

Site Name: Sherdley Park and Golf Course

Site Area: 107.1 hectares **National Grid Reference:** SJ515934

Date of Designation: December 1986 (part) **District:** St. Helens

Date of Last Revision: December 2003 **Local Site Number:** 102

CITATION: The Victorian designed Sherdley Park includes several areas of relict woodlands and wetlands. The European protected species great crested newt is present and the site offers an excellent variety of habitats for plants, invertebrates, amphibians and mammals.

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	3 priority BAP habitats; 3 priority Habitat Directive habitats; 4 regionally important habitats.
H2;	Diversity	19 habitats recorded.
H3;	Nearness	--
H4.	Isolation	42 sites within 1 Km.
PLANTS		
SP1;	Rarity	1 nationally rare species; 1 WCA_SC8 plant species; 1 species of conservation concern; 4 regionally important species; 4 locally rare species.
SP2;	Diversity	Total of 206 plant species. One of 58 sites with 100 or more species.
SP3;	Naturalness	85.9% of the plants are native to the borough. Colonisation has been aided by man and the site has been physically altered.
SP4.	Nationally Rare	1 – <i>Rorippa islandica</i> (to be confirmed)
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	Guideline met – Great crested newt.
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

3 Priority BAP habitats

Unimproved acid grassland
Unimproved neutral grassland
Single species dominant swamp

2 Priority Habitat Directive habitats

Unimproved acid grassland
Unimproved neutral grassland

4 Regionally Important Habitats

Unimproved acid grassland
Unimproved neutral grassland
Marshy grassland
Standing water

Plants

1 Nationally rare species (to be confirmed)

Northern Yellow-cress (*Rorippa islandica*)

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 8 species

English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

1 Species of conservation concern

English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

4 Regionally important species

Greater Pond-sedge (*Carex riparia*)
Northern Marsh-orchid (*Dactylorhiza purpurella*)
English bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)
Adder's tongue fern (*Ophioglossum vulgatum*)

4 Locally rare species

Wood Sedge (*Carex sylvatica*)
Entire-leaved Cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster integrifolius*)
Orchid hybrid (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii* x *purpurella*)
Adder's tongue fern (*Ophioglossum vulgatum*)

Animals

Amphibians

1 Habitats Directive species

Great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*)

1 Wildlife and Countryside Act – Schedule 5 species

Great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*)



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