

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Hestercombe House
Unitary Authority/County: Somerset
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: ST240287
SAC EU code: UK0030168
Area (ha): 0.08
Component SSSI: Hestercombe House SSSI

Site description:

Hestercombe House is a former country house and estate consisting of mixed woodland, pasture, lakes and landscaped gardens. A colony of lesser horseshoe bats *Rhinolophus hipposideros* utilise two roof voids within the former stable block and domestic outbuildings as maternity (breeding) roosts during the summer months, with a small number of bats also using the roofs as hibernation sites during the winter.

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

- Lesser horseshoe bat *Rhinolophus hipposideros*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0030168
Date of registration: 14 June 2005

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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs