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## Ufd92. Saffron Walden Golf Course (25.0 ha) TL 525390

It should be stressed that whilst the whole area of the western half of the course has been highlighted here, the LoWS designation extends only to the rough grassland and areas of scrub and not the managed playing surfaces. This slightly newer section of the course supports an important chalk grassland flora spread across the site. The most significant species, all present in quite small quantity, include Dark Mullein (*Verbascum nigrum*\*), Upright Brome (*Bromopsis erecta*), Clustered Bellflower (*Campanula glomerata*\*), Pyramidal Orchid (*Anacamptis pyramidalis*\*), Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*\*) and Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*\*). A small piece of grassland surrounding the obelisk at the edge of Spring Wood supports Large Thyme (*Thymus pulegioides*\*), Salad Burnet (*Sanguisorba minor*\*), Common Rockrose (*Helianthemum nummularium*\*) and Harebell.

**LoWS Selection Criteria:** HCr15, SCr15

**Condition and Management Issues:** The flora has flourished under a less intensive mowing regime for the rough areas of the course, but management impact needs also to be sufficiently strong to prevent the invasion of tall, coarse grasses and scrub.

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