiflorum) and water forget-me-not (Myosotis scorpioides). Water plantain (Alisma plantago-aquatica) and mare's-tail occur occasionally whilst marsh marigold (Caltha palustris), gipsywort (Lycopus europaeus), hoary willowherb (Epilobium parviflorum), cyperus sedge (Carex pseudocyperus) and soft rush (Juncus effusus) are less frequent. The banks are gently sloping and support a vegetation dominated by hard rush (Juncus inflexus) and great willowherb (Epilobium hirsutum). Other species present include clustered dock (Rumex conglomeratus), cleavers (Galium aparine), creeping thistle (Cirsium arvense), cocksfoot (Dactylis glomerata), false oat-grass (Arrhenatherum elatius), rough meadow-grass (Poa trivialis), creeping bent (Agrostis stolonifera), soft rush, marsh horse-tail (Equisetum palustre) and creeping cinquefoil (Potentilla reptans). To the southeast the bank becomes steep and dominated by bramble (Rubus fruticosus agg.) with nettle (Urtica dioica), great willowherb and hedge bindweed (Calystegia sepium). Around the edge are several trees, largely hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna), horse-chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) and sallow (Salix cinerea).

White Post Lane Wood

This is an area of broadleaved woodland over clay soils. The site is divided into two square blocks and is surrounded by ditches, with another ditch bisecting the site from the east-west. CWS 75 Oliver's and Dodd's Woods stands one field away, to the east.

The southern block of woodland is composed mainly of ash (Fraxinus excelsior) and occasional oak (Quercus robur) standards, with abundant hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna) and some young ash below. In the middle of the block is a dense thicket of hawthorn, blackthorn (Prunus spinosa) and sprawling goat willow (Salix caprea) in locally damp ground. Elder (Sambucus nigra) is locally frequent in a pheasant feeding area on the northern edge. Common nettle (Urtica dioica) is the dominant species in the field layer, with some dog's mercury (Mercurialis perennis) and occasional ground ivy (Glechoma hederacea). Herb robert (Geranium robertianum) becomes more frequent in the south half of this block, with occasional germander speedwell (Veronica chamedrys) and three-nerved sandwort (Moehringia trinervia).

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NB Dickleburgh Moor, which is not included here, has since been made a County Wildlife site

County Wildlife Site Survey 2019 for St.Clement's Common

WILDLIFE IN COMMON SURVEY

NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

County Wildlife Site Survey Form (Ref. No. 2196)

Site Name: St Clement's Common Grid reference: TM 192 820 District: South Norfolk Parish: Dickleborough Area: 1.25 acres Survey date: Various from May to September 2019

Registered Common Number: CL 443

A site consisting of three small semi-improved, neutral grassland meadows surrounded by tall hedges with mature trees. Ditches with hedges/scrub, some of which are seasonally wet, border the site. Some stretches of the ditches are quite deep. A drainage ditch with scrub crosses the site, west to east.

The most species-rich area of grassland is the northern meadow with a small number of bee orchids (*Ophrys apifera*), southern marsh orchids (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*) and pyramidal orchids (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) present – all occurring in a damp area in the north east. Also here is false fox sedge (*Carex otrubae*) and cowslip (*Primula veris*), as well as coarser grassland species such as creeping thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*) and nettle (*Urtica dioica*). There is one pond in the north-east corner with mature trees and scrub surrounding it, and little vegetation present in the pond itself.

The largest meadow (marked as meadow 2 on the map) is maintained as short, amenity grassland for community activities.

The smallest meadow (meadow 3) is coarser grassland with, in places, dominating nettle, cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*), false oat grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*) and increasing blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) scrub. A small pond has been shaded out by blackthorn and bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) scrub.



Practical task carried out on St. Clement's Common under the Wildlife in Common project (2019)

Hay raking meadow 1



WILDLIFE IN COMMON SURVEY

Annotated habitat map:



Target Notes:

Meadow 1

Semi-improved neutral grassland with a boundary of hedgerow and trees and scrub. Scattered trees and scrub surrounding a deep sided pond with little aquatic or marginal vegetation. The tall hedge has hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), field maple (*Acer campestre*) and blackthorn.

