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Ufd89. Newport - Debden Road Protected Roadside Verge UTT52 (0.4 ha) TL 523338 to TL 526338

The main importance of these verges is the population of Wild Liquorice (*Astragalus glycyphyllos**), which is included in the Essex Red Data plant list. The flora in general is species-rich and indicates a chalky influence to the soil, with Wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*), Fairy Flax (*Linum catharticum**), Field Scabious (*Knautia arvensis*) and Blue Fleabane (*Erigeron acer**) also present.

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.

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