

## CITATION

**OTTERSWICK**  
**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST**  
Shetland Islands

Site code: 8109

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: HU 492861

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 1  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 470

AREA: 1388.32 hectares

## NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

**Biological: Birds : Red-throated diver (*Gavia stellata*), breeding**

## DESCRIPTION

Otterswick SSSI is located in the south of the island of Yell, in Shetland. The site is covered in an extensive peat layer; one of the largest areas of peatland in Shetland. Lochans and peatland pools across the site regularly support a nationally important breeding population of red-throated diver, representing more than 1% of the British population.

## NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1981 Act: 05 December 2000 covering 1424.5 ha.  
(Notification confirmed on 08 August 2001 with a 36.18 ha reduction in area).

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 21 November 2010

## REMARKS

Otterswick SSSI is also designated as part of the Otterswick and Graveland Special Protection Area (SPA), which is designated for the birds listed below.

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