

# EC Directive 92/43 on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora

## Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

**Name:** Harbottle Moors  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Northumberland  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** NT907041  
**SAC EU code:** UK0030333  
**Area (ha):** 936.30  
**Component SSSI:** Harbottle Moors SSSI

### Site description:

Harbottle Moors is an area of upland dry heath lying just below 400m altitude. Situated on the sandstone ridges, the dry heath community is dominated by heather *Calluna vulgaris* with some crowberry *Empetrum nigrum*, bilberry *Vaccinium myrtillus*, bell heather (*Erica cinerea*) and bracken *Pteridium aquilinum*. The vegetation also has a diverse age structure supporting relatively large areas of mature and degenerate growth forms across the site. This may reflect a fairly un-intensive management history with regard to grazing and burning.

**Qualifying habitats:** The site is designated under **article 4(4)** of the Directive (92/43/EEC) as it hosts the following habitats listed in Annex I:

- European dry heaths

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.  
Register reference number: UK0030333  
Date of registration: 14 June 2005  
Signed: *Trew Salmon*  
On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,  
Food and Rural Affairs