

EC Directive 79/409 on the Conservation of Wild Birds

CITATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION AREA (SPA)

**RENFREWSHIRE HEIGHTS
(UK9020295)**

Site Description:

Renfrewshire Heights Special Protection Area (SPA) comprises a large area of upland moorland south of Greenock. The area is mainly covered by blanket mire, wet and dry heaths, and rough grassland. Much of the heath and mire is dominated by dwarf shrubs, especially heather *Calluna vulgaris*.

The boundaries of the SPA are coincident with those of the Renfrewshire Heights SSSI.

Qualifying Interest:

Renfrewshire Heights SPA qualifies under **Article 4.1** by regularly supporting a breeding population of European importance of the **Annex 1** species **hen harrier** *Circus cyaneus* (an average of 10 breeding females annually between 1998 and 2004, 2% of GB).

Area: 8,943.24ha.

National Grid Reference: NS280660

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