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CO-OPERATION FOR CONSERVATION OF RURAL ROAD VERGES
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30. ESSEX

A. County Council Highways Department

Reported in 1972 that there was close liaison with the Nature Conservancy's Sub-Regional Office. There was also some contact with the Naturalists' Trust. A number of road verge sites of special conservation importance had been agreed; these were not marked on the ground but were known to Divisional Surveyors, together with instructions about their management. In general these verges were not to be disturbed by the County Council without notice.

B. Nature Conservancy

There was close liaison with the Highways Department on the subject of roadside verges.

C. Essex Naturalists' Trust

The Trusts' liaison with the Highway Department began to develop in 1971 when a pilot survey of roadside verges in the North West Essex Highways Division was made. A report on this exercise together with management proposals for verges in the Division was presented to the County Council in January 1972. The management proposals were implemented during the 1972 season by the Highways Department and have been in operation since that time. During the summer of 1972 an inspection of the North West Division's roadsides was made by the Trust, who reported a satisfactory improvement in the fauna and flora as a result of the Council's more sympathetic management programmes. Subsequently the Highways Department agreed to extend these management policies to the rest of the County.

Volunteers from the Trust sent in reports on verges from six more Highway Divisions in 1972 and 1973. It was clear that a number of plants which had been disappearing from verges where cutting had been too intensive, showed encouraging signs of increasing after even only one year's co-operation from the County with the modified management programme. Many of these sites contained plants that would have been commonplace in the north west but which were less widely distributed in other parts of the County.

Monitoring of sites is (April, 1974), where possible, being continued with a view to sending reports of changes resulting from management to the Highways Officers concerned. Meanwhile the search for any other interesting sites is also to be continued.

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| ESSEX - all scheduled | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | TL 491410 | C | Strethall Fields | 400 | B | | P | EBB/ EBV | Thalictrum sp., minor cornfield weeds |
| 19 | TL 485398 | C | Strethall Church | 200 | B | | V | EBB | Damp wood flora |
| 19 | TL 494395 | C | Catmere End | | | | P | EBV | Saponaria officinalis |
| 19 | TL 520378 | A 11 | Audley House | 500 | W | | V | EBH | Campanula glomerata |
| 19 | TL 433367 | U | Building End | 600 | E | | V | RDE | Blackstonia perfoliata and mixed flora |
| 19 | TL 431359 | C | Roughway Wood | 100 | S | | P | EBH | Lathyrus sylvestris |
| 19 | TL 450356 | C | High Wood | 300 | B | | P | EBH | Melampyrum cristatum Calamagrostis epigejos |
| 19 | TL 440340 | C | Langley L.G. | 300 | N | | V | RDE | Marsh flora |
| 19 | TL 473378 | C | Duddenhoe End | 700 | B | | V | EBB | Pasture to woodland transition |
| 19 | TL 475355 | C | Newland End | 200 | E | | V | EBB | Campanula sp. |
| 19 | TL 503335 | B 1038 | Wicken Bonhunt | 500 | N | | V | EBV | Ophrys apifera and mixed flora |
| 19 | TL 481299 | C | Berden | 700 | S | | V | EBH | Stream/wood habitat |
| 19 | TL 469289 | C | Berden | 700 | W | | V | EBB | Ranunculus auricomus, Primula veris |
| 19 | TL 470240 | C | Farnham Green | 900 | B | | V | EBB | Cardamine pratensis and marsh plants |
| 19 | TL 522400 | A 130 | Stumps Cross | 8,000 | E | | V | EBV | Chalk flora |
| 19 | TL 500440 | | Icknield Way | 200 | N | | V | EBV | Chalk flora |
| 19 | TL 522441 | C | Cow Lane | 500 | NE | | V | EBV | Woodland flora Primula vulgaris |
| 19 | TL 554342 | C | Debden | 700 | B | | P | EBB | Silene dioica |
| 19 | TL 582287 | C | Broxted Hill | 11,000 | B | | V | EBB | Woodland flora |
| 19 | TL 579271 | B 1051 | Broxted Church End | 300 | B | | V | EBB | Listera ovata Helianthemum chamaecistus |

