

COUNTY: NORFOLK            SITE NAME: SNETTISHAM CARSTONE QUARRY

DISTRICT: WEST NORFOLK

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

Local Planning Authority: West Norfolk District Council

National Grid Reference: TF 685349            Area: 10.6 (ha.) 26.2 (ac.)

Ordnance Survey Sheet 1:50,000: 132            1:10,000: TF 63 SE, TF 63 NE

Date Notified (Under 1949 Act): 1968            Date of Last Revision: –

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

Other Information:

The site boundary remains unaltered.

Reasons for Notification:

Snettisham Carstone Quarry is the only known locality in Britain for the micro-moth *Nothris verbascella*. Its host species, hoary mullein *Verbascum pulverulentum*, a plant of banks and waste places, is restricted to East Anglia, but is abundant on the old workings in the quarry.

Larvae of the moth feed in a web on the underside of the leaves of hoary mullein from September until the following summer. Pupation occurs in situ, usually on the underside of the same leaf and adults appear in July.