

**Site Name:** Gallows Croft

**Site Area:** 1.41 hectares      **National Grid Reference:** SJ597941

**Date of Designation:** April 1994      **District:** St. Helens

**Date of Last Revision:** December 2003      **Local Site Number:** 97

**CITATION:** Mature broad-leaved woodland on the banks of a stream. The woodland is dominated by oak and sycamore with ground flora including species such as English bluebell, Creeping-jenny and Moschatel.

**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	1 regionally important habitat.
H2;	Diversity	6 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	26 sites within 1Km.
H4.	Isolation	--
<b>PLANTS</b>		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 1 species of conservation concern; 1 regionally important species; 4 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 55 plant species.
SP3;	Naturalness	92.73% 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		
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

**1 Regionally important habitat  
(North West Biodiversity Audit)**

Natural acid exposure

### Plants

**1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8  
species**

English Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

**1 Species of conservation concern**

English Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

**1 Regionally important species  
(North West Biodiversity Audit)**

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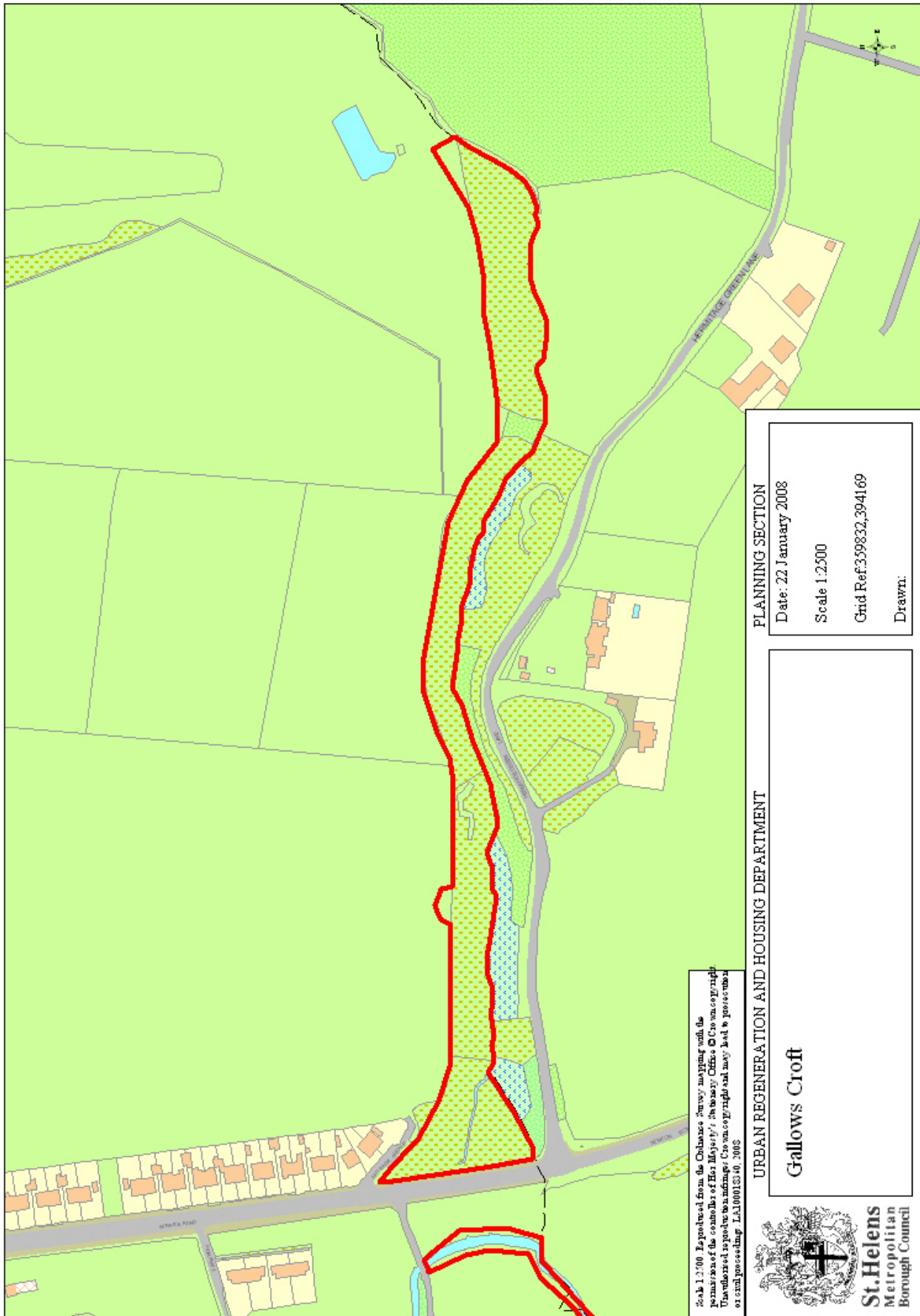
**4 Locally rare species**

Moschatel (*Adoxa moschatellina*)

A moss (*Fissidens viridulus*)

Creeping-jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*)

A moss (*Plagiothecium* sp.)



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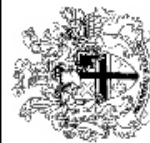
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