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**Ufd124. Ashdon Road Verges (0.09 ha) TL 55223887 to TL 55463890**

This group of verges includes the Saffron Walden – Ashdon Road Protected Roadside Verge (West Section) UTT45 and have been designated in recognition of their chalk grassland flora. The most interesting section is at the eastern end and is not currently included within the protected verge. The flora here includes Marjoram (*Origanum vulgare*\*), Greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa*\*), Burnet Saxifrage (*Pimpinella saxifraga*), Restharrow (*Ononis repens*), Hoary Plantain (*Plantago media*), Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), Blue Fleabane (*Erigeron acer*\*) and Fairy Flax (*Linum catharticum*\*).

**LoWS Selection Criteria:** HCr15, SCr15

**Condition and Management Issues:** Parts of the site may be impacted upon by any future widening of the access road to the Commercial Centre. Appropriate mowing regimes for roadside verges are a perennial problem. This, and all other protected or interesting verges need managing as grassland, not just trimmed as a highway fringe. Nutrient enrichment is likely to be a long-term trend.

**Date of first designation:** 1994

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