

Extracted from
CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES
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28. BEDFORDSHIRE

A. County Council Surveyors' Department

Reported in 1972 that there was little contact with the Nature Conservancy on roadside verge matters now that the Naturalists' Trust had been set up, but that there was potentially good direct liaison should it be required. There was active liaison with the Naturalists' Trust, with the County Council prepared to help conservation interests. Verges of special conservation importance had been scheduled and marked on the ground with posts. The generally agreed management was to avoid cutting these verges during the flowering season.

B. Nature Conservancy

There was good contact with the County Council in general, but, in view of the activity of the Naturalists' Trust there was not a need for continuing liaison with the County Surveyor's Department on the topic of roadside verges.

C. Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire Naturalists' Trust

The Trust had provided a list of seven road verge sites of conservation importance, that had been scheduled with the County Surveyors' Department, for the 1969 Biological Records Centre report. These verges had been reviewed and some additions made for inclusion in the Trusts Nature Reserves Handbook of October 1972 where a list of 13 sites was given. These were all marked on the ground with posts to warn Council workmen and statutory undertakers against dumping or disturbance and also to help define the areas for which special management agreements had been made with the Surveyors' Department. Liaison with the Department was reported to be regular and close, and material assistance with management was available whenever requested.

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BEDFORDSHIRE - all scheduled with the Highway Department									
30	TL 128585	C	Honeydon	1500	B	P	P		Trifolium ochroleucon, Melampyrum cristatum, Ornithogalum pyrenaicum
30	SP 986625	A 6	Souldrop	150	W	P	P		Melampyrum cristatum
30	SP 988497	A 422	Dropshort	2000	B	P	P		Melampyrum arvense, Sambucus ebulus, Orobanche elatior
30	TL 074391	A 6	Clophill	4000	B	P	P		Trifolium ochroleucon, Ononis spinosa, Lathyrus nissolia
30	TL 081344	A 6	Silsoe	1000	B	P	P		Smyrniolum olusatrum
30	TL 010258	A 5120	Calcutt Farm	25	E	P	P		Melampyrum arvense
30	SP 925289		Fox Corner			P			Trifolium striatum, T. arvense, Inula conyza
30	TL 053551		Traylesfield Farm			P			Inula helenium, Serratula tinctoria
30	SP 956597		Yelow Lane			P			Interesting fauna and flora
30	TL 017506		Biddenham			P			Salvia horminoides
30	SP 961452		Bourne End			P			Smyrniolum olusatrum
30	TL 030570)		Bletsloe-Thurleigh			P			Rich mixed calcicolous flora, Rhinanthus minor, Ophrys apifera
30	TL 034579)								
30	TL 136598		Upper Staploe			P			Ornithogalum pyrenaicum