The western section of the meadow slopes gently down to the east, with a damper area here being more species-rich, with a few flower spikes of bee orchid, southern marsh orchid and pyramidal orchid, also false fox sedge and cowslip.

The main grassland is drier and coarser, supporting Yorkshire fog (*Holcus lanatus*), meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), with frequent perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*) and cocksfoot. Also white clover (*Trifolium repens*), silverweed (*Potentilla anserina*), creeping buttercup (*Ranunculus repens*), meadow buttercup (*Ranunculus acris*), frequent ground ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*), and increasing broad-leaved dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*). Patches of nettles are occasional.

Two areas of planted trees, some ornamental, to the south east have birch (*Betula pendula*), cherry (*Prunus* sp.), horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and beech (*Fagus sylvatica*).

A deep pond is heavily shaded by tall trees and scrub, with no aquatic species visible, and was almost dry at the time of surveying.

Meadow 2

Semi-improved neutral grassland, with hedgerow and trees and scrub, kept as an amenity for village recreation.

Meadow 2 is rectangular in size, bordered on all sides by tall hedges, with no signs of recent maintenance including hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, elm (*Ulmus* sp.), holly (*llex aquifolium*) and hazel (*Corylus avellana*).

This area is kept mown, with species including patches of selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*) and ground ivy.

Meadow 3 (Also known as the "Old Stackyard")

Semi-improved neutral grassland, with hedgerow and trees. Increasing scrub now covers a small depression. This pond is about 10 years old, and has blackthorn and bramble scrub which is increasing to the north across the grassland.

Meadow 3 is narrow and bounded by high hedges with ditches, and is species-poor, with areas dominated by nettle and coarse grasses. This area is less managed than the other meadows, and is becoming quite coarse, supporting cocksfoot, false oat grass, Yorkshire fog, hogweed, white dead nettle (*Lamium album*) and green alkanet (*Pentaglottis sempervirens*).

Other notable species:

Include non-plant species eg turtle dove/barn owl/dingy skipper

Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) Common pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*) Noctule bat (*Eptesicus serotinus*)

See fauna list for other species recorded.

Adjacent habitats/potential buffer zones & linkage to other sites:

There is agricultural land surrounding the common, with country lanes to the north and west, with residential buildings to the north east of the site.

Is the site in positive conservation management?

The 'amenity grassland' meadow is mown regularly – the other two grassland areas are occasionally mown.

The increasing amounts of scrub in the southwest meadow are occasionally reduced, as are the nettles.

Brief management proposals:

Eg should the site be grazed/cut & raked off/coppiced/thinned etc

Management statement reviewed in 2019 and copy sent to the parish council.

Has a site condition assessment form been completed for this site? Yes

To be filled in by Conservation Officer, final assessment of site: April 2020

HabitatCriteria passed onCriteria failed onCommentsGrassland2, 7Hedgerows1 2 3 4 5 7

Site qualifies as grassland with hedgerows, bit being of equal value on this site.

Recommendations:

 □ Site remains CWS (boundary unchanged)
 □ Site deleted
 □ Boundary altered (specify)
 Notify site as CWS

Site Images (By Anne Acres)



PLANT LIST

County Wildlife Site name & reference number: St Clement's Common, Rushall (2196) Surveyors: Anne Acres, Anne Langley, Sarah Day

