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**Ufd135. Saffron Walden - Ashdon Road Protected Roadside Verges UTT23 (0.1 ha) TL 55803913 to TL 56053925**

The chalk flora of these two road verges includes Crested Cow-wheat (*Melampyrum cristatum*\*), Rockrose (*Helianthemum nummularium*\*), Kidney Vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*\*) and Narrow-leaved Everlasting-pea (*Lathyrus sylvestris*). It should be noted that much of the protected verge along the north side of the road is included within the adjacent woodland LoWS.

**LoWS Selection Criteria:** SCr15

**Condition and Management Issues:** 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. This verge has suffered from extremely close mowing in recent years.

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