

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

Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Name: Kirk Deighton
Unitary Authority/County: North Yorkshire
SAC status: Designated on 1 April 2005
Grid reference: SU824110
SAC EU code: UK0030178
Area (ha): 4.03
Component SSSI: Kirk Deighton SSSI

Site description:

Great crested newts *Triturus cristatus* breed in a large pond set in a depression in grazed pasture. This main breeding pond has a water level that fluctuates widely, sometimes leading to pond desiccation. As a result, there is relatively little aquatic vegetation but egg-laying occurs and recruitment is successful intermittently; however, a large population is present, demonstrating this species' ability to thrive in temporary pond sites. Newts range across an area comprising pasture with old hedgerows.

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:

- Great crested newt *Triturus cristatus*

This citation relates to a site entered in the Register of European Sites for Great Britain.
Register reference number: UK0030178
Date of registration: 14 June 2005
Signed: *Trew Salmon*
On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs