

COUNTY: SOMERSET      SITE NAME: BEN KNOWLE

DISTRICT: MENDIP

Status: Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) notified under Section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Local Planning Authority: SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL, Mendip District Council

National Grid Reference: ST 513 450      Area: 1.5 (ha.) 3.6 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 182      1:10,000: ST 54 NW, ST 54 SW

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): –      Date of Last Revision: 1984

Date Notified (Under 1981 Act): 1984      Date of Last Revision: –

Other Information:

Description:

A natural outcrop of celestine is a rare occurrence anywhere in Britain. The Ben Knowle outcrop is especially instructive because contacts with the host rock (Tea Green Marl) can be seen, and there are continuous exposures of Red Marl and Tea Green Marl on the escarpment nearby that illustrate the stratigraphic setting of the mineral deposit.