Scientific name	Common name	Comments/Location
Acer campestre	Field Maple	

Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse chestnut	
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard	
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Fox Tail Grass	
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid	1 flower spike seen
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley	-
Arctium sp.	Burdock	
Arrhenatherum elatius	False oat grass	
Arum maculatum	Lords and Ladies	
Bellis perennis	Daisy	-
Betula pendula	Silver Birch	
Brachypodium sylvaticum	False Brome	
Bryonia alba	White Bryony	
Calystegia sepium	Hedge Bindweed	
Carclamine pratensis	Cuckoo Flower	
Carex otrubae	False fox sedge	
Carex remota	Remote sedge	
Scientific name	Common name	Comments/Location
Centaurea nigra	Knapweed	
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle	
Cirsrium vulgare	Spear Thistle	-
Chaerophyllum temulum	Rough Chervil	
Conopodium majus	Pignut	
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	
Cornus sanguinea	Dogwood	
Corylus avellana	Hazel	
Crataegus laevigata	Midland Hawthorn	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	
		Cardon casana
Cynoglossum officinale	Hounds-tongue	Garden escape
Cytisus scoparius	Broom	
Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot grass	
Dactylorhiza fushsii	Common Spotted Orchid	4.0
Dactylorhiza praetermissa	Southern marsh orchid	1 flower spike seen
Dryopteris filix-mas	Male Fern	
Epilobium hirsutum	Great Willow Herb	
Equisetum arvense	Horsetail	
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	
Fallopia convolvulus	Black Bindweed	
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash	
Galanthus nivalis	Snowdrop	
Galium aparine	Cleavers	
Geranium dissectum	Cranesbill – Cut leaf	
Geranium robertianum	Herb-Robert	
Geum urbanum	Wood Avens	
Glechoma hederacea	Ground-ivy	
Hedera helix	lvy	
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed	
Hippuris vulgaris	Mare's Tail	
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	
llex aquifolium	Holly	
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	
Lamium album	White Dead Nettle	
	Red Dead Nettle	

Lapsana communis	Nipplewort	
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	
Mercurialis perennis	Dog's Mercury	
Myosotis scorpioides	Forget-me-not	
Narcissus sp.	Daffodil	Garden escapes
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid	5 flower spikes seen
Pentaglottis sempervirens	Green Alkanet	5 nower spikes seen
Plantago major	Greater Plantain	
Phleum pratense	Timothy	
Polygonum aviculare	Common Knotgrass	
Populus sp.	Poplar	
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed	
Potentilla repens	Creeping cinquefoil	
Primula veris	Cowslip - leaves only	
Primula vulgaris	Primrose	
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal	
Scientific name	Common name	Comments/Location
Prunus avium	Cherry - wild	Somments/Location
Prunus avium Prunus domestica	Bullace	
	Blackthorn	
Prunus spinosa Quercus robur	Oak	
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	
Ranunculus ficaria	Lesser Celandine	
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	
Rosa arvensis	Field - Rose (white)	
Rosa canina	Dogrose Bramble	
Rubus fructicosus agg.	Dock	
Rumex sp. Rumex conglomeratus	Clustered Dock	
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Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved dock	
Salix babylonica	Weeping Willow Goat willow	
Salix caprea	Crack Willow	
Salix fragilis	Elder	
Sambucus nigra		
Scrophularia nodosa Silene album	Common Figwort	
Silene dioica	White campion Red Campion	
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet	
Sonchus asper	Prickly sow-thistle Woundwort - Hedge	
Stachys sylvatica Stellaria graminea	Lesser Stitchwort	
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Stellaria media	Chickweed - common	
Symphytum officinale	Comfrey Block Bryony	
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	
Taraxacum agg.	Dandelion	
Tilia cordata	Small Leaved Lime	
Tilia × europaea	Lime	
Trifolium repens	White Clover	
Ulmus procera salisb	Elm	
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle	
Veronica chamaedrys	Speedwell - germander	
Vicia sativa	Common Vetch	
Viola riviniana	Common Dog Violet	

Fungi records

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Scientific name	Common name	Comment
Aleuria aurantia	Orange Peel	
Agaricus campestris	Field Mushroom	
Clitocybe nebularis	Clouded Funnel	
Macrolepiota procera	Parasol	
Trametes versicolor	Many-zoned Polypore (Turkeytail)	

