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Ufd117. Saffron Walden – Roos Hill Protected Roadside Verges UTT18 (0.3 ha) TL 545362 to TL 543366

These sections of road verge have been designated in recognition of their chalk grassland flora, which includes Common Rock-rose (*Helianthemum nummularium**), Greater Knapweed (*Centaurea scabiosa**), Wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*), Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*), Marjoram (*Origanum vulgare**), Salad Burnet (*Sanguisorba minor**), Sulphur Clover (*Trifolium ochroleucon**) and Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera**).

LoWS Selection Criteria: HCr15, 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.

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