

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

**Citation for Special Area of Conservation (SAC)**

**Name:** Carrine Common  
**Unitary Authority/County:** Cornwall  
**SAC status:** Designated on 1 April 2005  
**Grid reference:** SW798438  
**SAC EU code:** UK0012795  
**Area (ha):** 45.86  
**Component SSSI:** Carrine Common and Penwethers SSSI

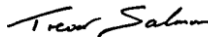
**Site description:**

The site supports a variety of habitats, ranging from western lowland heath, scrub and herb-rich hay meadows on drier slopes, to low-lying areas with impeded drainage, which support wet heath, willow *Salix* spp. carr, streamside and mire vegetation. Carrine Common supports dry dwarf shrub heath, dominated by heather *Calluna vulgaris*, bell heather *Erica cinerea*, western gorse *Ulex gallii* and bristle bent *Agrostis curtisii*. Dorset heath *Erica ciliaris*, is locally dominant in the southeast of the Common. This is the largest population of Dorset heath in Cornwall, and is unusual in that it occurs here in dry rather than wet heath.

**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:

- Temperate Atlantic wet heaths with *Erica ciliaris* and *Erica tetralix*. (Wet heathland with Dorset heath and cross-leaved heath)\*
- European dry heaths

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.  
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