

**COUNTY:** CAMBRIDGESHIRE **SITE NAME:** WOODWALTON MARSH

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

**Local Planning Authorities:** Huntingdonshire District Council

**National Grid Reference:** TL 212813

**Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000:** 154      **1:10,000:** TL 28 SW

**Date Notified (Under 1949 Act):** 1971      **Date of Last Revision:** 1972

**Date Notified (Under 1981 Act):** 1983      **Date of Last Revision:**

**Area:** 0.8 ha 1.8 ac

### **Description and Reasons for Notification**

This area supports species-rich neutral grassland developed on calcareous clay. This type of grassland community is restricted in its distribution to the south of the county and is now rare. It is exceptionally unusual for this part of Cambridgeshire.

The community type is characterised by the presence of such species as red fescue *Festuca rubra*, quaking grass *Briza media*, knapweed *Centaurea nigra* and cowslip *Primula veris*. Other herbs include dropwort *Filipendula vulgaris*, pepper saxifrage *Silene silaus* and green-winged orchid *Orchis morio*. The rare sulphur clover *Trifolium ochroleucon* has also been recorded.