

CITATION

NORTH BERWICK LAW SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST East Lothian

Site code 1228

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NT 555842

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 66 / 67
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Sheet 351

AREA: 33.61 ha.

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Biological: Lowland grassland: Lowland calcareous grassland

DESCRIPTION

North Berwick Law Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is located approximately one kilometre south of North Berwick, East Lothian. The steep sides of this volcanic plug are covered with large areas of unimproved, mineral rich grassland, a rare and declining habitat in East Lothian. This is an extensive and representative area of this habitat.

Several vascular plant species indicative of base-rich conditions are present, including lady's bedstraw *Galium verum*, burnet-saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga*, wild thyme *Thymus polytrichus*, knotted clover *Trifolium striatum* and maiden pink *Dianthus deltoides*. The UK BAP priority species purple milk-vetch *Astragalus danicus*, not normally found inland and the Red Data List species meadow saxifrage *Saxifraga granulata* are also known from the site.

Although not notified, the site also contains a number of rare bryophytes.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1952
Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 15 August 1983 with an 18.1 ha decrease in area.
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 21 April 2010
Partial denotification confirmed under the 2004 Act: 13 January 2015 with a 5.22 ha reduction in area

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected (from 38.44 ha).