Fauna List

Date	Common name	Scientific name
1-09-18	Long Tailed Tit	Aegithalos caudatus
9-10-18	Red Legged Partridge	Alectoris rufa
4-05-19	Swift	Apus apus
4-08-18	Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo
2-02-19	Greenfinch	Carduelis chloris
9-06-18	Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus
9-06-18	Rook	Corvus frugilegus
1-09-18	Bluetit	Cyanistes caeruleus
2-02-19	Robin	Erithacus rubecula
4-05-19	Chaffinch	Fringilla coelebs
8-1-19	Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus
4-08-18	Swallow	Hirundo rustica
2-02-19	Herring Gull	Larus argentatus
7-07-18	Linnet	Linaria cannabina
3-1-19	Coal Tit	Periparus ater
4-08-18	Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis
8-1-19	Magpie	Pica pica
1-09-18	Pheasant	Phasianus colchicus
7-07-18	Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita
7-07-18	Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula
7-07-18	Goldcrest	Regulus regulas
7-07-18	Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur
7-07-18	Blackcap	Sylvia atricapilla
1-09-18	Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes
7-07-19	Blackbird	Turdus merula
-01-19	Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris

Date	Common name	Scientific name
12-02-19	Honey Bee	Apis mellifera
19-06-18	Garden Bumblebee	Bombus hortorum
17-07-19	Tree Bumblebee	Bombus hypnorum
17-07-19	Red tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lapidarius
14-05-19	White Tailed Bumblebee	Bombus lucorum
17-07-18	Buff Tailed Bumblebee	Bombus terrestris
17-07-18	Vestal Cuckoo Bee	Bombus vestalis
Moth Records		
Date	Common name	Scientific name
19-06-18	Grass veneer moth	Agriphila tristella
17-07-18	Beautiful plume moth	Amblyptilia acanthadactyla
24-07-18	Silver Y moth	Syngrapha interrogationis
Butterfly Records	1	
Date	Common name	Scientific name
14-05-19	Orange tip	Anthocharis cardamines
17-17-18	Ringlet	Aphantopus hyperantus
19-06-18	Meadow brown	Maniola jurtina
11-09-19	Speckled wood	Pararge aegeria
17-07-18	Large white	Pieris brassicae
17-07-18	Small white	Pieris rapae
17-17-18	Comma	
17-17-18	Comma	Polygonia c-album
14-05-19	Common blue	Polyommatus icarus
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Date	Common name	Scientific name
14-08-18	Emperor	Anax imperator
17-07-18	Azure damselfly	Coenagrion puella
17-07-18	Common darter	Sympetrum striolatum
Other Invertebrat	e Records	
Date	Common name	Scientific name
17-07-18	2-spot ladybird	Adalia bipunctata
17-07-18	Field grasshopper	Chorthippus brunneus
17-7-18	Meadow grasshopper	Chorthippus parallelus
17-07-18	Twin-lobed deer fly	Chrysops relictus
19-03-19	7-spot ladybird	Coccinella septempunctata
17-07-18	Marmalade hoverfly	Episyrphus balteatus
17-07-18	Drone fly	Eristalis pertuax
Date	Common name	Scientific name
17-07-18	Harlequin ladybird	Harmonia axyridis
19-06-18	Cuckoo spit (spittle bug)	Philaenus spumarius
17-07-18	14-spot ladybird	Propylea quattuordecimpunctata
17-07-18	Common red soldier Beetle	Rhagonycha fulva
17-07-18	Flesh fly	Sarcophaga carnaria
17-07-18	Hoverfly	Sphaerophoria scripta
17-07-18	Hoverfly	Sphaerophoria taeniata
17-07-18	Hoverfly	Syrphus ribesii
17-07-18	Gall fly	Terellia tussilaginis
14-08-18	Hornet	Vespa crabro
17-07-18	Great pied hoverfly	Volucella pellucens
17-7-18	Common wasp	Vespula vulgaris

County Wildlife Site Survey 2018 for St.Clement's Common

WILDLIFE IN COMMON SURVEY

County Wildlife Site Survey Form (Ref. No.)

