

Local Wildlife Site Citation

Cheshire East

Site name	Haughton Moss	Site code	CE376
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Area (ha)	0.82	Grid reference	SJ 576 565
Parish / Ward	Haughton CP	Date approved	2015
Ownership	Parish Council	Last survey	2013

Description

This field is a small remnant of Haughton Moss which once covered an extensive area of land close to the village of Haughton. The field has been drained and enclosed and now it is a mosaic of damp acidic grassland, flushed areas and areas of moderately species-rich neutral grassland. To the south the site is bounded by a deep water filled ditch and to the north and west there is a species-rich hedge with scattered trees.

The notable grassland communities resemble NVC U5 *Nardus stricta* – *Galium saxatile* and NVC U4 *Festuca rubra* – *Agrostis capillaris* – *Galium saxatile*. These communities are rare in lowland Cheshire and are more typically found in the base poor, peaty soils of the uplands. For a number of years the field has been managed as a hay meadow which will have altered the plant communities from the typical U4/U5 suite of species that are usually maintained as a result of grazing. Nevertheless this is an important site with a flora highly unusual for its locality. The site also supports good numbers of terrestrial invertebrates.

Criteria for selection

H7	Grassland	Neutral Grassland
H9	Grassland	Acid grassland
H25	Wildlife corridors	High value hedges

Inventories

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Comments

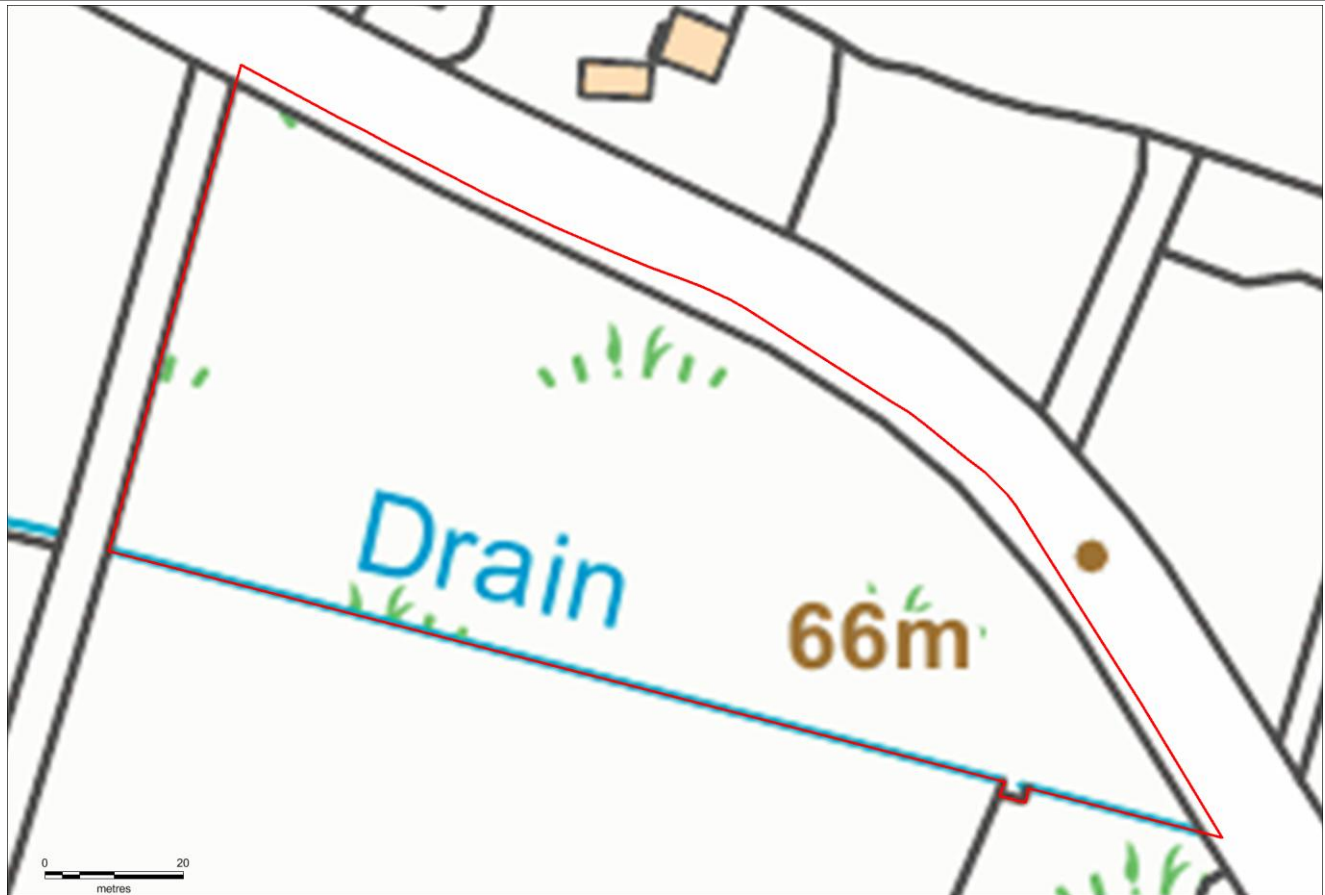
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Site map



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