

Site Name: Parrens Covert

Site Area: 0.89 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ479906

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

Date of Last Revision: December 2003 **Local Site Number:** 113

CITATION: A relict heath with broadleaf woodland and pond. Surrounded by deep ditches with water and suffers from active community uses.

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

Guideline		Comment
HABITATS		
H1;	Rarity	1 priority BAP habitat; 1 priority Habitat Directive habitat; 2 regionally important habitats.
H2;	Diversity	11 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	--
H4.	Isolation	--
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 2 species of conservation concern; 3 regionally important; 1 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 120 plant species. One of 58 sites with 100 or more species.
SP3;	Naturalness	85.8% 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 July 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 Priority BAP habitats Unimproved acid grassland

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**2 Regionally Important habitats
(North West Biodiversity Audit)** Unimproved acid grassland
Standing water - ponds

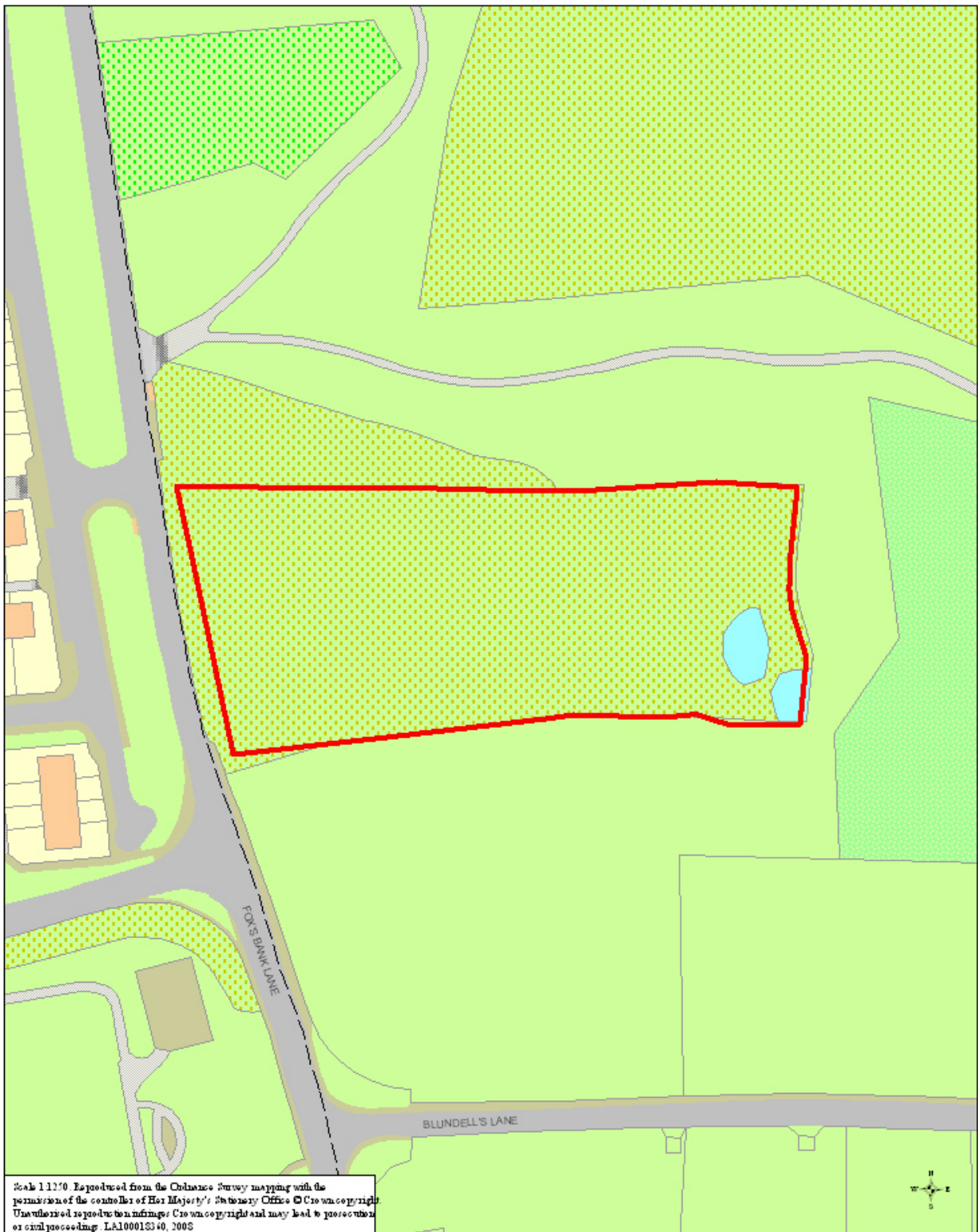
Plants

**1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8
species** English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

**2 Species of conservation concern
(UK Biodiversity Action Plan species)** English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)
Ivy-leaved Crowfoot (*Ranunculus hederaceus*)

**3 Regionally important species
(North West Biodiversity Audit)** English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)
Ivy-leaved Crowfoot (*Ranunculus hederaceus*)
Common comfrey (*Symphytum officinale*)

1 Locally rare species Ivy-leaved Crowfoot (*Ranunculus hederaceus*)



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