

Site Name: Clinkham Wood

Site Area: 7.91 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ515980

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

Date of Last Revision: December 2003 **Local Site Number:** 36

CITATION: This broadleaf deciduous woodland managed as a community woodland site. The woodland contains a diverse range of habitats including a stream and rock outcrops which support a range on nationally, regionally and locally important species including a number of bryophytes.

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.

Guideline		Comment
HABITATS		
H1;	Rarity	2 priority BAP habitats; 2 priority Habitats Directive habitats; 2 regionally important habitats.
H2;	Diversity	9 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	16 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 1 species of conservation concern; 1 regionally important species; 14 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 172 plant species. One of 58 sites with more than 100 species.
SP3;	Naturalness	85.47% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
SP4.	Nationally Rare	--
ANIMALS		
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	--

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.

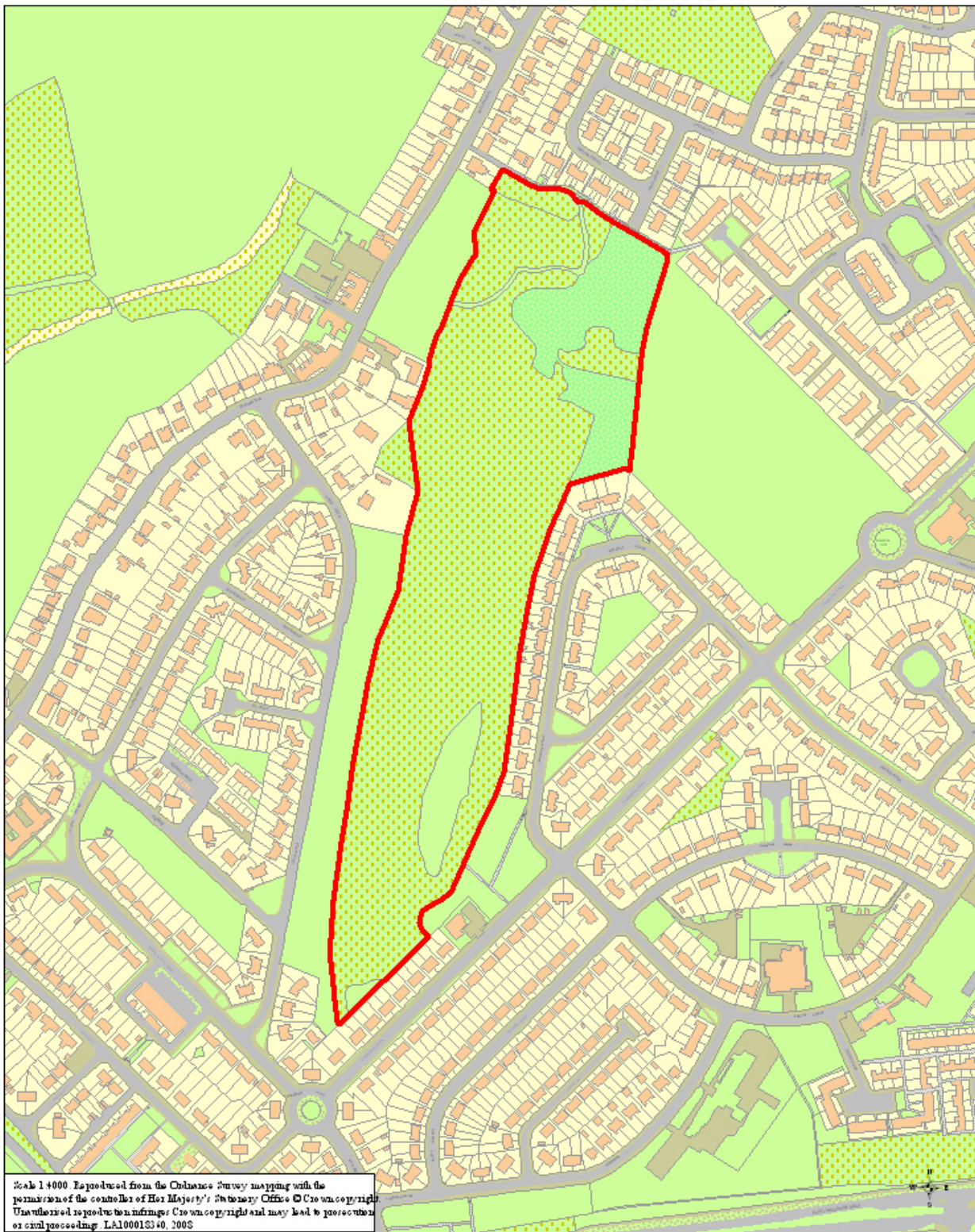
Status of features of nature conservation importance

Habitats

2 Priority BAP habitats	Unimproved acid grassland Unimproved neutral grassland
2 Priority Habitat Directive habitats	Unimproved acid grassland Unimproved neutral grassland
2 Regionally Important habitats (North West Biodiversity Audit)	Unimproved acid grassland Unimproved neutral grassland

Plants

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8 species	English Bluebell (<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>)
1 Species of conservation concern (UK Biodiversity Action Plan)	English Bluebell (<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>)
1 Regionally important species (North West Biodiversity Audit)	English Bluebell (<i>Hyacinthoides non-scripta</i>)
14 Locally rare species	A moss (<i>Amblystegium serpens</i> var. <i>serpens</i>) A moss (<i>Barbula recurvirostra</i>) A moss (<i>Brachythecium velutinum</i>) A moss (<i>Bryum capillare</i> var. <i>capillare</i>) A Moss (<i>Isoetecium myosuroides</i> var. <i>myosuroides</i>) Wood Forget-me-not (<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>) A moss (<i>Orthotrichum cupulatum</i> var. <i>cupulatum</i>), Green Alkanet (<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>) A moss (<i>Rhizomnium punctatum</i>) A moss (<i>Schistidium apocarpum</i> agg.) Red champion x White champion hybrid (<i>Silene x hampeana</i>) A moss (<i>Tortula muralis</i> var. <i>muralis</i>) A moss (<i>Tortula ruralis</i> Ssp. <i>ruraliformis</i>) Great Mullein (<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>)



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