

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Rex Graham Reserve
Unitary Authority/County: Suffolk
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: TL737746
SAC EU code: UK0019866
Area (ha): 2.67
Component SSSI: Rex Graham Reserve SSSI

Site description:


Rex Graham Reserve is a disused chalk pit and surrounding land most of which is developing dry calcareous grassland characterised by false oat-grass *Arrhenatherum elatius*. The site supports the largest population of military orchid *Orchis militaris* in the UK. The pit also contains a large number of bushes of mezereon *Daphne mezereon* which is also rare as a wild plant. Other species found on the site include twayblade *Listera ovata*, adder's tongue *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, ploughman's spikenard *Inula conyza* and mullein *Verbascum thapsus*.

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:

- Semi-natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies: on calcareous substrates (*Festuco-Brometalia*) (important orchid sites). (Dry grasslands and scrublands on chalk or limestone, including important orchid sites)*

Annex I priority habitats are denoted by an asterisk (*).

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0019866
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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs