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**Ufd81. Wendens Ambo Station Road Protected Roadside Verge UTT38 (0.02 ha) TL 518365 to TL 519365**

The flora of this section of road verge includes Lesser Calamint (*Clinopodium calamintha*\*) and Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*\*), a scarce plant in Essex, with both species being listed in the Essex Red Data plant list. Other species of interest include Wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*), and Marjoram (*Origanum vulgare*\*).

**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 is becoming taken over by tall, rank grasses, indicating that a more intense management regime may be needed. Areas with Lesser Calamint need to be cut with scissor-action machinery, rather than rotary mowers which tend to pull out the shallow-rooted plants.

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