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**Ufd91. Saffron Walden - Audley End Park Wall Protected Roadside Verge UTT46 (0.36 ha)
TL 524380 to TL 532378**

This section of road verge includes a large population of Lesser Calamint (*Clinopodium calamintha**), Wild Clary (*Salvia verbenaca**), both Essex Red Data List species, as well as Star-of-Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum angustifolium**). Several other species of interest occur within the flower-rich sward, including Marjoram (*Origanum vulgare**), Wild Basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*) and Lady's Bedstraw (*Galium verum*).

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. The location of a footpath alongside the verge is an additional complication, with the need to control Nettle growth.

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