Site Name: St Clement's Common Grid reference: TM 192 820 District: South Norfolk Parish: Dickleburgh Area: 1.2 acres Survey date: Various from May to September 2018

Registered common: CL 443

Annotated habitat map if available:



Habitat description

A site consisting of three small semi-improved, neutral grassland meadows surrounded by tall hedges with mature trees. Ditches with hedges/scrub, some of which are seasonally wet, border the site. A drainage ditch with scrub crosses the site, west to east.

The most species-rich area of grassland is the northern meadow with a small number of bee orchid (*Ophrys apifera*), southern marsh orchid (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*) and pyramidal orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*) present – all occurring in a damp area in the north east. Also here is false fox sedge (*Carex otrubae*) and cowslip (*Primula veris*), as well as coarser grassland species such as creeping thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), hogweed (*Heracleum sphondylium*) and nettle (*Urtica dioica*). There is one pond in the north-east corner with mature trees and scrub surrounding it, and little vegetation present in the pond itself.

The largest meadow (marked as meadow 2 on the map) is maintained as short, amenity grassland for community activities.

The smallest meadow (meadow 3) is coarser grassland with, in places, dominating nettle, cocksfoot (*Dactylis glomerata*), false oat grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*) and increasing blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*) scrub. A small pond has been shaded out by blackthorn and bramble (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.) scrub.

TARGET NOTES

<u>'Meadow 1'</u> – Semi-improved neutral grassland (B2.2) with a boundary of hedgerow and trees (J2.3) and scrub (A2). Scattered trees and scrub surrounding a deep sided pond with little vegetation (G1). The tall hedge has hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), field maple (*Acer campestre*) and blackthorn.

The western section of the meadow slopes gently down to the east, with a damper area here being more species-rich, with a few flower spikes of bee orchid (*Ophrys apifera*), southern marsh orchid (*Dactylorhiza praetermissa*) and pyramidal orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*), also false fox sedge and cowslip.

Two areas of planted trees, some ornamental, to the south east have birch (*Betula pendula*), cherry (*Prunus* sp.), horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and beech (*Fagus sylvatica*). A deep pond is heavily shaded by tall trees and scrub, with no plant life visible, and was almost dry at the time of surveying.

"Meadow 2" – Semi-improved neutral grassland (B2.2), with hedgerow and trees (J2.3) and scrub (A2)

Meadow 2 is rectangular in size, bordered on all sides by tall hedges, with no signs of recent maintenance including hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, elm (*Ulmus* sp.), holly (*llex aquifolium*) and hazel (*Corylus avellana*).

This area is kept mown, with species including selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*) and ground ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*).

<u>Meadow 3</u> (Also known as the "Old Stackyard") – Semi-improved neutral grassland (B2.2), with hedgerow and trees (J2.3). Increasing scrub (A2) now covers a pond.

Meadow 3 is narrow and bounded by high hedges with ditches, and is species-poor, with areas dominated by nettle and coarse grasses. This is the least managed area of the site.

Other notable species:

Include non-plant species eg turtle dove/barn owl/dingy skipper

Hedgehog, common pipistrelle, noctule bat (see fauna list for other species recorded).

Adjacent habitats/potential buffer zones & linkage to other sites:

Is the site next to another CWS/SSSI? Is there similar habitat adjacent or is the site surrounded by agricultural land?

There is agricultural land surrounding the common, with country lanes to the north and west, with residential buildings to the north east of the site.

Is the site in positive conservation management? Partly

The 'amenity grassland' meadow is mown regularly – the other two grassland areas are occasionally mown.

The increasing amounts of scrub in the southwest meadow are occasionally reduced, as are the nettles.

Brief management proposals:

Eg should the site be grazed/cut & raked off/coppiced/thinned etc

Cutting and raking/collecting of cut material would improve conditions for wildflowers across the site.

Cut hedges on rotation, so that there are always flowers/fruit available for wildlife.

Reduce scrub around ponds.

