

Cherwell District Wildlife Site selection form

Site Name: The Slade	Site code: 43H01
Survey date(s): 3rd July 2015	Grid ref: SP425355
Permission to survey: Yes	

1. Wildlife Value Criteria																																																																																																																																												
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	Birds	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Tawny Owl	Bird-Amber	1986
	Birds	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Starling	NERC-S41; Bird-Red	1986
	Birds	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Redwing	WACA-Sch1-p1; Bird-Red	2009
	Birds	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Song Thrush	NERC-S41; Bird-Red	2003
	Birds	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Fieldfare	WACA-Sch1-p1 Bird-Red	2009
	Birds	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Mistle Thrush	Bird-Red	2003
	Birds	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Lapwing	NERC-S41; Bird-Red	1986
	Higher Plants	<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>	Bluebell	WACA-Sch8	2015
	Higher Plants	<i>Plantago media</i>	Hoary Plantain	RL-Eng-post2001-NT	1986
	Higher Plants	<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	Tormentil	RL-Eng-post2001-NT	1985
	Higher Plants	<i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	Ragged-Robin	RL-Eng-post2001-NT	2015
	Higher Plants	<i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	Common Valerian	RL-Eng-post2001-NT	2015
	Invertebrates - Butterflies	<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	Small Heath	NERC-S41 RL-GB-post2001-NT	1986
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	Invertebrates - Molluscs	<i>Arion (Arion) ater</i>	Large Black Slug	RL-GB-post2001-DD	1993
	Invertebrates - Moths	<i>Amphipyra tragopoginis</i>	Mouse Moth	NERC-S41	1991
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	Invertebrates - Moths	<i>Ennomos erosaria</i>	September Thorn	NERC-S41	1991
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	Invertebrates - Moths	<i>Spilosoma lutea</i>	Buff Ermine	NERC-S41	1986
	Invertebrates - Moths	<i>Timandra comae</i>	Blood-vein	NERC-S41	1986
	Invertebrates - Moths	<i>Watsonalla binaria</i>	Oak Hook-tip	NERC-S41	1991
	Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Myotis daubentonii</i>	Daubenton's Bat	HabDir-A4; HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b	2003
	Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Myotis mystacinus</i>	Whiskered Bat	HabDir-A4; HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b	2002
	Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Common Pipistrelle	HabDir-A4; HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b	2004
	Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</i>	Soprano Pipistrelle	HabDir-A4; HabReg-Sch2, WACA-Sch5-s9.4b/s9.4c/s9.5a/s9.5b NERC-S41	2002
	Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	Brown Hare	NERC-S41	1986
	Mammals - Terrestrial	<i>Meles meles</i>	Eurasian Badger	Badgers-1992	2003
	Reptiles	<i>Natrix helvetica</i>	Grass Snake	WACA-Sch5-s9.1k/s9.5a NERC-S41	1986
1C. Size or extent of	The site covers 2.1 ha, with approximately 0.4 ha of lowland fen, 0.7 ha wet				x

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1E. Connectivity within the landscape	The site is quite isolated in a predominantly arable landscape, with residential development at Bloxham to the east.								x
1F. Fragility	The site is not included on the ancient woodland inventory. Secondary woodland is generally considered a robust habitat but management is needed to maintain open areas of the site.								x

2. Access to nature & education value criteria		
2A. Naturalness (Semi-natural habitat including non-priority habitat)		n/a
2B. Value for appreciation of nature	There is good access with a path around the site.	✓
2C. Value for learning	The site has been used for educational visits. Sue Marchand has recent examples of specific education events.	✓
2D. Recorded history and cultural associations	There were previous surveys in 1986, 1991 (moths), 2002 (butterflies and bats), 2003 (birds and mammals), 2004 (birds and moths), 2007 (birds and butterflies), 2008 (birds), 2009 (birds). The site used to be a BBOWT reserve.	✓
Does the site qualify for selection?	Sites should be selected where they meet - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria 1A and at least one of - 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F, 2B, 2C, or 2D; or • Criteria 1B; or • Criteria 2A and at least one of 2B, 2C, or 2D YES	
Comments	The site meets criteria 1A, 1B, 1D, 2B, 2C and 2D. It is accepted as a Cherwell District Wildlife Site.	