

**CITATION****UPPER NETHAN VALLEY WOODS  
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**  
South Lanarkshire

Site code: 1582

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NS 802448, NS 817458

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 71, 72  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 335

AREA: 76.82 hectares

**NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES****Biological: Woodlands: Upland mixed ash woodland****Biological: Woodlands: Wet woodland****DESCRIPTION**

Upper Nethan Valley Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) covers two sections of riverine/gorge woodland along the River Nethan north east of Blackwood. These woodlands contain good examples of upland mixed ash woodland and slope alderwood on the wet, base-enriched mid and lower valley sides. The level ground at the bottom of the gorge supports base-rich springline alderwoods which are also an unusual woodland habitat type in South Lanarkshire. The drier slopes of the gorge support ash-elm woodland with areas dominated by oak. Secondary birch-dominated deciduous woodland is a feature of disturbed areas with herb-rich grassland within clearings.

**NOTIFICATION HISTORY**

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1980

Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 4 September 1986, with a 1.4ha increase in area

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 29 April 2010

**REMARKS**

Measured area of site corrected (from 81.5 ha).

Upper Nethan Valley Woods SSSI is designated as part of the Clyde Valley Woods Special Area of Conservation (SAC) for the European habitat listed below.

Habitat: Mixed woodland on base-rich soils associated with rocky slopes