Has a site condition assessment form been completed for this site? Yes

Images by Anne Acres



Scientific name	Common name	Comments/Location
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash	
Fagus sylvatica	Beech	
Prunus spinosa	Blackthorn	
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet	
Rubus fructicosus agg.	Bramble	
Tamus communis	Black Bryony	
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	
Arctium sp.	Burdock	
Prunus avium	Cherry - wild	
Stellaria media	Chickweed - common	
Galium aparine	Cleavers	
Dactylis glomerata	Cocksfoot grass	
Symphytum sp.	Comfrey	
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle	
Primula veris	Cowslip - leaves only	
Geranium dissectum	Cranesbill – Cut leaf	
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle	
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	
Taraxacum agg.	Dandelion	
Rumex sp.	Dock	
Rosa canina	Dogrose	
Cornus sanguinea	Dogwood	
Sambucus nigra	Elder	
Ulmus sp.	Elm	
Rosa arvensis	Field - Rose (white)	
Acer campestre	Field Maple	
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard	
Plantago major	Greater Plantain	
Glechoma hederacea	Ground-ivy	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	
Corylus avellana	Hazel	
llex aquifolium	Holly	
Hedera helix	lvy	
Tilia sp.	Lime	
Arum maculatum	Lords and Ladies	
Quercus robur	Oak	
Populus	Poplar	
Sonchus asper	Prickly sow-thistle	
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal	
Cirsrium vulgare	Spear Thistle	
Veronica chamaedrys	Speedwell - germander	
Ranunculus repens	White Clover	
Geum urbanum	Wood Avens	
Scrophularia nodosa	Common Figwort	
Myosotis sp.	Forget-me-not	
Pentaglottis sempervirens	Green Alkanet	
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PLANT LIST County Wildlife Site name & reference number: St Clement's Common, Rushall

Scientific name	Common name	Comments/Location
Leontodon sp.	Hawkbit	
Geranium robertianum	Herb-Robert	
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed	
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	
Urtica dioica	Nettle	
Conopodium majus	Pignut	
Silene dioica	Red Campion	
Sonchus sp.	Sowthistle	
Bryonia alba	White Bryony	
Silene latifolia	White Campion	
Lamium album	White Dead Nettle	
Prunus sp.	Wild Damson	
Stachys sylvatica	Woundwort - Hedge	
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid	2 flower spikes seen
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet	
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley	
Salix fragilis	Crack Willow	
Potentilla repens	Creeping cinquefoil	
Bellis perennis	Daisy	
Brachypodium sylvaticum	False Brome	
Carex otrubae	False fox sedge	
Arrhenatherum elatius	False oat grass	
Salix caprea	Goat willow	
Corylus avellana	Hazel	
Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse chestnut	
Equisetum sp.	Horsetail	
Centaurea nigra	Knapweed	
Polygonum sp.	Knotgrass	
Tilia sp.	Lime	
Dactylorhiza praetermissa	Southern marsh orchid	1 flower spike seen
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Fox Tail Grass	
Lapsana communis	Nipplewort	
Anacamptis pyramidalis	Pyramidal Orchid	1 flower spike seen
Carex remota	Remote sedge	·
Betula pendula	Silver Birch	
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed	
Juncus effusus	Soft Rush	
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire fog	

Fauna List

Common name	Scientific name
Blackbird	Turdus merula
Bluetit	Cyanistes caeruleus
Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis
Longtail tit	Aegithalos caudatus
Robin	Erithacus rubecula
Rook	Corvus frugilegus
Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Swift	Apus apus
Wren	Troglodytes troglodytes
Wood pigeon	Columba palumbus

Common name	Scientific name	
Red tailed bumblebee	Bombus lapidarius	
Silver Y moth	Syngrapha interrogationis	
Commom Blue butterfly	Polyommatus icarus	
Grass veneer moth	Agriphila tristella	
Small white butterfly	Pieris rapae	
Common frog	Rana temporaria	
Rabbit	Oryctolagus cuniculus	
Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus	
Common pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	
Noctule bat	Nyctalus noctula	
7 spot lady bird	Coccinella septempunctata	
Hornet	Vespa crabro	