

**Site Name:** Parr Hall Millennium Green

**Site Area:** 3.07 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ525962

**Date of Designation:** December 1986      **District:** St. Helens

**Date of Last Revision:** December 2003      **Local Site Number:** 57

**CITATION:** An exceptionally rich and varied marsh and grassland which has existed for at least 200 years. The site consists of both marsh and grassland and the site contains a number of regionally and locally important species. Water voles are also present on this stretch of the St. Helens canal.

**APPRAISAL:** This site has been evaluated against the guidelines approved by the Council for selection of Local Sites. The site's evaluation against the guidelines is set out below.

<b>Guideline</b>		<b>Comment</b>
<b>HABITATS</b>		
H1;	Rarity	4 priority BAP habitats; 4 priority Habitats Directive habitats; 3 regionally important habitats.
H2;	Diversity	15 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	19 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
<b>PLANTS</b>		
SP1;	Rarity	6 regionally important species; 3 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 181 plant species. One of 58 sites with more than 100 species.
SP3;	Naturalness	87.84% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
SP4.	Nationally Rare	--
<b>ANIMALS</b>		
General		
SP5;	Rare/priority	--
Birds		
B1;	Non-breeding population	--
B2;	Breeding population	--
B3;	Regional rare/scare	--
B4;	Breeding assemblage	--
B5.	Assemblage, breeding, wintering, passage.	--
Dragonflies		
Od1.	Breeding	--
Od2.	Regional rare/scarce	--
Butterflies		
Bf1;	Region rare breeding	--
Bf2.	Breeding assemblage	--
Amphibians		
A1;	Rarity	--
A2.	Exceptional populations	--
Reptiles		
R1	Population of native species.	--
R2;	Exceptional population	--
Bats		
Bat1;	Roost	--
Bat2.	Assemblage	--
Mammals		
Mam1.	Breeding	Guideline met – Water vole.

**SUMMARY:** The combination of these factors has led to this site being identified as a Local Site.

NOTE: Validated data from 1981 to December 2003 have been used in this assessment. Other data may become available to support this designation.

## Status of features of nature conservation importance

### Habitats

#### **4 Priority BAP habitats**

Unimproved acid grassland  
Unimproved neutral grassland  
Unimproved calcareous grassland  
Marsh

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#### **3 Regionally important habitats (North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Unimproved acid grassland  
Unimproved neutral grassland  
Marshy grassland

### Plants

#### **6 Regionally important species (North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Yellow-wort (*Blackstonia perfoliata*)  
Cyperus sedge (*Carex pseudocyperus*)  
Yellow-sedge (*Carex viridula* Ssp. *viridula*)  
Field Pepperwort (*Lepidium campestre*)  
Early Forget-me-not (*Myosotis ramosissima*)  
Common Comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*)

#### **3 Locally rare species**

Yellow sedge (*Carex viridula* Ssp. *viridula*)  
Lesser Hawkbit (*Leontodon saxitilis*)  
Early Forget-me-not (*Myosotis ramosissima*)

### Animals

#### **Mammals**

#### **1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 5 species**

Water vole (*Arvicola aquaticus*)

