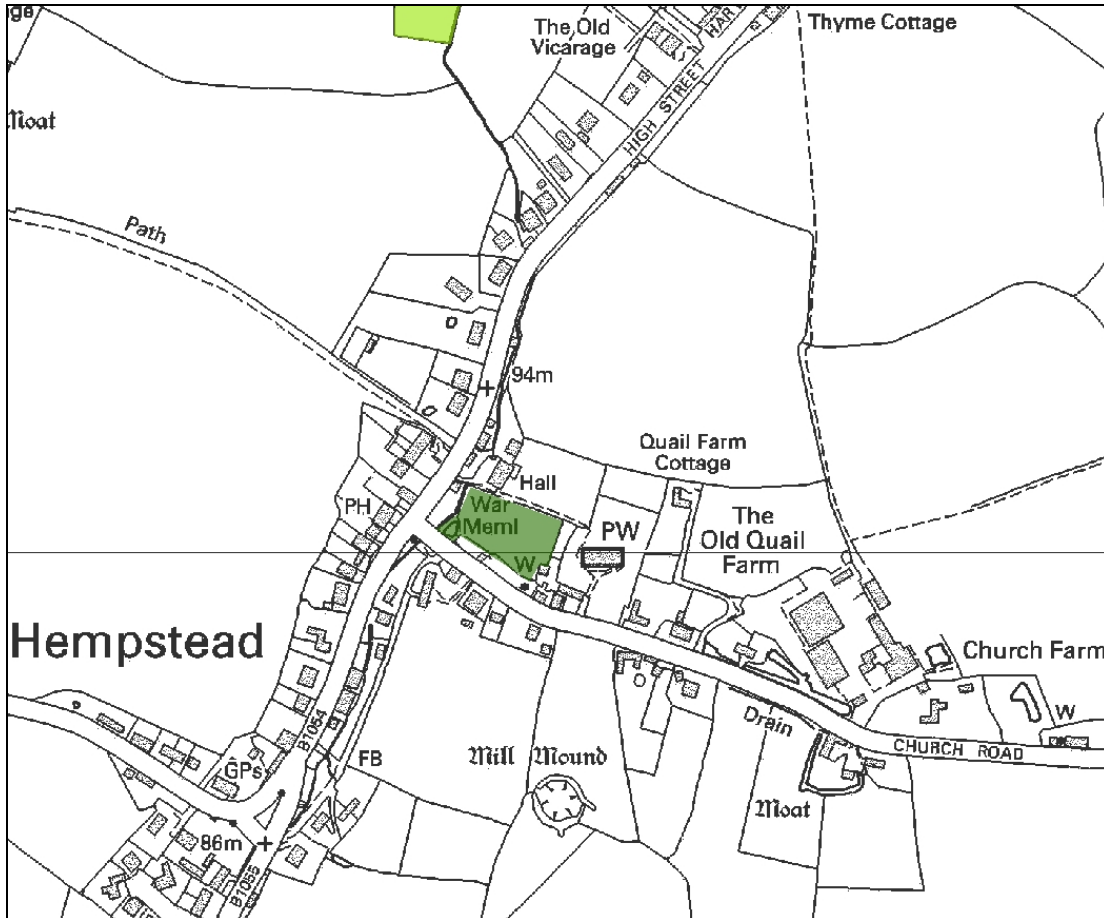


LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES.
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT
Ufd246. Hempstead Church Meadow



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This small meadow is undoubtedly ancient grassland and as such is a rare Essex habitat. Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*), Burnet Saxifrage (*Pimpinella saxifraga*) and Pepper Saxifrage (*Silaum silaus*) occur amongst a sward of Meadow Foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra*), Cock's-foot (*Dactylis glomerata*), Yorkshire Fog (*Holcus lanatus*) and Yellow Oat-grass (*Trisetum flavescens*).

In March 2008 the site was seen to be heavily grazed and trampled (by horses?).

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