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| 19 | TL 582267 | C | Tilty Church End | 300 | E | | V | EBH | Spring flora |
| 19 | TL 533267 | C | Elsenham | | W | | P | EBB | Saponaria officinalis |
| 19 | TL 531291 | C | Henham - Ugley | | E | | V | EBB | Campanula glomerata, Railway flora, Allium vineale |
| 19 | TL 519269 | C | Ugley Green | | W | | P | EBV | Cicerbita plumieri |
| 19 | TL 535235 | C | Burton End | 400 | N | | V | EBV | Trifolium ochroleucon, chalk flora |
| 19 | TL 535250 | C | Tye Green | 200 | W | | P | EBB | Iris pseudacorus. Marsh flora |
| 19 | TL 581248 | C | Flemings Hill | 200 | E | | V | RDW | Polypody ferns. Damp woodland |
| 19 | TL 558445 | B 1052 | Hadstock | 200 | B | | V | EBV | Astragalus glycyphillos and marshy pasture |
| 19 | TL 594419 | C | Ashdon | 200 | B | | V | EBB | |
| 19 | TL 665770 | C | Bumpsteads | 1000 | S | | V | E-V | Marsh pasture. Papaver lecoqii |
| 19 | TL 686343 | B 1057 | Spain's End Farm | 200 | E | | V | E-V | Galium palustre and marsh flora |
| 19 | TL 575350 | A 130 | Debden Aerodrome | 200+ | E | | P | EBB | Melampyrum cristatum, Pulicaria dysenterica |
| 19 | TL 595343 | A 130 | Wimbish | 1400 | B | | V | EBB | Blackstonia perfoliata, Stachys palustris x sylvestris and chalk flora |
| 19 | TL 622270 | C | Lindsell | 300 | N | | V | E-V | Eupatorium cannabinum Marsh flora |
| 19 | TL 577305 | B 1053 | Wethersfield | 100 | E | | P | EBQ | Vicia lutea |
| Listed 1972-73 but not scheduled with the Highways Department | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | TL 515364 | B 1039 | Wendens Ambo | 200 | W | | V | EBB | Calamintha ascendans |
| 19 | TL 530378 | C | Saffron Walden | 100 | N | | V | EBB | Calamintha ascendans |
| 19 | TL 533373 | B 1052 | Saffron Walden | 800 | W | | V | ONQ | Chalk flora |
| 19 | TL 525361 | B 1052 | Sparrow End Farm | | W | | P | EBB | Sonchus palustris |
| 19 | TL 736364 | C | Toppesfield | 200 | W | | V | | Primula veris |

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| 19 | TL 827280 | C | Greenstead Green | 200 | W | | P | | Ranunculus auricomus |
| 19 | TL 836283 | C | Greenstead Green | 20 | E | | P | | Galeobdolon luteum |
| 19 | TL 826297 | A 604 | Halstead | 1200 | B | | V | RDW | Sarothamum scoparium |
| 19 | TL 827283 | C | Greenstead Green | 100 | E | | P | | Symphytum officinale |
| 19 | TL 828273 | C | Greenstead Green | 100 | E | | V | | Ononis repens |
| 19 | TL 747264 | C | Beazley End | 20 | W | | P | | Ophrys apifera |
| 19 | TM 036245 | A 133 | Clinghoe Hill | 1200 | B | | V | | Rich new sown verge spp. |
| 19 | TM 052229 | C | Keelars Lane | 900 | B | | V | | Campanula trachelium |
| 19 | TM 056218 | C | Alresford Road | 400 | B | | P | | Endymion non-scriptus |
| 19 | TM 062239 | C | Elmstead | 400 | B | | P | | Endymion non-scriptus |
| 19 | TL 605157 | C | Aythorpe Roding | 400 | S | | P | | Rhinanthus minor, Campanula glomerata |
| 19 | TL 637149 | C | Stagden | 300 | S | | P | | Inula helenium |
| 19 | TL 667189 | C | Barnston | 400 | N | | P | | Equisetum hybrid |
| 19 | TL 724165 | A 131 | Leighs Bus Stop | 30 | E | | V | RDW | |
| 19 | TL 725162 | C | Lyons Hall Lane | 20 | N | | P | | Achillea ptarmica |
| 19 | TL 730150 | C | Lyons Hall Lane | | B | | V | | Campanula rotundifolia |
| 19 | TL 738153 | C | to Little Waltham | 40 | B | | V | ENB | Cornfield plants |
| 19 | TL 718126 | C | Boreham (Church) | 5 | N | | P | ENB | Scandix pecten-veneris |
| 19 | TL 718118 | C | Pratt's Farm | 60 | B | | V | EBB | Trifolium ochroleucon Chalk flora |
| 19 | TL 719112 | | Bypass to Chelmsford | 2 | E | | P | | Geranium pratense |
| 19 | TL 713139 | A 131 | | 10 | E | | V | | Trifolium ochroleucon Viola spp. |
| 19 | TL 762086 | C | Boreham | 100 | W | | P | | Thalictrum minus, Symphytum officinale |

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| 19 | TL 761083 | C | Little Baddow Church Lane | 50 | E | | P | | Valeriana officinalis |
| 19 | TL 774074 | C | Coleham Lane | 160 | B | | PV | | Galeobdolon luteum, Melica uniflora |
| 19 | TL 778096 | C | Hatfield Peverill | 400 | B | | V | ENH | |
| 19 | TL 827064 | C | Maldon | 50 | N | | V | | Campanula rotundifolia |
| 19 | TL 798072 | C | Woodham Walter | 160 | N | | V | | |
| 19 | TL 759053 | A 414 | Danbury Hill | 80 | S | | P | | Cichorium intybus |
| 19 | TL 837072 | C | Maldon London Road | 80 | N | | P | | Tanacetum vulgare |
| 18 | TL 781027 | C | Bicknacre | 320 | B | | V | | |
| 18 | TL 668030 | C | Widford - Margaretting | 800 | B | | V | | Saponaria officinalis |
| 18 | TL 658020 | C | Margaretting | 200 | B | | V | | |
| 18 | TL 635010 | C | Fryerning | 100 | B | | V | | Digitalis purpurea |
| 18 | TL 613090 | C | Blackmore | 100 | B | | V | | Verbascum sp., Conopodium majus |
| 18 | TL 627035 | C | Highwood Quarter | 200 | B | | V | | Pulicaria dysenterica, Dipsacus fullonum |
| 18 | TL 635027 | C | Mill Green | 400 | B | | V | | Stachys (Betonica) officinalis, Teucrium scorodonia |

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