

COUNTY: SUFFOLK      SITE NAME: GROMFORD MEADOW, SNAPE

DISTRICT: SUFFOLK COASTAL

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

Local Planning Authority: SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

National Grid Reference: TM 386588      Area: 1.57 (ha.) 3.73 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 156      1:10,000: TM 35 NE

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

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

Other Information:

Reserve managed by Suffolk Trust for Nature Conservation.

Reasons for Notification:

Gromford Meadow is a good example of an unimproved base-rich marsh on an alluvial soil with a high organic content. It borders the River Alde and is fed by springs. It is species-rich and contains a variety of characteristic fen meadow and marshland plants.

The sward is species-rich with Meadowsweet dominant. Other commonly occurring plants include Meadow Foxtail, Ragged Robin, Yellow Rattle, Marsh Thistle and several species of Rush. Lesser Spearwort, Valerians *Valeriana officinalis* and *V dioica*, Devil's Bit Scabious, Bog Bean, Adder's Tongue fern and Marsh Orchids *Dactylorhiza praetermissa* and *D incarnata* also occur. There is also a small colony of Grass of Parnassus on the south-easterly edge of its British distribution.